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## Letter from Joanna M[uir] Brown to [John Muir], 1895 Mar 2.

Joanna Muir Brown

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Portage, Wis,  
March 2, 1895

My dear brother John:-

Several days  
have been allowed to pass since  
your letter with its important  
contents was rec'd. But the  
truth is, I have scarcely felt  
equal to the expression of my  
feelings to you.

The experiences of the past  
few years have been so over-  
whelming that sometimes I  
feel too confused to under-  
stand my own feelings. But  
one thing I do know - that  
no twenty five dollars ever  
was more welcome. Truly  
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inclined you to the kind act,

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I believe I will enclose one of Walter's  
letters so you can see about how  
he feels -  
J. M. B.

Yet I cannot deny that there  
is a good deal of sadness  
mixed with my gratitude.  
What is to be the end of all  
this I cannot tell. But I am  
determined to trust to the  
end for if I were to give up  
my confidence that "all things  
will work together for good"  
and that all will end aright,  
I would give up all heart  
and cease to try to make  
the best of what I have.  
Pray for me my brother  
and believe me gratefully  
Yours Joanna H. Brown,

Portage, Wis.,  
March 2, 1895.

My dear brother John:

Several days have been allowed to pass since your letter with its important contents was received. But the truth is, I have scarcely felt equal to the expression of my feelings to you.

The experiences of the past few years have been so overwhelming that sometimes I feel too confused to understand my own feelings. But one thing I do know -- that no twenty-five dollars ever was more welcome. Surely the Father Himself must have inclined you to the kind act. Yet I cannot deny that there is a good deal of sadness mixed with my gratitude.

What is to be the end of all this -- I cannot tell. But I am determined to trust to the end, for if I were to give up my confidence that "all things will work together for good" and that all will end aright, I would give up all heart and cease to try to make the best of what I have.

Pray for me, my brother, and believe me,

Gratefully yours,

Joanna M[uir] Brown

I believe I will enclose one of Walter's letters, so you can see about how he feels.

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