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Letter from Sarah Muir Galloway to Daniel Muir, 1865 Dec 31

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Dear Brother Daniel, ^[43] as Sarah has left this page for me to fill, I do not know that I can more profitably do so, than by telling you the text from which Mr. Whitney the Baptist Minister preached this evening, you will find it in the second Chapter of Genesis 18th verse, "It is not good for man to be alone," Now Dan as I am always slow to advise, I will just leave the matter right here, for your own meditation, knowing that "a word to the wise is enough;" I was indeed sorry that you did not get your plans carried out, but it may turn out for the best, at least let us hope so. My S, "There's a Divinity that shapes our ends" "rough hew them as we will!" just see how I have been cuff'd around this last year from one thing to another; and yet I can't but say "that goodness & mercy have followed me!" We are all well and enjoying ourselves in a measure, the worst thing is that we have to keep a tired girl, so I may say that "it is not good for man" to have too many women either. Do you need any money Dan? if so let me know, and I shall remit as you direct. Wishing you good health, Prosperity & happiness, I subscribe myself as ever your affectionate Brother David C. C. C. C. C.

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Portage City Dec 31st /66-

My Dear Brother Daniel

I know I should have answered your very welcome letter long ere this time. but you know it is better late than never; so here I am. This is the last night of another year a time when we should call our wandering thoughts together and think of all the long suffering mercy and love that has been exercised towards us; When we think how unworthy we are of the least of them, may we resolve to cling closer to that mighty arm in love and trust than we have ever done before. I was glad to hear that you were well and feeling some what at home but am sorry that you could not make any arrangements to stay at Berlin. Brother has been here several times since you left and is always enquiring very anxiously for word about you. on Christmas she had had no word from you except those few lines you sent when you left first

She would like to hear more particularly how you are getting along if you do not like to write to Millene just enclose her letters to me I can easily get them to her as I see either one or other of them often there I did at Mountain Lake. I hope you had a merry Christmas tell me in your next if you had anything in your stockings we could not meet at Mother's as usual this year. Father Mother and Anna were at our house to dinner but as Maggie was not able to come down too they went up to see her in the afternoon. Poor Maggie her health does not seem to improve she talks of going to a winter cure in the spring. if she does I hope she may be benefited by it. Tell me how you spend your year if you have a pleasant time or if you are alike. David busy at work he does not seem to get any holidays. do you? I have been to Church twice since I came here I enjoy it very much I have been so long excluded from this privilege Anna & George were at

the Sabbath School today and Daniel and I were at the Bible Class. Anna has been at the week day school too and I intend sending George too when the vacation is over but Dan - I must tell you that the baby is not able to walk yet. what a pity. You must wait a little longer to hear of that. but by all means ask in your next if she is able to talk. She is thriving finely and I hope may be able to perform all these wonders in due time. We have had no word from John since you left and have not been able to get his books from Chicago yet but we wrote him ~~so~~ short time ago and Daniel had a letter a week or two ago from Mrs. Lane's they seem to have had good crops and are getting along finely. David is just home from Church and is going to write you a few lines so I must close. write as soon as you can and give us all the news you can think of it will all interest us. Wishing you a happy new year

I remain as ever your Affectionate Sister

A. M. Galloway