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(Mrs. Marian Francis to Mr. Ogden)

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Dear Mr Ogden,

I must write a few lines to congratulate you, & to wish you, & to wish you much success in your new start- I hope the Milwaukians will not leave you enough time to study "Nettleship"- We were so disappointed that you could not come here for the McGill Semi Centennial; your friends are as enthusiastic about you as ever, & Miss D----- looks sweeter than ever! The David Morriss Presbyterian Coll: was opened last week with much eclat. The children are all well & growing fast, & the two Baby girls such Beauties- Percy has started in Toronto with Edmund "Osler & Hammond" & he lives at Judge Osler's & I have taken their two little boys in exchange to live here & go to school with mine - as they are lonely among big girls at home. You can fancy what a handful of boys I have to manage now- but we get on happily- but I do miss my Percy sadly. & my husband will not let us go to Toronto to live.- I am getting so thin that I shall not be able to laugh at your bones when I see you again!- What news have I for you- the landlord is supposed to be engaged to Miss Bragley but you know he is an uncertain man! The Dr. is not engaged & does not seem to wish to be at all- but he is much sought after for some reason or other- I hope he will be able to keep clear of this entanglement. Mr. Cantlie is pursuing the even tenor of his pleasant way. I daresay you heard that dear little Bruce Howard died of Diptheria three weeks ago-. the other little ones have Mumps now. We were so hoping you would have started in Toronto, especially as we intended to reside there; it would have given you one"large family practice" to begin upon, at any rate. Don't forget how glad we are to hear from, or of you- With best wishes in which my sister joins

Always

Your very sincere friend

Marian Francis.