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Letter from Mother [Ann Gilrye Muir] to John Muir, 1885 Apr 21.

Ann Gilrye Muir

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Portage April 21st 1885

Dear John

It hardly seems possible that it is a year since I wrote to you on your birth day before - and yet it has brought considerable changes to us all. I hope it has been a happy and profitable year to you and that you have many yet to enjoy.

How very rapidly one year after another flies away leaving its impress upon us both in body and mind and how needful it is that we should look beyond this transitory

- state of things - to the
unchangable happy land
beyond - to which we are
all fast hastening if we
are among the faithful

So Kate's sufferings here
are all ended she often
talked to them all about
what she wished them
to do after she was gone.

Poor David looks
so sad and is only the
shadow of his former self
but he takes much comfort
with the children
Carrie is very bright
and is 20 years of age
and is a good house keeper

Annie is seventeen
and is studiously very hard
as she expects to graduate

This summer, and the two boys are both good scholars for their age. Their Mother assisted them very much with their studies.

While I was sick I stayed with Sarah for four weeks and then came back to my own home but she has moved to a larger house, and I am going to have rooms with her - her two Daughters are both teaching this summer so she will only have one at home.

I go rather reluctantly so far up on "Prospect Hill" as I am not quite capable of taking the long walks.

That I used to enjoy so much
 but now I am doubting
 if I will be able to get
 to Church or Post Office
 But I still have many
 blessings and comforts
 to be thankful for

Give my love to Wanda
 and tell her how much I
 prized the many bright
 blossoms she sent me

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I am still hoping to see
 you before very long.

With much love to dear
 Louie and yourself I close
 Affectionately
 Mother

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