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Dear Cousins at Geneva Lake,

Susan B. & I arrived at this place yesterday morning at 10:30 – a very hot day -- 92° in the shade -- almost too hot to visit or be visited, but this morning is cooler, and now at 11:30 A.M. We are just returned from one of the loveliest of drives – out in the country and to the Fort, where we saw the soldiers go through with their morning drill, which was interesting & beautiful. It would be well if all children could be thus drilled, until they become accustomed to prompt obedience and strict order in everything. To me, the beauty of it all consists in the order. The grounds & surroundings are beautiful, & it hardly seems possible that the ending of it all must be in the

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terrific results of war – I wonder, if women ever have a hand in the government of affairs there will be an end to such inhuman work. If not, I shall be very much disappointed in them. Everything is so lovely here, but so quiet and strange with no brother D.R. coming in and out, and talking over the events of the times.

I think, with sister Annie O., that it is the pleasantest, most restful location in the city, and I hope she may live to enjoy it for many years.

She would like much to accept of your kind invitation to visit you, but thinks best to defer until some future time.

Susan B. and I now think of leaving here Tuesday night, staying in Chicago only from the next morning (Wednesday) to or for the evening train and be Rochester Thursday morning.

We would like to stop over at Geneva Lake, but the weather is too warm to longer indulge in traveling about, and then, again, it is about time that there should be a change in the program, and a few of our visits be returned – so we will be looking for some of you to come to Rochester where we will be very glad to welcome you.

With love to yourself, Miss Katie, and all the members of the family,

Your cousin,

Mary S. Anthony