

how is little Peter. has he lost any of his beauty. I should
be sorry. if he had. for he was certainly a very pretty boy.
I guess little Lydia is as large as he is now. although
she was such a little thing at first. she is a remarkable
healthy child. has not been sick at all. since I left home.
if I was at home now. I should be dreading the Dysentery.
Cholera. Infantum. as well as many other diseases. which
I think she will escape here. she is a very good little girl
and will amuse herself with her playthings by the hour. I don't
think she could have her little Cousin to play with her. for
it seems almost cruel to take her away from all other
children. where she can hear nothing but the rough
voices of men. it seems rather strange to me. for I have
not heard a female voice. for the last six months. we shall
go in Sept. in about a month. where I hope to see
some American Females. I expect to get a great many letters
from home. and hope to hear that you are well. I suppose
it is now Camp meeting time with you. I would like
very much to be there. ^{and} to go over. and stop a few hours.
it would be quite a change. from the still and quiet life
we are living now. I think you have a lot of business
at home. this summer. which must make it seem
very pleasant. although. it will not make much difference
to you. if you are confined at home all the time. which I
think you must be with your little family. I often think
of you. with your many cares. if I was there I could assist
you some. in doing some small jobs. such as making
sewers. or knitting a pair of stockings. I have a plenty of
time to do. and if you could send me some work. I could
soon do it for you.