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Letter from Maggie R. [Margaret Muir Reid] to John Muir, 1885 Nov 26.

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my little self I felt - when
I commenced this that I
could not write anything
to interest anybody today
and hope you will excuse
this awful scribble

Some of our (Cute
neighbours who went to
Scotland have returned,
and brought me some
heather. I will enclose
a sprig

and now with much
love to all

I am as ever

affectionately,

Maggie R

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The
Lancaster Nov 26
1885

My Dear Bro John

I received
your kind letter and it is
a shame that I have not
answered before this time
but have been quite busy
for some ^{time} trying to get all
ready for winter

I was glad to hear of your
safe arrival home after so many
delays in the way and that
Annice got along so well, and
hope that she is still steadily
improving in health

I have been trying to follow
to the letter all the directions
you gave me, in your kind
anxiety about my health, and
have swallowed quarts & quarts

of oatmeal tea between meals, and done justice to Ferrich & Milk, and taken something stronger at bed time and slept alone too. sometimes I thought I felt stronger, but about 2 nights ago I had one of my worst spells, after going to bed I had a chill especially between my shoulders I got up and took some B & W, and with other means got warm some time after took another spoonful and dropped to sleep, but must have had a head fit, by the chill and other bad feelings which come after, and especially the soreness & stiffness in my limbs with being rigid I suppose, & the terrible mental depression which is hardest to bear of all. quite a chapter about myself I hope I have not made you nervous

burn up this letter when you read it please.

This is Thanksgiving I wish the Union family & families, were not so far apart some of our family went to Church & some staid at home ^{today} & John went hunting Jack Rabbits part of the day.

I thank you for the letter on the Yellowstone Park it is exceedingly interesting and wonderful. Mr Wells is going to print it in our local paper — I hope you are all well I am sure Louie & Wanda, would be glad to see you home again, give my love to Louie, and kiss Wanda for me, tell her Auntie, would like another letter from her