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## Letter from Ann Gilrye Muir to Daniel H. Muir, 1868 Oct 18

Ann Gilrye Muir

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boarding with David -  
his family is all well -

A great many of our  
neighbours have commenced  
to grow hops - so there is hop  
yards and hops houses, in  
every direction - although they  
are rather discouraged this year  
the prices are so low -  
a great many do not approve  
of the business at all -

I hope you received the messenger  
I sent last week -

May God keep  
you and bless you is the  
sincere wish of  
Your affectionate  
Mother

[1] Farm Oct 18 1868

Dear Daniel

I received your  
welcome letter of Aug. 25 letting  
me know of your intended visit  
home - I shall be happy to see  
you - I am glad to know that  
your health is good - although  
I rather think that climate  
does not suit you very well

I am sure you would  
be glad when you heard where  
John is - and how happy he  
is in California - he intends  
spending the winter there -  
and you are still busy  
amongst machinery, and  
comfortable I hope -

Our orchard has done well  
this year - we had about 70  
bushels of apples - they were  
very large and looked beautiful

There has been a great many changes here lately - your Father has got the farm this year and he is busy ploughing and grubbing and pulling stumps and doing it all himself - so far - he talks of hiring one or two choppers through the winter, he says he feels strong and healthy and appears to be so -

All the girls have left home - and your Father has hired a girl to do the work - Joanna and Anna is attending the school in Portage, Mary has been with Mary's for a few weeks - she has been very sick - but she is getting better - Mary was here for a week visiting - I think you

will say with me. There are great changes, I feel them to be so - we are apt to forget that we live in a world of changes but time brings changes to all - and so we may expect greater changes still - I trust when the last great change comes - we will be found among those that have their lamps trimmed and oil in their vessels with their lamps. Dear Dad let us be in earnest about the salvation of our souls - while the day of grace lasts -

I have not seen Sarah for some time, but I believe they are all well I expect to see them all in a few days - the girls are