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I am hoping to have  
a letter from each of  
you soon - I miss  
the letters that used  
to come from you so  
often -

Please give my love  
to your Mamma & to  
dear Grandma Stutz.

I have given up hoping  
for letters from them,  
but perhaps they will  
give me a grand sur-  
prise some day.

Cordially & lovingly,  
Your Aunt Annie R.

Portage, Wis., May 30 -

Dear Wanda, and Helen -

This is Decoration Day and I  
have just returned from the  
Court House where the usual  
exercises of this day were held.  
We usually meet in the High  
School Park, but it was raining  
beautifully - so we went to  
the Court House instead.

The children from our six-  
teen schools marched, with  
the Old Soldiers, the Guppy  
Guards, and some other  
orders, making a long, fine  
looking procession.

They carried flags, and had  
a Brass Band with stirring

music to lead them and as it was raining very lightly at that time they looked very happy, and it was a pleasure to see them. Ethel + Bessie Brown were there, and even little Bernice marched with the others. So that she did not sit near her Mamma + I, and when she got tired of sitting, staying there, she concluded to go home to Grandmas. So out she went when the rain was pouring down. We did not see her go, and when we got home there was a strange looking little figure in one of Aunt Sarah's wrappers, all draped up in queer fashion - Aunt Sarah said she was so

wet, when she came in, that she had to strip her, and manage the best way she could.

It is past six o'clock now and the sun is shining out; and Portage itself is decorated - The trees + grass are so beautifully green + sparkling with rain drops - and the roses + Syringes - have burst into bloom, with some pansies + other plants - I am sure your eyes would sparkle with pleasure if they could see just what you can see from this window, at which I am writing. I sincerely hope that you may some day.