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Dear Grayce:

Just a note to let you know that I love you and was glad to receive your recent letter.

It has been cold here too as you may have noticed by watching the paper. The official record at the University was 15 below zero on one night which was the coldest it has been here for several years.

I gave away our stray dog with her 7 beautiful pups and I didn't keep any of the pups as I felt without any children, we should find it somewhat of a task to look after the pup. One couldn't help but be fond of them, and I enjoyed playing with them. I surprised myself at my ability to overcome the savage stray dog. I got her so she was quite fond of me and I could pet her or handle her and play with the puppies in her presence without any trouble.

I think Gertie is slowly improving and she has almost entirely cast aside her cane. Of course, she still limps a good deal.

It is warming up a bit after our cold spell and the snow is thawing quite rapidly.

In a few weeks we shall be getting our ground ready for "Victory Gardens".

Much love to you both,

Your brother