

Watutou 12ms. 8./53

Dear Richard

I was glad to get thy note last evening, & to find thee in good spirits & happy. To-day, I suppose, & for the rest of the week, thee has vacation. How is thee going to fill up thy time? I wish thee could spend it up here with us -

If thee had looked at the date of Lallie's letter I think thee would have found it was written last month day - Late said she intended it should reach thee on Monday coming - but was disappointed in getting it to the Post office. I told them they must write thee regularly twice a week. - which I guess they will do. Mary and both of them quite hoarse - & little George has a heavy cold so that his mother is afraid of croup. Mary all seems

get Broughs to help me - He is accustomed to my
writing before - This is rather worse than common be-
cause I am
certainly
very
much
pleased to hear the
good accounts I have given of this,
the father particularly. I hope
when this returns they may be
able to see that the "boy has al-
most become the man" -
The "hope I will
return before Christmas." assuredly, you
cannot keep me away all that time.
My fainting, standing untouched in
the corner, stuns me in the face
& begs me not to leave it in so un-
finished a state. I shall be with you
on second day at the farthest. I sur-
mise the Broughs have fine
things together - I want to come &
have them - A little more than
Dicks & this can run up & take
up at them all - Is it not nice
to be so near home? -
If the carrier
read this, Richard dear, this must