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Letter from Sarah M. Galloway to John Muir, 1863 Apr 29

Sarah Muir Galloway

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P.S. 4th May this has been waiting a few days on me, Jan going into Postage
to morrow, and I much want to see that I shall be sure to come and

meet you this time unless something very extra happens, Sarah has told you that
nobody seems to appreciate my benevolent offer Fountain Lake April 29th [1863]
however I am not yet despairing I have today sent a dozen Bills with Dan Smith
to Milwaukee & Chicago, he was away most of the winter and came home to put in his crop
and is now going off till harvest, they may meet the eye of some one, however John it becomes
up in the probability that our part well for we know not what shall be on the morrow good night
My Dear Mother we received your letter and thank you very much
John, your truly David
three or four weeks ago some how you looked so sad and
solemn I could not help crying over it - but when I take
into consideration the circumstances under which you
had them taken I do not wonder you look so, when I think
of Mrs Pelton it is as of one I know and love, when you
had newly left home weary unwell and homesick many a time
she was very kind to you though a stranger "a friend in need
is a friend indeed" and this she has proved herself to you many
she receive abundant entrance into that best prepared for those
who by patient continuance in well doney seek for glory and honor
and immortality - I was not thinking it was so near the time
when you would be up again till David mentioned it last night
he said to tell you he would be sure to come as far as forquette
to meet you if he was well so you must mention the exact time
in your next letter, if you are ^{bringing} your trunk anyway be sure to
fetch any sewing or mending you may have and I will see to it
I will ~~also~~ do this I hope your health is improving I am afraid

you are studying too hard you must not do this on any account for it will not help you any you must take more time for fun it will make you stronger and you will get along all the better for it, you know we all expect great things of you bye and bye if you keep your health so you must take good care of yourself mind that how beautiful every thing will be looking around the University the banks around your lovely Lake the flowers will be peeping out from under the withered leaves and grass and all the trees just putting forth their buds and leaves how pleasant it is to watch them and to think of that silent but mighty power that makes every thing spring to fresh life and vigour the most insignificant of his works when closely examined show his wisdom, when he has placed so much that is beautiful around us and shown so much skill in the formation of the tiniest flower it is surely never meant that we should pass them by without a glance or thought all his works whether the grand and sublime or the most simple and peeping are for our consideration and study

Jane Mitchell and me took a wander round the Lake two or three weeks ago, further round than I have been since I was married we ~~were~~ ^{were} at that steepest bank on the other side as we were coming home Jane found a very pretty vine I never saw any like it before it trails along the ground and seems to take root as it goes along I will send you a little bit of it and as you are studying Botany you can tell me what it is I have put part of it planted whether it will grow or not I do not know I hope it will I had my likeness taken the last time I was at Portage but David does not like it very well he said if I could have it done again in summer and perhaps he would have his done at the same time I tried hard to get him to have his taken along with mine last time but could ^{not} prevail he said he would not like to see it, so you must excuse me at present and you will get it when you come up I would not be able to go to Portage just now anyway I have been quite unwell for some time back but I am growing stronger again

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I saw Father little more than a week ago he and Mother were about their usual but the girls had a bad cold Joanna was up at the Farm but as all the teams were busy getting in the grain she did not get over though she was there two weeks Gary & Anna were to be up too, it being their vacation but I did not see any of them Maggie keeps wonderful well for her and then she has such a good quiet baby her little Jessie but Annie's Father says is one of the most mischievous little things he ever saw put her out of one thing and she will laugh in your face and go into the next mischief she can see but as Father says they all bear with her she is so little David has been sowing oats this morning his wheat is all in he is working away as usual no one seems to want his Farm he has been putting in more Apple trees the two big ^{oak} trees are cut down and the rows filled out, we had a letter from Dan - the same day we got your last he was well he gets small wages but he seems to be in good spirits and expects to get more soon Our little ones are well romping about most of the time expecting to hear from you soon I remain your Affectionate Sister Martha McCallaway

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