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Hill Girt, Feb. 8, 1903.

My Dear Mr. Muir,

One day last week I was calling upon your sister, Mrs. Reid, and we were talking about Annie Muir, and she was saying you had a copy of a good obituary notice, clipped from one of your home papers. Now I would like very much to see that, and if you will mail it to me, I will take the greatest care of it and will

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return it promptly.

You know how much we all thought of Annie. For several years after her return to Portage we corresponded occasionally, and I have now, standing on my mantel, a little memento she gave me when we parted.

Of her philanthropic work I had not heard till I talked with Mrs. Reid.

We are all feeling grave just now for, at last, after all she has been through, Mrs. Drakins does seem to be really at the point of death.

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Perhaps even before you get³
this she will have passed
away. We got letters from
both Mr. Dahms and Agnes
last night, and are watching
the telephone today - I will
telephone to Mrs. Muir when
we hear the final word.

Now just one word about
your delightful Christmas
gift to Baby Margaret.

On New Year's day Mrs.
George Brown sent her a
bank book with a starter
of five dollars - yours makes
ten - and the foundations
of her fortune seem securely laid.

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John French still has his⁴
baby bank book and with
what he has put in "in
recent times" his fortune
mounts up to \$800.00
He has never drawn a single
cent, owing, as he says, to
papa's generosity, in supplying
all his needs. I mention
this because I think it is
creditable to his natural
prudence -

Yours with affectionate regard,
M. L. Swett

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