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**Letter from John Muir to Sister Mary [Muir Hand], 1889 Nov 30.**

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Martinez Nov. 30. 1889

Dear Sister Mary

I hear that you are expected in Portugal soon on a farewell visit ere setting out on your go-west trip. I will therefore address you then hoping my letter will be in time. You think of settling ~~in~~ Nebraska. Why not come to the glorious climate & country of California instead of the corn & buffalo grass plains swept with blizzards cyclones & sand-storms. Come on a visit anyhow ere striking root in a country so far from anywhere & see civilization & the ocean & a wonder or two & get some of your mossy old provincial crankiness rubbed off. Then won't hold on to your Scotch temper & don't get into argument at this distance but just take a good look at your near relative Annie & see how much her

Give my kind regards to Willie. May you find the happiness here. Take care your affectionate brother John

Her visit here has done for her, & then  
make up your mind to come.  
Have you painted that Helen or Wanda  
portraits you spoke of in your last  
letter I think it would be a nice thing  
to do. We have Wanda painted in oil  
It is beautiful but rather rough looking  
for so young a subject. Watercolor's  
would I fancy be better for delicate  
baby faces.  
You have not sent the photographs  
of your children lately. Those boys  
must have grown into quite large  
chappies since I saw them in Kansas  
City. & one of your children the baby  
we have not seen at all.  
As to our everyday aims & doings I  
have written them all to the Postage pack  
of the family & you will learn them there