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you know
as you wish.

Portage, Wis.
Oct 4. /98-

Dear brother John,

Your letter has been received, and it made me glad to see your handwriting once more, and glad again, to know of your pleasure in going over the old ground, studying and working with all the old enthusiasts, and finishing the truths wrought out so long ago, made doubly clear by the vast experience gained through the studies of later years.

But truly John I thought that now you are "growing old" you would have done a little better by "yourself" than live on crackers and sleep without a covering.

In regard to Joanne's affairs, I think she is getting along pretty comfortably. I have not heard of any special need since she received the last money you sent her. She said when ^{she} received it, that she could pay up all her debts and have something over, also that she intended to try to get along without running up any more bills. Of course, she has to be careful, as money is not very plentiful, but she seems to be able to get what she needs. She was her usual

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to tea the other day. she is looking well, and is so much stronger than she was some time ago, she was saying how much more able she was to do her work. They have moved from those rooms up stairs, where they were when you saw them, into a house a little nearer us, everything looks nice, and cosy, and comfortable and is very convenient, there is a pump for soft water in the house, and a good well at the door, her wood house, also will be handy and there is a good cellar. she thinks she is better fixed up now than at any time since she came to Portage. The children are well, only that Bessie has had a bad fall and cut her face, there is a barn being put up on the lot, and in playing she fell across some of the timbers, the doctor had to take three stitches, it was very carefully dressed, and we hope will not leave much of a mark. she goes to school though her face has to be bound up, the wound is above the eye. Our family is very small now, Celia and Grace have gone to the Normal School at Valparaiso Indiana. Their special studies will be stenography and typewriting they wanted to learn the best method. You say you are rather lonely. Mother has been having a cold but is better. Trusting that this will find you all well, I am as ever Affectionately yours
Sarah M. Galloway