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Bunley, March 13th 1871

Dear Emma,

I have just wrapped up two photos of the children taken with their donkey -

I hope to have some tomorrow or soon that will give a better and truer representation of their faces but that is the best I have at present - Mrs. Howard

also wrote a little story about the twins and our dog but I have not a spare picture on hand that was taken of them then -

If I can get one will try to put you -

2 The children are all very rosy,
and healthy now - The twins,
Harry & Battie, were delicate
when quite small but are well
and happy now - They will
be five years old next Aug.

The measles are quite prevalent
among the children at school,
and we have just had a
vacation of one week on that
account but so far none
of my "bummy" kids or
"lassies" have caught them.

I heard of my step-mother's
death by letters from brother
Alfred and that even before
I received your letter and
I have been expecting more
particulars from ³her as she
wrote she intended going
home to Father very soon -
I think she has not done
so yet as I have had no
word to that effect -

I am so sorry for Father I should like to go home and bring him back to Colo. to live with me and have written asking him if he would come if I would go for him but he has not answered yet -

I do not want him to stay there above any longer.

I hope your mother has recovered her health again -

I have been troubled some with sleeplessness ^{at times} but recovered when my general health was restored but of course your mother has not the vigor of youth to turn her up and such symptoms of nervous disorder are more dangerous - A gentleman directly from Concord Mass.

7. lectured in our church to day
and in an after talk told
us considerable about Emerson,
Louisa Alcott, Thoreau,
Gowthorne, and others of
the illustrious personages
that dwell in that famous
literary old town -

I enjoyed it very much -

Have you ever visited that
place? We have had
but little snow so far and
the season is dry and rather
windy - We hope the latter
rains may not fail us -

I am always glad to hear
from you and all your family
- Angie is the ideal happy
wife and old maid! I believe
she must be satisfied with her
life do you not think she is?

My love to her and Willie as
well as to your Mother and
yourself from your old grand
Theresa