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## Letter from Mary [Muir] to [Daniel H. Muir], [1871] Jul 21.

Mary Muir

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[Mary E  
(Miss) Hand  
Riggs]

I wish to say to you I shall write in a short time  
do send by  
Your Loving  
Sister Mary

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Hickory Hill.  
July 21, 1871.

Dear Darling Dr.

With extreme pleasure I now address a few lines to you, and heartily congratulate you on the successful termination of your college course, and am happy to hear of your bright prospects for the future.

At present, I am enjoying a good old visit at home, but much regret, that we could not have made our visits at the same time.

I received your good, kind letter before leaving Madison, but shall not now attempt to answer it, as it deserves more time and space than I can now give.

July 22<sup>d</sup> 1871

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Dear Dear

I have been intending to write to you every day for a week past. I have been greatly disappointed for the present in regard of what I intended to do - but still hope I may be able bye and bye -

I am happy to know by your letters to others that you are succeeding very well every thing considered - I hope by this time you are beginning to feel at home and are successful with your patients -

Steve came home for a few days at the beginning of the month -

her cold was <sup>L23</sup> much better -  
but her face and throat  
were very sore. I think she  
had the mumps - we have  
not heard anything of her  
for the last two weeks, but  
her school will soon close.

Mary has been home for  
three weeks and looks  
well - she expects to return  
to Madison for another year.  
I feel happy to have her home  
again - Louisa and Mary and  
your father and I spent the  
fourth at Sarah's - Margt and  
John came from Portage and  
we had a pleasant time.

The girls have had letters  
from John lately and he  
is well and comfortable  
and still loves California.

Harvest has not  
commenced with us yet as

we have <sup>L33</sup> no wheat this year  
only oats and corn -

The orchard looks well  
we will have plenty of apples  
and grapes and plums - I wish  
you could enjoy them with us.

I believe David's health  
is better than when you  
were here. I sincerely  
hope his difficulties will  
soon be overcome - and that  
he will be able to get  
along with some comfort.

I hope your health is good  
and my sincere prayer is  
that the Lord will ever  
bless you and keep you  
at all times - may our  
trust be in the living God.

write soon to your  
affectionate Mother