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The robins + blue-birds have returned - The anemones are again in blossom, and the grass is growing green
 we more - and we hear + praises to the Creator all around us - and surely breathe with them within our selves - I enclose to you Anna Merrill Foster's letter - also a clipping containing words which reminded me of you as I read them. I had a letter from Mrs. C. C. Parry recently - written in Philadelphia. She complains of very poor health. She enquires very affectionately about you + your family. Say she has very pleasant recollections of her visit in the Alhambra Valley. This letter is freighted with love + best wishes for you + all the family.
 Your sister, Annie L. Merrill +

Mother sends love.
 She gladly received your letter.

Portage, Wis. April 8-9
 Dear Brother John
 It seems like a long time since I have heard from you - or written to you - And as I am longing for a word from you, I will begin at my end, and do my part first. It is a rainy, drizzling day, and Mother + I, are sitting cozily by the fire. Part of the time she reads, and part of the time she nods + sleeps in her chair; while I have sewed + thought - most of the day - now almost gone - And as you see my last thoughts

were with you, and the change
 in my occupation followed.
 The past week has been a very
 depressing and solemn one to
 mother, as her dear old friend
 Mrs. Roby, who lived quite near
 us, and with whom Mother
 spent so many pleasant hours
 these last years of her life,
 died, quite unexpectedly - just
 about a week ago - and her aged
 husband followed her in less
 than a week - Both buried
 within one week - I can see
 that it has been a shock to
 mother, and as this is always
 a trying season of the year
 I am a little anxious about
 her. I am glad to say that
 she is not sick, but she feels
 weak - Complains of being
 tired - without doing any

things to her - But - I am
 going to get a tonic for her, &
 hope that she will get along
 all right -
 Sarah has just returned
 from the country, where she
 has been cultivating the
 acquaintance of her two
 grand-children - Kenneth &
 Berenice Eastman.
 Joanna's health is rather
 better than it has been - and
 she is somewhat encouraged
 about business, as Walter
 has made a change. Is now
 travelling for a Lumber Co.
 And as he has, in the past,
 been engaged in the lumber
 or timber business - and is to
 receive a stated salary, there
 seems less uncertainty about
 their affairs -