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Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to [John Muir], 1871 Nov 9.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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I read the newspaper clippings
with much interest -
and am glad you are so much
known and appreciated -

I trust you
will yet fill a more
honorable and important
position than you have yet
attained to - if compatible
with your highest good -
The girls join me in sending
you much love

May God bless
you and keep you -

is the sincere wish of your
affectionate Mother

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Farm 9th Nov^r 1871

Dear John

Your very welcome
letters - are always a source
of much pleasure to me -
With my mind I often
follow you in your wanderings
in the valleys and on the
mountains - ever praying that
the Lord will comfort and
protect you at all times -

This summer and fall I have
enjoyed a ramble in the woods
very much - The trees and
flowers, and plants, looked
more beautiful, to me than
ever before - and I took care
of the garden - sowing the seeds
and gathering the vegetables
for the first time -

perhaps you do remember
that it is 22 years today
since I first met you and
David and Sarah - at our
first Wisconsin home -

How very thankful
I was - to be at home with
you all again -

Many changes
have taken place since then
and many blessings have
been showered upon us -
mixed with some trials -
and though the family is
widely scattered - yet we are
still all spared - by His
great mercy -

Around home
every thing moved on - about
the same as usual -
your father is very busy

Nothing, even - Anna intends
staying at home this winter
but Joanna intends to teach
we were glad to have
Mary home during the vacation
she looked very well, and is
very thankful to be able
to study at Madison so long
I am very thankful to
you, for your kindness
towards her -

for any thing
I know - The rest of the
family are all in their
usual health -

John Kiel
has bought a small farm
near David Galloway - but
don't intend to live on it
he has let it, and will
still live in Portage -