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## Letter from Joanna [Muir Brown] to [John Muir], 1884 Jan 26.

Joanna Muir Brown

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Walter is in Chicago on business but I expect  
Father & Uncle Luke to you both. Maggie is coming to see whom  
What sort  
of summer  
do you have  
Are they in  
Detroit as  
regards weather  
or are they  
any better.

Ethel is well  
and happy  
and full  
of energy.  
and is  
growing as  
fast as she  
can.

We have had a very cold  
winter, much colder than I  
had any idea of its being  
in this climate, but I  
suppose it is unusual.  
The thermometer indicated  
26 below zero at one time,  
I suppose you would not  
enjoy a Wisconsin winter  
now.  
How delightful that your little  
Wanda can cheer her Grandpa and  
Grandma with her sweet baby  
voice even when they are not  
with you, I am sure it will  
be a great pleasure to them.  
Kiss the dear little one for  
Auntie J. and give my love  
to Sister Louie.

Ever your affectionate sister  
Joanna

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Dear Brother John:-

I was very glad  
to receive another letter from your  
hand; how cheering are these  
little messages from our loved  
ones, and a glimpse now and  
again into other hearts and homes  
seems to brighten our own, when  
the glimpses have sunshine in  
them. I trust your every  
effort to visit us will meet with  
no obstacle in the way, I can  
scarcely imagine how good it  
would be to see your face  
again, and yet I seem to  
see it distinctly whenever I  
think of you.

But John I cannot like these Arctic expeditions, It almost makes my hair stand up to think of them, It would all be very fine if they were past and you had acquired the information you desire but it is the awful going that troubles us, I think the world ought to do without the knowledge of these polar regions, For my part I would be glad never to have known that such cold places exist, I don't like cold.

You ask about Annie: I am did not think it well for her to subject herself to any further change or excitement for some time and advised her to remain where she was, As I have not seen her yet but last news of

her was very encouraging, she says there is <sup>no</sup> doubt but that she is decidedly better.

Father is indeed contented and happy at last, he seems to be enjoying an abiding peace with God, he has no other thought or theme and seems gentler and more considerate than I ever knew him, he spends almost all of his time in bed now and complains of great weakness in his back, otherwise I think he is perfectly well.

I rec'd a letter from Susan today who says that mother is dead well too, but fears she is lonely though she does not admit it, Now I wish she would come and stay with me too.