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I suppose you will have formed the acquaintance of your brother-in-law, Willis Hand, by this time. He is making quite an extensive trip.

How I wish Mary could have gone with him. But, with her two little boys I suppose it looked impossible to them.

We are all about as usual here. Father is failing, I think, although he seems quite vigorous at times.

Little Ethel is the pet & comfort of the entire family. Father says she is a delightful child.

Joanna & Walter send love to you all.

Hoping that you are all well & happy, I am as ever your Aff. sister

Annie P. Muir

Kansas City Mo.
July 5: 1884

Dear Brother John:

I am happy to be able to give a more favorable report of my health this time. I think I have been improving slowly & steadily for months but only now have I reached a point, where it is plainly discernable.

My voice sounds almost natural, and is much stronger. and I am able to exercise much more freely without over fatigue. My cough is much less frequent.

I think I shall be quite able for my long journey, as soon as it is cool enough for comfortable traveling.

I am told, however, that you fully intend visiting us all here as soon as you can make arrangements.

Now could it not be so planned that I could have the benefit of your company either coming or going? Perhaps if I come early, I could return with you to Wisconsin; or, had better wait for your coming and return with you.

I would like your opinion in the matter.

Joanna says she is afraid that my appearance will impress you no more favorably than did

Maggie & Parulis as I am about as thin looking as they - but for that matter I am afraid, from all accounts, that, were we all stood up in a row, we would be rather a shabby looking family.

None of us can boast too much overdupois.

John Reich, who by the way is not in the least shadowy looking, made us a very pleasant visit, here, last week. He is cheery and hearty as ever.