

Charlotte & Bernie.

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Sending parcel of clothes

Cornelia's wedding. (?)

Mary & Maria to be bridesmaids

Good description of lecture on  
Huguenots -

Musical soon

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My dear Berice.

The way by which I had hoped to send out your parcel was under the care of no less a personage than Mr Shelton. but as his journey is indefinitely postponed, papa, who has been in town, said to send it by express - The Express has taken it in hand & I think you will get it by Wednesday or Thursday - I had put in your floral shirts & drawers, but as you did

Not mention them among  
your wants, I took them  
out as they would only  
be in your way - You  
made no allusion to  
the fur cap, so I concluded  
you do not want it.

So much for business  
now I'll see if I can  
scrap up news and  
gossip to charm the  
cat and drive away  
boredom for a time -

Here at Auntie's we  
are all on the alert about  
about Coruelia's fast  
approaching wedding  
day - the 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec  
has been fixed, and  
though Joann has not  
tried "ginger tea poison"

he is harassed by a  
heart rending cough &  
facts continually. he  
tried hard to make  
trouble by going to  
Mr Arthur with idle  
tales about Cornelia  
but Mac has good com-  
mon sense and sifted  
the matter immediately  
so that no ill effects  
arose from the attempt.  
Indeed the only result  
was to hasten matters  
to a close. - They want  
have much to live on  
but with economy will  
I hope get out. They  
are to board here &  
have the back parlor

for their dormitory - I believe Maria & Atwater & I, are to be bridesmaids and our respective gents are Mr Arthur Perkins and Mr Latham, the latter individual I do not know at all, the former I met once in Annapolis - I wish you could be here both then and at Christmas to go home with me, but know of course that the cost has to be considered, also your time - I am glad you are having an few holidays so your eyes need rest -

Speaking about wedding  
Miss Jay is to be mar-  
ried to your friend  
Charles Torrance. - when?  
I don't know -

I received a long letter  
from Miss Nottingham  
by last week's mail -  
I began on board the  
steamer and finished  
in Liverpool - Their  
passage was very comfortable  
as far as weather was  
concerned, but the tables  
were miserable and dirty  
she said her nose would  
be respectably turned  
up with disgust - by  
the time she reached  
the other side - from  
Liverpool they were

going to visit their  
Cousins the Goddards  
in Birmingham  
(and from there to  
London to join the Gales.  
Did I tell you that  
Louisa, with her usual  
kindness left with me  
\$33.00, a wedding present  
for Cornelia, to be spent  
in purchasing her a  
handsome black silk -  
Mr Punsdon has been  
here, lecturing again -  
I went Saturday evening  
and was, as usual, delighted  
The subject "The Huguenots"  
gave, as you saw fancy,  
wide scope for his power  
The introduction, giving  
a rapid sketch of

history from the "Reforma-  
tion" up to "Revocation  
of the Edict of Nantes"  
was most vivid - then  
his description of the  
Dramatis Personae who  
figured during this  
time - James D'Albert  
Guez of Navarre, <sup>Henry</sup> Anthony  
"known only as being the  
husband of this virtuous &  
noble woman" - from  
whose weak and cruel  
character he turned to  
describe that "of a man"  
namely Admiral Coligny.  
Then Charles the 9<sup>th</sup> with  
his cruel and remorseful  
nature - Henry 4<sup>th</sup> a <sup>man</sup>  
who never could say

"No" - the nearest approach  
being "wait a bit" when  
he was consulted about  
the massacre of St Bartholomew  
and <sup>the</sup> finest of his delineations  
<sup>was</sup> of the terrible character  
of Catherine de Medici  
"a woman without feeling"  
a mother without affection  
it was all the most wonder-  
ful piece of picture painting  
by words that you can  
imagine; and I only wish  
I could remember better  
or that I had a paper  
to send you - even then  
it would be flat  
for his gestures &  
oratory are so good  
the quotations he introduced  
were beautiful - you

will think me an-  
thusiastee - but it just  
suted me and I'd  
walk ten miles to  
hear him again -

The Mendelssohn Quintette  
Club are to be here  
the first of the month  
and then we will  
have a musical treat -  
So nice to live in  
Montreal after all  
& I wish the whole  
family were here -

I am sure I have  
fairly wearied you  
with this long scribble -  
I only wish if you had  
time to furnish me  
in like manner -

Cornelia intended to  
enclose a few lines but  
is too busy at present, will  
write soon -

All the friends are  
well - Papa spent  
nearly a week in  
town and went up  
as usual the next  
to the last boat -

Don't try your eyes  
too much, nothing will  
be gained in the end.

Excuse writing and

believe me your  
affectionate sister  
Charlotte.