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My Dear Sister Becca,

I left the Hale & Norcross mine & have been working at the Sutro Tunnell for the last 25 days with W. Sellers at shaft No. 1. the prospect is that I shall work there God willing until the beginning of the New Year 1/73. My health is good thank Providence. I expect that I will go down to Mexico to work @ \$5 pr day expenses paid from this place the job guaranteed for a year. If I effect those arrangements it is altogether likely that I will go. I expect that we will have dull times for the next year to come in this section of Nevada, at least as far as most of us can judge. I send you some of my photographs which I had taken in my working clothes & which I

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trust you will all excuse. I send you one for yourself, one for sister Hattie, & one for sister Chattie, with love. Please tell Andrew that I would like to give each of the Girls \$5 for a Christmas & New Years present also \$5 for yourself & \$2 ea for Fred & Dolly. I trust that he ^{Andrew} has sold that [?]. I expect by the spring to be able to realize some money by my investments in mining stocks & if I do I think that I will

change my mind with regard to going
to Mexico & perhaps will return to
Canada to see you & then settle
in the West, say Kansas. I intend
to write to Dear Sister Carrie as
I owe her an answer to a very
affectionate letter. Give my
kind regards to all enquiring
Friends & tell Mr. Davidson that
he still owes me an answer to my
last. With love to all I remain
most affectionately your brother J.D. DeWitt

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Your brother
A. W. B. W.