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Dear Niece & Nephew
 Louise & Dannie

I found dear Aunt Mary's letter here, on arriving, yesterday P.M.--telling what jolly times you had with your presents from far & near - & how We didn't see any way but to build on extra to house them - Well I am glad you had a nice time - & wish every girl & boy in all the land had had just as happy a time. But you must remember after too, how many many more poorly folks there are who are suffering for enough to eat & drink & keep warm - even of the coarsest & homeliest kind - we should try & think & feel for those who have less than we do - rather than be longing for the more & better things a few people have, than we do- How I should love to have been there at your little party in your little parlor - - And Aunt Mary tells me too how nicely you both learned in dancing - I am glad she thinks best for you both to attend another term - because that will get you thoroughly familiar with all the rules not out of dancing of polite manners - & I hope you will not forget a single nice thing Mrs Wood teaches you. Wasn't little darling Gula's Quaker doll visitor cunning? Do tell me what We said about it - when she first saw it - and Dannie I had one sent to little Annie, just like it - and wont she chatter over it with her little bright eyes, like a black bird- and so little Susie B. gets one too - the three tiniest little girl nieces all round -

Now dear Louise & Dannie you must write letters to all the dear friends you thought of you so lovingly on Christmas and thank them for their presents - & tell them you hope to grow up to be worthy of all their kind regard - ever the smallest token of love - is worth ever & ever so much - for many times the friends who have least money & give us the least valuable presents in cash - are the best & truest friends to us really - So don't make the mistake to think those love you but whose presents cost the money - it is the fact that our friends remember us & send us a token of their love - if it is no more than kind word - that makes our happiness - well - I am so glad you two young people try to make each other happy - as well Grandma & Aunt Mary - & all around - for it is by trying to make those around us happy that we really make ourselves so -

Affectionately your Aunt
 with a Happy New Year to all
 Susan B. Anthony