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Victoria 6th Dec^r 1861

My Dear Brother

Your welcome letter of Oct 1st came to hand to day, and I hasten to reply to it although I have not time to write but a few lines as the steamer remains here but a short time to day, I wrote to Ashby by last mail, and will write to you again soon.

My health is improving, and I am now getting along better with my business, the difficulties I have had to contend with are disappearing, and I feel confident that I shall succeed in building up a good paying business. There will be a great deal of building here next season, for our population is certain to largely increase in the next six months, the mines have never paid so largely as they have this fall, and discoveries have been made of very rich and extensive diggings. I have seen men that have made as high as \$30,000 in three months, and a great many have made from ten to twelve thousand dollars, this has created quite an excitement amongst the miners in California, and there will be a great rush in this direction in the spring.

I am shipping lime to day to San Francisco. I have already forwarded two lots, and it is pronounced a very superior article. I shall soon be able to ship to that place, and Portland in Oregon, regularly, had I

been able to have done so this season. I should
have done well, for I had good contracts to fill

I thank you my dear brother, for your
kind expressions of sympathy, and your wishes for my
success. Of our heavenly Father, bless me with health
I feel confident ^{of} succeeding, and I trust soon to be
able to give you more satisfactory letters

I must now close, and you must excuse this
short hurried letter. I will give you a long one soon

Give my best and kindest love to all, and
may the choicest blessings of the Almighty, giver of good
be abundantly bestowed upon you

Your affectⁿ brother

Augustin Hibbard