

very badly at leaving home, the weather is so gloomy I do not wonder at his feeling so. Mother and Maria are staying with us very much to our gratification.

Mother has ^{11 o'clock Tuesday} just received Brother's letter urging her to come down and spend the week with you. She says she would not like to leave home without Father's knowing of it and she does not know what his arrangements are and whether he could come for her on Friday, therefore she must decline accepting the invitation though you all know how much pleasure it would give her to come to be with you all. I hope she and Father will make you a visit some time this fall. As to my coming to see you I am afraid it will be a good while before I can conveniently leave home. We are tolerably well now though we have been suffering very much from colds and sore throats. Walter is growing and is a fine healthy

boy, he has had a severe cold and we were at one time afraid he might be taking the whooping cough but it has passed off in a measure. He has two teeth and I think is cutting more, his gums seem to hurt him. I would like to see the little Sue very much, tell Peers that Lizzie had quite a fit of Indignation that he should dare to think that she was not the prettiest thing that ever was but is glad he is beginning to see her beauties. Tell Brother that we had an interesting letter from Mr Everett on Saturday last. He expects to visit the South Western States this winter but thinks he cannot visit those places again that he has visited heretofore. He speaks with great kindness of the pleasure his visit to Waysville gave him and how much he would like to come again. He mentions each of our children by name beginning with the eldest "not forgetting our pretty little