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It took a month for me to get rested from my long journey; but since then my health has been about the same as in California, but I dread the cold winter weather which seems already to have set in. The ground was white with snow when I awoke this morning.

Three years, just two days ago since I arrived in California.

I have commenced the study of phonography and am making some progress. but see that it will take close careful study and a good deal of practice to make me a successful reporter. but I intend to succeed. Love to you, John, to the children and to Louis from Annie L. Muir.

Portage Wis.
October 21. 1888.

Dear Brother John
So often have I thought of you since I parted from you, that I hardly seem to have in reality been parted from you. I suppose that in reality means that your influence over me was so great that it reaches me even here. Many were the lessons which I learned in the California school. Some of them hard to learn

but I can honestly say, at this distance, that it has been a decidedly profitable school for me, which will help me to go more wisely on my way henceforth. So, I pray that it may be,

You doubtless know of my journey and arrival here, from the cards and letters which I sent back to Louie. Traveling in tourist-cars proved very much as you predicted - not over pleasant - but I reached home without disaster - A letter from Doctor & Mrs. Parry in Davenport, shows that they did not like that

method of travelling any better than I did. I found Mother looking a little more feeble than she was when I left her but the greatest difference I see, is in her voice, which has lost its strength and firmness. The vocal chords seem to be affected making it tremulous. But she still has a good appetite and walks out often - and enjoys church, and visiting her friends as much as ever - Sarah's health is very much improved, for which we are all thankful. She seems able to enjoy life again.