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**Letter from John S. Gray to John Muir, 1887 Mar 28.**

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Detroit, Mich. Mar 28 1887

Mr. John Muir

Dear Friend

It is now two weeks since we landed safely home from our long journey, & full time that we send you a few lines, letting you know of our arrival. I am sorry to say Walter has not improved but rather gone back in health. After we left you, he seemed to pick up a good deal & the medicines were helping him. In Salt Lake City he did not feel so well, but improved again in Colorado. So that, at Colorado Springs we had a delightful days drive. but somehow he hurt his foot & lamed himself so that when we got home he was obliged to keep perfectly quiet to save the foot. This kept him in the house so close that he could gain no appetite & has been gradually running down ever since. In that weak condition

we insisted on his getting medical advice & at last he consented that our family physician take up his case. His case seemed to be well understood by our Dr. & in the few days he has been attending him he has reduced his local troubles so that now he is in about his normal condition in that respect, but he has become so weak that he is not able to be out of bed, & last night had several sinking spells, & finally fainted. Today he is in quite a fever & we all feel very anxious about him though the Dr. gives us encouragement & does not consider his present condition at all alarming. Drugs seem to be of no avail & the course taken with him, is a system of baths & local applications of different kinds.

It seems he did not get home a day too soon, for ever since, he has been in such condition, that it would have been very hard on him to travel. In another way we were too soon. He went, in one day, from summer temperature & weather (mostly) to mid-winter. Our climate at this writing is a most unseasonable one, worse



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journey when he is able - & I am sure it will be a source of pleasure to him to think of it - as it is to me -

I hope your family enjoys good health - that your wife is strong & well & your sister improving - your little girls are just at the age to enjoy & I think you will find it a great trial to go away on that northern trip - to be away so long from all the home bodies

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Murr & your sister & be assured we will all be happy to hear from you whenever you can send us even a line or two & now with best wishes for your prosperity & happiness

I remain

Yours Sincerely  
John S. Gray