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## Letter from S[arah] M[uir] Galloway to [John Muir & Louie Strentzel Muir], 1894 Dec 18.

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My dear Brother and Sister:

Another  
Year of the sunshine and  
shadow that life brings to us  
has passed, and in our hearts  
we are reaching out to each  
other with the same unchang-  
ing love, and glad good  
wishes. May a renewed  
supply of all that is good,  
and best in life rejoice your  
hearts, and may all the  
dear ones about you be  
blessed with health and  
strength to enjoy the  
blessings as they come.

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I think we have great cause  
for thankfulness that  
during the trying years  
through which we have  
been passing that we  
have all been blessed with  
so many of the privileges  
and comforts of life.  
Though we are scattered and  
so far apart, and cannot  
touch each other's hand, we  
can send our thoughts  
over the distance and receive  
the answering greeting  
and so heart almost touches  
heart.  
We have heard from Jessie  
since her visit with you all

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and she tells us what a fine, capable, helpful girl Grandee has grown to be, also so strong and well, and of bright little laughing Helen, what treasures of comfort that will be to you both, also to Grandma. I send them love and good wishes, I imagine them scampering among the hills sometimes, and coming home with hands full of the beautiful things growing all about. We have been taking great pleasure in reading your book John, you take us almost there, to see the things just as you have seen

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I send a  
little note  
for Grandee and  
Helen along  
with this  
letter.

them and if I only had strength I could scramble along with you with right good will. You remember Grandma Galloway said, I will see all God's wonderful works, but it would be after she had passed from this life, so I think it will be so with me, I could not do much in the way of tramping now, but I can read and enjoy the results of your tramping, and it is grand. Mother enjoys it exceedingly and talks of the love you show for everything you write about. I hope Grandma

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is well, remember me to  
 her, and give her my kindest  
 regards. Things go on about  
 as usual here, the girls are  
 still in the store in their  
 old places. Joannee has not  
 been well for some time  
 but is better than she has  
 been, the children are well.  
 Ethel and Jessie are attend-  
 ing school Bernice at home  
 her Mother's company and  
 messenger, a dear little  
 witch who comes in to see us very  
 often Carol tells us how she loves us  
 and so on. We have been having  
 lovely weather for some time,  
 so mild for the season. Trusting  
 that you are all well I will  
 close wishing you all a happy  
 Christmas and joyous New Year  
 Lovingly S. M. Gallovey.