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Dear Brother and Sister

I hardly know how to commence to answer your welcome letter which we rec while we were in Cal. I have no reason only neglect. Though perhaps it is better late than never We are all well at present hope this will find you all the same

This is a dreadfull windy time it has been blowing you more than at neeb just as hard as it can blow, fins are all well. We had a man here last night that used to live at Hillbourn his name is Armstrong. Well do you have any notions of coming out to see us it would be a nice trip for you this fall and

I would be awfully glad to see  
all of you once more I felt so  
blue today that I just felt as  
though I ought to go home  
but that would be impossible  
Well how are you getting along I  
suppose finely though. Well this  
is a beautiful country to look  
at and I believe I could stand  
it to stay here if I ever could  
have a house to my self.  
How are Father getting along I  
have written to them so much  
and cant hear from them I  
want you both to write to me  
and tell me all the news I  
suppose Bertha and Eddie have  
learned a great deal since I  
saw them I expect they can play  
well by this time and Adie I  
expect is a fine big girl does  
she talk Abbie and Edna and  
Minnie

are all hearty and lively  
as you might expect in this  
healthy country, John has a  
splendid show for a good crop if  
nothing happens it. The <sup>Birmingham</sup> folks  
about here are all well.  
Tell your Father and Mother Simmons  
that I often think of them and  
would be glad to see them  
it would be a nice trip for them  
to make to come and see us.  
but I suppose it is no use to ask  
it. The people here are getting grouchy  
set out which will help the looks  
of the country very much but still  
I would like to see some big trees  
and some fence this all splendid  
land and some mornings we  
can see for 30 miles or such  
days the whole country seems to  
be elevated it seems odd but  
it is true they call it a mirage.

Miriam keeps climbing up on the  
table so I can scarcely write at all  
Well I believe I have written all that  
I can this time hope you will ans.  
soon and I will try and do better  
next time, hoping to hear from you  
soon I remain your affectionate  
(give love to all,) Sister Lizzie Houston

LIZZIE HUSTON

Your  
Sister, Lizzie