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[Following letters all written on one sheet of paper]

Portage, Nov. 15th, 1862.

Well John, it is a long time since I have sat down to write to you before, but it is longer still since you have written to me. We are all pretty well and I hope you are the same. Sarah and David [Galloway] were down last week. They are all well too, I believe. I suppose you have heard that they have drafted up in Marquette County, and will be anxious to hear who are drafted. There are none of our folks taken. I will try and get the list of the names to send to you, and you may be glad you were not taken.

How do you like Madison this winter, or fall, rather, I meant to say. How do you get along with your studies? I like the school better than ever this winter. There is going to be a vacation of two weeks in four or five weeks, and there will be one in Madison too, will there not? Will you try to come home then, if you can. I am sure we would all like to see you. Daniel and Mary and myself have been attending a sing school. We had a firstrate teacher. His name is Mr. Carpenter, but it will be done on Tuesday, and we will then have had him here for twelve nights. And we go to the Episcopal Sunday School and the minister teaches a singing school on Saturday afternoons to the Sunday scholars, so we attend that one also.

But I guess I have written long enough, for I am making so many mistakes. Now, John, you must write a long letter to me as soon as you have time, so goodbye,

From your sister,

Anna Muir

Dear John:

I can read music now, but not very readily. I am practicing every day. I like very well to attend the singing school. Oh, John, how glad I am that you are not drafted. I think those that began this war ought to be the only men to fight, and not to force those to fight who are really unwilling. We are going to have a Sunday School celebration on Christmas, and we are going to have a Christmas tree and good times, I expect. You told me to draw a picture for you, and even gave me the paper to draw it on, but they are all too heavy. Perhaps I will find one to suit me some day.

Please do write to me soon. You have not written to me for a long, long time, and I should like very much if you would please excuse

my poor writing. Goodbye, From

Mary your sister.
[Mary Muir] (Hand).

Dear Bob:

How are you? Anna Reid can walk and got some teeth. This is Saturday, so I am not at school to-day. Our teacher's name is Miss Waldo, and she is pretty cross. I suppose you don't know that Anna and George Manard are dead. They died of the diphtheria within a few weeks of each other.

Do you know that we had three days' fair a while ago, and so we did not have our school these days, and Ma and I were in the hall and saw all the things there. Ma is so glad that neither you nor David and Daniel are drafted.

From your sister,

Joanna G. Muir (Brown).

Fare ye well. Goodbye.