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drinking beer

I hope your eye has got  
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nor hinder your success. I  
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I remain  
D. J. Muir yet

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Portage City Wis  
May 24/67

Dear Brother John  
I write

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of the death of our Aunt  
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mean all well at present as are also the old folks Maggie is improving in health very fast this summer she hopes to come home in about six weeks as well as she ever was. Business has been pretty dull this Spring but we are all right and doing well enough for boys. Perhaps I have already told you that we have started a store in company with two other partners at Bangor Wis near La-Croix

The names of the said firm is Parry Robt Smead & Co

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May 24, '67.

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We are all well at present, as are also the old folks. Maggie is improving in health very fast this summer. She hopes to come home in about six weeks as well as she ever was.

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Did also saw a man from Indianapolis named Nichols who knows you well - said he boarded with you sometime, had a great many disputes, arguments, and discussions with you. He said also that you were a smart boy, a good botanist, etc., etc. Also that your poorest spot was as a linguist. (I believe he is a brag linguist). He said further that he agreed with you in principles upon everything except religion and drinking beer.

I hope your eye has got so well that it will not interfere with your business nor hinder your success. I would like very much to see you. Come and see us, why don't you? Do you ever hear from Dan. I don't want you to write anything about me or my courting to the girls. I don't know but you talk from experience when you say that sublimity and poetry come to mankind at pairing time. I remain,

D[avid] G. Muir

[Folder marked "Death of Father's sister Mrs. Blakely"].

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