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## Letter from Joanna M[uir] Brown to John Muir, 1890 Dec 19 .

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Portage Wis  
Dec 19. 1890

Dear brother John:-

An entire year has passed since we have had any correspondence, but as I have been in Portage during that time, of course I have heard news of you and possibly from the other members of the family you have heard of us.

I felt very much inclined still to remain silent as I did not have any good news to tell, but on reflection, I could not let these good days

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go by without the word of kindly greeting, for it seems that love must manifest itself in some way, either by word or deed, when the holiday season comes to us. So I will just say that I love you better than ever - for I think that love grows stronger as our years go by - and when this busy time is over I will begin the New Year with a letter to you.

Wishing you and Louis and the dear children a very happy Christmas and New Year I am  
Affectionately Yours  
Joanna M. Brown

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