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and expected to be gone six weeks but was gone twelve -

I do wish David could have a vacation as I think he really needs one very much -

Your father has had a scalded foot to add to his lameness but is now nearly well

A baby girl has come to Gabriel home in Cal for which he is very much pleased. He writes that Cherry Apple Pear and Plum trees are loaded with white blossoms - his letter was written in March -

I send much love to Emma and the dear children also to yourself hoping that Gods richest blessing may ever rest on you and all yours

Lovingly
Mother

Portage 9th April 1881

Dear David

It seems a very long time since I had a letter from either you or Emma. I feel anxious to know how you all are getting along. I hope you are all well and comfortable -

I suspect you have experienced a very severe winter, as well as we have, but it has come upon you very unexpectedly. Has the snow all gone yet? - The drifts have not all left Portage yet - but are thawing out and the streets are in a bad condition

There have been and still are a great many cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria here and a great

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John Meirs
daughter Wanda
was born Mar.
25, 1881

- many children have died

I have spent the winter very pleasantly as I did not keep house at all - Anne wished to spend the winter at Phillips and Sarah wished me to stay with her so I stayed with them twelve weeks and Sarah did all she could to make my visit comfortable - I only got home about a week ago - and Anne has not got home yet - but Anne & came with me - she is attending an Institute this week that is being held here - her health has been quite poor all winter but she is feeling much better now, and hopes to teach this summer

I think I told you that my house was sold to the city but they told me I might stay there as long as I wished -

- of course by paying a rent - so I think that probably I shall remain here during the summer

Is your health quite restored and have you had a good practice during the winter; has any of the children been able to attend school

Do you intend to go to farming again this coming summer -

I am sure I feel as much interested in all your plans and interests as I ever did - and would be pleased to have one of your visits often - I am afraid things have not turned out as you expected -

When I came home I felt surprised to see David looking so very thin and poor - he has been more confined than ever this winter, as Perry was elected a member of Assembly at Madison