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John Muir

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Family Affairs

Martinez January 1, 1887.

Dear brother David.

I wish you & the children  
a hearty happy New Year  
we are all in ordinary good  
health & affairs go on not in  
any new way but in the old  
way as if the year were  
not in any sense new  
Still we have much to be  
truly grateful for, & for nothing  
more than for hope of better  
things stored up for us unseen  
in the future.

Maggie writes that she greatly  
enjoyed her visit with you  
& that you were in better  
health than usual & prospering  
generally which was good news  
indeed.

You proposed in your last

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letter to me that I send any money I could spare as you had found a good field for investment likely to be profitable to us both. I should like to send you a thousand or 20, but I had to send \$2000 more to Walter Brown to take up a mortgage that has come due on a house & lot he traded for, besides other expenses - interest on \$5000 mortgage etc. Dads \$1000 yielded only taxes etc last year so I have not much to handle in the way of speculations just now. But that \$500 that has been so long in the store I think had better be taken out & invested in something that will pay better. The interest

due me up to this time I wish you to give to Wilber.

I am sending some books for the children which I hope they will like, the pictures you sent are very good.

When are you coming to see us & our country a trip at this time of year would be a grand change for you. The weather so bright & the flowers in bloom & the birds already thinking of nesting.

Anna I suppose keeps you all informed on the weather. I try to keep her from going as she has but little else to do.

May the New Year be good to us all.  
Ever your brother John Muir