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Annie L. Muir

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this trying <sup>[4]</sup> hot weather  
She is looking thin for her  
but she takes things easy  
and goes out for a walk in  
the cool of the evening and  
enjoys herself pretty well  
Sarah is much better than  
she has been - About the  
same as when you were here  
But she was quite sick in  
the spring - I have been  
sick, & will again several  
times, but on the whole  
have much more to be  
thankful for than to  
complain of -

I had a lovely good letter  
from Mrs. C. C. Parry in which  
she wished to be remembered  
to you and your family -  
With love to you all, I am  
ever yours affectionately  
Annie L. Miner

Portage, Wis. July 12 - '94.

Dear Brother John -

- I am writing  
to you this morning on  
Joanna's account chiefly,  
and so will speak of that  
first - She talked her affairs  
over with me yesterday and  
said that she had never been  
so hard pressed for money as  
now - That Walter's affairs  
had managed to take another  
bad twist - of some kind, and  
he had not been able to send  
money as usual - and that  
in consequence her rent &  
grocery bills were unpaid -  
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Said she had thought she would not ask for help from any one - nor speak of her needs - but was at last compelled to do so - Mother & Sarah each let her have a little, but they could not give her much, and as I know that you would not be willing that she should lack any thing that was needed, I persuaded her to let you know about it - She has been worrying about things and overdoing in this warm weather and is not well and so, I am writing for her - She hopes that Walter will soon be able to send money again and that she will then be able to return what has been

lent to her - Her children are well - rosy & happy which is a great comfort to her - And God is over all, in whom she trusts - So that she is not in despair although discouraged at times - Her confidence in Walter is unshaken - I think her indebtedness is about Fifty Dollars -  
 Thus John, I know your kindness & tenderness of heart - By experience and know that you would blame me if knowing this - I did not let you know - and therefore I have told you all -

I am most happy to say that mother keeps quite comfortably well through



Portage, Wis.,  
July 12, '94.

Dear Brother John:

I am writing to you this morning on Joanna's account, chiefly, and so will speak of that first. She talked her affairs over with me yesterday, and said that she had never been so hard pressed for money as now -- that Walter's affairs had managed to take another bad twist of some kind, and he had not been able to send money as usual and that in consequence her rent and grocery bills were unpaid. Said she had thought she would not ask for help from anyone, nor speak of her needs, but was at last compelled to do so. Mother and Sarah each let her have a little, but they could not give her much, and as I knew that you would not be willing that she should lack anything that was needed I persuaded her to let you know about it. She has been worrying about things and overdoing in this warm weather, and is not well, and so I am writing for her. She hopes that Walter will soon be able to send money again and that she will then be able to return what has been lent to her. Her children are well -- rosy and happy, which is a great comfort to her. And God is over all, in whom she trusts, so that she is not in despair, although discouraged at times. Her confidence in Walter is unshaken. I think her indebtedness is about fifty dollars. There, John, I knew your kindness and tenderness of heart by experience, and knew that you would blame me if knowing this I did not let you know, and therefore I have told you all.

I am most happy to say that mother keeps quite comfortably well through this trying hot weather. She is looking thin for her, but she takes things easy and goes out for a walk in the cool of the evening and enjoys herself pretty well. Sarah is much better than she has been. About the same as when you were here. But she was quite sick in the spring. I have been sick and well again several times, but on the whole have much more to be thankful for than to complain of.

I had a loving good letter from Mrs. C.C. Parry in which she wished to be remembered to you and your family. With love to you all, I am,

Ever yours affectionately,

Annie L. Muir