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need it to give to those who do, or as Anna desired, as seems to each best.

As far as my share is concerned, I dont intend to keep any of it. Anyhow I hope no more will be said about the matter. It is wonderful how much unworthy ignoble feeling a little money may stir up.

I sent you a year's subscription to the World's Work, do you receive the magazine regularly?

I'm going to Siberia by way of Europe soon to study trees, mountains etc.

With best wishes to Willis and the children, I am ever affectionately your brother

John Muir

Martinez, March 20, 1903.

Dear Sister Mary:-

I'm sorry you have had so much trouble and worry about poor Anna's things. No one as far as I know thought of questioning your disposal of furniture etc. As to the "will" or "Memorandum" as the lawyer calls it, it could not be probated and made legal without the unanimous consent of the heirs, and since David and John Reid were positively against it, and I thought that Sarah a widow, living with her daughter a widow and two little children with perhaps less means than any of us should not be left out. Nor can I think Anna would have failed to mention her had she made a will after Mr. Eastman's death.

Therefore the best way out of the difficulty as far as I could see, was to have the Court dispose of the property in the regular way, all sharing alike. Then for those who dont