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

Annie L. Muir

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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, already 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