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Letter from Annie L. Muir to John Muir, 1884 Nov 13.

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in different ways. and so
long as I had this sum I
did not feel that I could
ask for any. and at the
same time I did not feel
at liberty to spend this
little sum, leaving
myself entirely bare,
without the possibility
of earning more, perhaps.

Furthermore, Joanne
proposes making the
world in general, and
our family in partic-
ular, a little breathing
thinking Christmas
present; and as I can
not think of leaving
her at so interesting
a time, I think all
being considered I can

Kansas City Mo.
Nov. 13. 1854—

My Dear Brother:

Yours of

October 11. reached me less
than a week ago, by some
delay. hence my answer
entirely tardy answered to so
Kind a renewal of your
oft-repeated invitation
to come to you for the
winter—

It is said that a Scotch-
man rarely does change
his mind. or reconsider,

perhaps a Scotch lassie is more yielding, or reasonable, or something else. Now all this preamble means just this: As the cold weather approaches I find myself shrinking from the with extreme sensitiveness. I have, too, contracted a severe cold which has renewed my cough, and altho. I think it to be only temporary, still it increases my desire for a more genial climate; and this added to my great desire to see you all, and your

wonderful country has led me to tell you all the reasons I had for relinquishing the ~~the~~ Trip in the first place; and I assure you that the act will, or rather, does involve the laying aside of a good deal of Scotch independence notwithstanding the fact that you have so freely, and in so brotherly a manner told me to let you know if I needed money. The case stands thus: I have just \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars) of my own, which I have earned

hardly leave here before February - Now perhaps that will be just the time when you will have made your visit here and be ready to return. Will that be a safe desirable time to travel? I am exceedingly sorry to hear of your failing health. Father's health has been very poor since the first of September. Joanna sends love to you both and Ethel sends this * Kiss to Wanda. With much love to all I am as ever your sister
 Annie L. Muir