

Leiberton

N. Queensland

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Dear Father & Mother, Brother & Sister

As usual I have to seek your forgiveness for not writing to you ere this that I have forgotten you as you are just as fresh in <sup>our</sup> memory as ever. Pleased to see by your welcome letter that ye were all well, also to hear of Thos's trip home as I can imagine the pleasure it gave you to see him once more. I only wish I was as near as tho you as he is. I should spend Thmas with you if God spared me but must only live in the hope of seeing you some day. I can almost fancy that mother and father are here with us. Since we got their picture from China its so large and so life like I almost think you are looking at us. The picture measures 3 ft 7 in x 2 ft 10 in and is beautifully painted. I only wish you could have seen your picture on Thmas ere last you would not think you were forgotten by those who are far away as it was neatly done up with ferns and flowers and amongst them the woodbine. When I last heard from

Some ten months since he was enjoying good  
health I can hear nothing of. Much since he went  
to Tasmania. I will write John shortly and also  
intend writing to Mrs before Xmas. Grandfather and  
Mother you will find enclosed a P. Office <sup>5.00</sup> biller payable  
at Swan as a little Xmas Box hoping you will all  
have a happy Xmas and a merry one we are all  
well thanks to God and join in wishing you  
all the Compliments of Season and Conclude with  
foudest love from us all and remain your aff<sup>l</sup>.  
Son  
P. M. Hughes

(+X+X+) Kisses from  
John and Mary for Grand father Grand mother  
and all their little Cousins (+++++) hoping to hear from  
you