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Letter from John Muir to Ann Gilrye Muir, 1867 Mar 9

John Muir

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Ind. Saturday Mar 9th

Dear Mother

While connecting a
Machine belt - I accidentally
thrust the point of a file into
my right eye - last Tuesday
and there is the damage I
am completely prostrated
and the eye is lost -

I have been confined to bed
since the accident - and for
the first two or three days
could not eat or drink a
mouthful but I am a
little better today and
hope to be at work again
in a month or two
I am condemned by the
doctor to a dark room for

Injured eye

[2] I am surprised
some weeks that from apparently so
small a shock ^{or by whole}
system should be so com-
pletely ^{com-} turned

I am now free from
pain and kind friends come
and read for me I am
supplied with abundance of
of good books and all that
can conduce to my speed
recovery and present comfort
I am with a very sensible
and kind family and
could not be better ^{desir} for

In a few weeks I will be ready
to look the world and its duties
in the face ^{well as ever}
and I mean ^{to make his money}
that ^{is} profitable as possible

[3] and now Mother I would
just say to you and to
Father & all my friends
I ^{mean} ~~entirely~~ ^{mean} that
you full You know the
worst As be patient

do not let I refrain
write soon

My love to all
John Muir

I have written at random
and in the dark but
hope you will be able to reach
my meaning