



John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)

---

1867-03-28

## Letter from Mary Trout ? to John Muir, 1867 Mar 28

Mary Trout

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence>

---

### Recommended Citation

Trout, Mary, "Letter from Mary Trout ? to John Muir, 1867 Mar 28" (1867). *John Muir Correspondence (PDFs)*. 1223.

<https://scholarlycommons.pacific.edu/muir-correspondence/1223>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by Scholarly Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in John Muir Correspondence (PDFs) by an authorized administrator of Scholarly Commons. For more information, please contact [mgibney@pacific.edu](mailto:mgibney@pacific.edu).

March 28, 1867

Very Dear friend John

You are too  
kind to put yourself to so much  
pain and suffering to write to  
such a negligent friend (I don't deserve  
the name friend) as Mary. I do deeply feel  
for your great trial. O that we were  
only where we could do the least thing  
to alleviate your extreme suffering  
either by helping to brighten those  
dark tedious days, or to administer  
to your wants in any other way. If  
Hattie was where she could read for  
you, while I dressed your poor eye  
and gave you the medicines how glad  
we would be. I do sincerely hope  
as this reaches you that the greater  
part of your pain will be gone, and  
that your eye <sup>will</sup> not be nearly as bad as  
you think. We want ask you to  
write any more ~~that~~ just to let  
us know how you are until your <sup>eye</sup> is

fast danger. Do not do any thing  
~~that~~ will run any risk of injuring the  
other. When I was reflecting on  
your condition and what you would  
be drawing comfort from, the first  
that entered my thoughts was your  
favorite hymn "There is no friend that  
ever nears." I know <sup>you</sup> will have thought  
of this and many more things  
long ere this. Hattie and Charlie have  
written such long letters that we  
will tire you to read them, so  
I will shorten my part. When you get  
so that it will not hurt you to travel  
We would consider ourselves highly favored  
to share our humble home with you  
as long as you could enjoy your self  
with us. I sometimes think <sup>it</sup> is very selfish  
of us to think of wanting you to come to  
such a dull rough place when compared  
to where you are. One thing <sup>is</sup> certain.  
Father is not as well and strong as when  
Hattie last wrote you. Maggie is about  
the same, the rest are as usual &  
am getting quite equal to my duties  
in a domestic way. Much love and  
sincere wishes for your welfare from  
your cordial friend Mary

00398



[Hallow, Canada] March 28, '67.

Very dear friend John:

You are too kind to put yourself to so much pain and suffering to write to such a negligent friend (I hardly deserve the name friend) as Mary. I do deeply feel for your great trial. O that we were only where we could do the least thing to alleviate your extreme suffering, either by helping to brighten those dark tedious days or to administer to your wants in any other way. If Hattie were where she could read for you, while I dressed your poor eyes and gave you the medicine, how glad we would be. I do sincerely hope ere this reaches you that the greater part of your pain will be gone and that your eye will not be nearly as bad as you think. We won't ask you to write any more than just to let us know how you are until your eye is past danger. Do not do anything that will run any risk of injuring the other. When I was reflecting on your condition and what you would be drawing comfort from the first that entered my thoughts was your favorite hymn "There's a friend that's ever near." I know you will have thought of this and many more things long ere this. Hattie and Charlie have written such long letters that we will tire you to read them, so I will shorten my part. When you get so that it will not hurt you to travel we would consider ourselves highly favored to share our humble home with you as long as you could enjoy yourself with us. I sometimes think it is very selfish of us to think of wanting you to come to such a dull rough place when compared to where you are. One thing - it is healthful. Father is not as well and strong as when Hattie last wrote you. Maggle is about the same. The rest are as usual. I am getting quite equal to my duties in a domestic way. Much love and sincere wishes for your welfare,

From your cordial friend,

Mary [Trout] ?

[Folder containing letter marked "Harriet Trout and Mary, Canada, 1866 & 1867"]