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Philip and family are well, his wife and their daughter Mary are now on a visit to her sisters, leaving the two Phils. to keep bachelor's hall, for a few days. They have many grapes in prospect, ^{and} seven stands of Bees - had another swarm today - which settled on the grape vines, & he put them in a new hive.

Mary wanted me to tell thee she has her "two dolls thou gave her," Margaret White, and Bettie Hopkins, "yet, and intends to keep them until she is a woman. - She is as tall as I am - rasy cheeked - & bids fair to be larger than either of her aunts. - After recovering from the pneumonia last fall, Catharine became more fleshy - I used to think her figured, being slender, was good, but fear she will lose all symmetry - but good health is best of all. Our dear dizzie, appears better - but still is a sufferer - does not want me to write of her, saying - "they will be tired of hearing - of my being