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Letter from Margaret Rae Lunam to [John Muir], 1913 Dec 23.

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Westfield Dunbar Decr 23^d 1913

My dear Cousin John

I received your letter with enclosed Order for 100 dollars yesterday. I will cash it & you may be sure it will brighten & cheer many a poor home & for my help of it do accept my heartfelt gratitude, many a grateful tear rolled down my dear Mothers cheeks when she used to get it & she wd say John Muir is good to me, when you are so kind I feel I must let you know what our little income is, it is a little over £2 a week, it is the rise in the cost of living & now our taxes reach £20 a year that makes it rather strenuous work to get the ends to meet so I think you will understand what a help £10 is. You do not mention your daughters but I trust they & their dear little children are well & enjoying this Xmas time. I had kind letters from Mrs Galloway & Mrs Brown this mail. Annie Hay tells me she heard from you recently, I was glad to hear you were writing to them. James was 90 on the 15th of the month they were to have a cake & 90 little candles on it.

Do you remember John Kelly at the Bank. he has retired from work & gone to live in the South of England.

I have enjoyed your 'Book' and at present it is at Mrs Dick's the widow of the School Master whom you saw when you were home, Mr Anderson at Winkerton, do you remember going out to his farm, will have to get a read of it next.

I am glad to say I am keeping free from Asthma this Winter I am taking care & hope I may escape.

Wishing you many returns of the Season
& with kindest love & thanks

Believe me

Yours Affectionately

Margaret-Rae Lunan