

Provy - 1879

# Lick House

San Francisco, May 19 1879.

My dear Mother,

I fear I have been a little to blame  
in not writing sooner to chronicle my arrival  
here, as every day spent in travelling away from  
home of course means a two days interval in  
the arrival here of letters. I have been here since  
Saturday night, (this being Monday night)  
& leave tomorrow at noon on the City of Chester  
of the P.M.S. Co's regular line for Victoria. I  
stopped a day at Salt Lake City on the way over  
& found that though the designated sights are  
few the place generally is worth seeing. It would  
certainly please you in its neatness & orderly  
arrangement. Down each side a Paragon or  
smaller steam powered coaches & bus are  
planted along the sides. The houses are not  
generally close together but scattered about, separated

by little garden patches & groves. Many  
of the trees are acacias, which are now in full  
bloom & the ~~the~~ air quite heavy with their perfume.  
Today I have been busy about looking after  
various matters here. This evening Mr Cambie  
& the other people connected with the railway parties  
arrived. We go off tomorrow together.

By rights this should be the dry season here but  
it is rather out of kilter & has been coming down  
in drenching showers at intervals for the last few  
days.

As it is now late, & I am somewhat tired  
I shall now conclude by sending love to all,  
& promising to write fully of further plans on  
arrival in Victoria.

Yours Affectionate Son  
George