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(Mrs. Marian Francis to Mr. Ogden)

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Little Billie is a Darling We call him Spider & Spideree he is quick has such bright eyes.- He says his heart is Bleeding for May.

Dear Dr. Ogden,

I was so pleased to hear from you & to find that your practice is improving I hope it will go on & prosper, but we are sorry that you are so far away- your letter found me in bed- I have been so well & got quite lively, & so much thinner! When alas! I got a horrible sore throat, just as that was passing off, on came Rheumatic fever- So I told Dr. Osler I would give him a chance this time, to cure me without relapses, & I did him wonderful credit Dear old Grant & May took took Diptheria- query did I have it first) & had to be isolated in the Attic. All their cry was for Mammy, do despite Dr. Ross & Dr. Osler who would have kept me in bed to this Day; I came up to nurse them, & we "lepers in the Attic" are having quite a Circus- Grant says 'I am a lovely nurse only I want to keep him so Beastly Clean. Grant has a lot of membrane in his throat . May has begun to peel but they have no bad symptoms only the local manifestation- Grant has been ill with it 10 days, but May fought against it longer & wd. not give up for her sore throat till Uncle Willie saw the membrane on it- She had met Mr. Cantlie that afternoon & he told her how well she was looking- but she had been poorly for many days- Our hope now is that no one else will take it. Dr. Osler is not going away this year, the Faculty are not willing to spare him. He has not decided where to go from 1351, he wants a first floor in Union Ave but can't get it, so far. Dr. Buller's house is very nice I suppose you know the one- 2nd house in the Terrace opposite the S. James Club- not 2nd from the Shepards head You will be glad Mr. Cameron gained the Gold Medal. Do you get the "McGill University Gazette" regularly? because Dr. O. ordered it to be sent to you "and we do want to know" Percy is doing well in Toronto- but will come here when he can be spared & has a post to go into C. Pacific R I dare say say. He has not weakened an iota in his attachment- tho' they do not correspond, & there is no engagement. I do not think he wd. ever weaken- he is of the unchangeable sort. I hear his Beard is "intense" quite of the Charles Stuart type. The children are growing fast. May particularly you will be so surprised when you see her. She is getting quite womanly but as girlish as ever in her ways. She is as loyal to you, as Percy is to Ruth. Her letter was written in bed under great difficulties. I hope you will be able to read it. Please excuse defects in mine. We have no luxuries in the Attic & my stylographic has the sulks- Grant says "it has taken the injection perhaps". I will write again soon & tell you how we get out of our difficulties. With best wishes

Yours very truly

Marian Francis