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Martinez, May 31, 1897.

Dear Sister Mary. I'm glad to hear
you got your money safely. I have
not yet heard from the Portege there
but expect to tomorrow then all
will ^{be} served but Dan's whose address
I was not sure of, & his draft will go
in a day or two, then a big job will be
off my hands. I think you should
write a note of thanks to Charles

Notman Esq

Dunbar Scotland, for the highly
satisfactory manner in which he settled
the Trust, & requesting him to convey
your thanks to the Trustees for their long
good & faithful services. You might
also send a pound or two to Trustee
Buchanan who is minister of Grandfather
old Kirk. ^{only if you feel like it} But send nothing to Comb he is
overpaid already. The Lawyer Mr Volman is also
paid, but Mr Buchanan not a penny

Of course the trustees have no right
to any compensation, But I thought
a few dollars to the old church would
be a good way to show satisfaction
etc. So much for business, I now
come on out & see some paintings
& some trees hills, the ocean & some scenery
not quite so much on the pancake
pattern as fair Nebraska & not quite
so sand blasty. Fees to the Christian
Endeavour Convention will be low
& no great inroad will be made
on your little pile. Tomie & the children
say "Tell her to bring Helen". Your ^{young!} old
school mate Miss Thayer is here, ^{also} David's
daughter Carrie, & ^{his} Annie is coming soon.
It will prolong & enrich your life
& you must just come. That's certain.

I'm pegging away at literature
Have the grippe or bronchitis, I have headache
& am stupid. So good night
Ever your loving brother John Muir