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**Letter from Sarah [Muir Galloway] to John Muir, 1888 Oct 18.**

Sarah Muir Galloway

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to commence her winter school last Saturday, she will be less than five miles out of Town, so so we may see her often. Celia is teaching the Grammar department of the Lomech school about sixty miles from here, she has nearly 60 scholars, so you may be sure she has enough to keep her busy. We were all glad to see Annie so much better than she left us, I'll she does not seem to be very strong, she has gone to the country for a few days. I wish you <sup>all</sup> could have been with us in the summer when Joanna & Henry were here, do you think we will ever get together again? we seem to be scattered to the four winds. Mother and David's folks are well. With much love to all.  
from Sarah.

Portage, Wis.  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup> / 88

My dear brother John  
It is a long time since I have heard from you, longer than usual I think, but then I remember how exceedingly busy you must be and so I write again for I want to thank you and Louie again for the beautiful pictures of the dear little girls whose faces are sweet enough for any number of kisses, and so bright and charming that I do not wonder you are proud of them. Long, may they be a blessing and comfort to you both! I was very glad that you were

able to break off from the Rancho work for a while and take some of your "long walks" among the mountains again. it was a fine change and <sup>has</sup> proved beneficial to I hear. That must be a grand work you are preparing. I have seen some of the proof sheets that Annie brought with her. The illustrations are fine and the reading matter will be the best on the subject, but I fear few of the common folks will be able to reach it. I had a vacation too this month. I went out to the old neighborhood, the first time in two years, visited with some of the old friends and enjoyed it. while there I went to the Cemetery in Buffalo where lies our own dear ones,

so many of the neighbors of long ago are laid to rest. The greater part of the place looks sadly neglected. He had a very pleasant visit with John Gray some time since, he had been up in Buffalo visiting the old home and some of the neighbors, he said that writing up Howel's early life had created a strong desire to visit some of the scenes connected with it, but like yourself he was disappointed in the appearance of every thing. How sad and lonely I believe must be since Walter's death, it seems such a short time since James died alas her brother David her Father and Mother are quite frail now. Anne started off