

Virginia City Nevada Oct 1st 1872
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said. She addressed the Protestant
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her childhood she had gone to Protes-
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for it. from what she said to the
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She also related her experience in
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but wages are good & pay every month & my prospects are much better than they have been for a good while. I have time only in the evenings to write, so I must draw to a close. Please let me know if you got the Weekly Enterprise which I sent you last week addressed to you at DeWittville & I shall send you more. Give my kindest regards to your mother & Sister Jane also to Robert & Robert Lang & love to all at the old place Becca Hattie Chattie Dolly & Freddie. Tell Fred that Uncle Jabie will not forget him or Dolly.

Expecting to hear from you very soon I Remain

Yours most Affectionately
J.D. DeWitt

Virginia City, Nevada April 1872

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