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Letter from Sarah Muir Galloway to John Muir, 1863 Jan 4

Sarah Muir Galloway

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Fountain Lake Jan 4th 1863

My Dear Brother here I am again with another of my scrawls
I hope you are well we are all pretty well except a little cold
we were over at Maggie's on New Year's day, Father Dan Mary & Anna
were there also Andrew Henry & Duncan Reid and another girl
by the name of Grantland, we had quite a pleasant time I wished
you had been there too, - I believe Mother would have been up too
but she has a bad sore on her leg she does not know whether it
is what is called Rose or Erysipelas, it has been very bad indeed
but is somewhat better now, Anna will be up this week they have
had a vacation of three weeks, Dan Mary & Anna has been to a
Singing School, they have had an excellent Teacher and have made
considerable Progress, I wish you could see my Prickly Pox
& mead of withering when Winter comes like most other things
I can count eighteen pretty little ones that have budded out within
a few weeks there is a good many of them between two and three
inches long, and there is more just beginning to peep out -
remember it is standing up on the shelf by the Chimney;
we have two or three more little flowers besides, Jane Bystchell
is staying with us this Winter & she studies some through
the day and say's them to David at in the evening

Father is very much engaged just now with a Protracted meeting
some where between his own Place and Kingston he says they have
crowded houses and good times

I saw you on New Years morning, shook hands with you and
wished you a happy New Year, whether you knew of it or not
that is another thing, if you did not then I repeat it again
I wish you a happy New Year and may you be truly happy
in every sense of the word. I saw your long letter and
truly it is a long one indeed, and besides I did not know
you were half so rich. Maggie is about her usual, her little
Annie has not been very well for a few days back. Georgie can
talk enough now, he is one of the most restless little fellows you
ever saw he does not know the way to sit still five minutes if you
had about half a dozen of them in a school I think they
would be about enough to keep you in motion most of the time
at least, he knows all his letters that is so much. Maybe he
will learn to sit through time

May God bless you and keep you
Dad

P.S. be sure and write soon

I am waiting for a letter from you
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