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Mr Bernard's cousin

Gertrude Van Cortland

quite a bright letter!

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My dear Annie

Very many

thanks for the letter  
& photo. which you so  
kindly sent me. I see  
that you really do know  
how to keep a promise  
after all, although I

was almost-afraid that  
when you got back to  
New Haven, your studies  
& the Gausee girls com-  
mercial, would make you  
forget all about-quashes  
friends. Jessie & I left  
St. Andrews a few days  
after you & I'm not going  
to flatter your lordship  
by letting you know how  
we missed you. Jessie

stayed a few days with  
me & then took mamma  
up with her, since then  
Alivia & I have been keep-  
ing house like good girls.  
We expect - Mamma, Lewis  
& Jessie all down to-morrow  
they intend coming by  
the new railroad for  
the first time. Uncle  
Amos came down, &  
he says that it will  
take three hours, to the

a decided improvement  
on the old plan of letting  
me than half a day to  
go such a short distance  
Jack Bensch told me  
that he saw you several  
times when he was in  
Montreal, he stayed three  
days with us on his  
way home, & told me  
about the "big race" with  
which he seemed quite  
pleased. Dick Brown  
came to Ottawa on

Tuesday for the pleasure  
purpose of paying a visit  
to the dentist, he had  
to get over to many deligh-  
ful things done to his  
teeth & so had to stay  
till last night, a day  
longer than he expected  
chewing under the cir-  
cumstances, was it not?

I hope so much that the  
troublesome tooth you  
spoke of when you wrote

has stopped writing. It  
would be sad enough to  
lose it - but writing, if you  
were at home with every-  
body to make a fuss over  
you. But all alone by  
yourself at college. That  
indeed is hard lines.

If you only knew under  
what trying circumstances  
I am writing. I'm sure  
you would feel for me.  
Loving & home are both

in the room with me &  
raising such a row as  
as I ought - more elegantly  
to express it. clamorous  
but that I scarcely know  
what I'm saying. The

essence of the matter is  
that if I attempt to call  
them to order, I am at  
once shunned & put  
down as being too small  
to assume dignity in  
a becoming manner.

And now I will say  
good night - as you have  
<sup>been</sup> quite enough of me  
to last for some time.

Please write soon, if  
you can - I'll think you  
shall - have encountered  
the pretty little yankee  
we used to quarrel about  
so often & so recent - yet  
any time to devote to  
our affectionate cousin  
Gettunde Lang & stands