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Letter from Joanna [Muir Brown] to [John Muir], 1897 Jan 13.

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do not quite stagnate
 A letter from Mary
 yesterday tells us that
 Maggie has another grand-
 child at Lente, we do not
 know whether son or daughter
 I must write to Maggie
 and to David as I am
 owing both letters
 I do not hear anything
 of your present work.
 How are you occupied
 this winter?

With kindest regards to
 your family - I am
 affectionately
 Yr. friend
 J. M. ...

Postage Free
 Jan. 13, 1897.

Dear Brother John -

I was just in-
 wardly scolding myself for
 not having written to you
 at the holiday season or
 later, to thank you for your
 Christmas remembrance of
 us all, when along comes
 another kindness by way
 of Scraps in the form of
 an X bill. I do not be-
 lieve I deserve any kindness
 from any body, for I am
 becoming worse and worse
 about letter writing, or any
 expressing of sentiment

of any kind.
 I guess you must think
 back to the old days
 when we were an unbroken
 family around that old
 Pine table at home,
 and remember that I had
 a place there, in order to
 keep the flame of family
 love burning, so far as
 I am concerned.

Everything goes on calmly
 and quietly as usual here
 the only thing which has
 happened to cause a ripple
 was the burning of our
 newly repaired and recon-
 structed Church, we feel

very sad about it, for it
 represented a good many free
 will offerings of poor people
 but the Church people are
 bearing it very courageously
 and look forward to re-
 newed effort.

The children are doing better
 than ever, in their studies;
 Ethel, by a little extra ex-
 ertion, has caught up a
 class and would, if she
 were here, enter the High
 School after next vacation.
 Jessie too has been promoted
 but she is not quite so
 willing to apply herself
 yet, maybe she will by & by.
 Bernice continues to say I
 do original things and
 amongst them all we