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Wampstead July 26th /63

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[written at top of letter sideways]

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I was glad to hear of your success, ~~is~~ or rather of the success of the army you are in, in taking Morris island. I long to hear they have taken Fort Sumpter.

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It was very warm when they started this morning and I dressed them in their pink dresses and when it began to rain I expected their clean dresses would have to be washed, sure, but Annie held her umbrella over them and took up the skirt of her dress and kept it almost dry. They have a light umbrella I bought them on purpose to carry to school, and they took it this morning to keep the sun off. I tell you this so that you may know how nicely your little Annie will take care of her little sister. She is one nice little girl in some respects, and I was

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