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I have forwarded yours to May at Coll.
She is at Helmuth Coll., London, O. she
is allowed to write & receive any letters being
a trustworthy girl.

(Mrs. Marian Francis to Dr. Ogden)

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Dear Dr. Ogden,

I am glad you were not insulted- I remembered that you were a dignified Professor now instead of a Medical Student but I cd. not resist the temptation to send you that Giraffe, in memory of old times. The Dr. was here at Xmas for a few days and went on to Montreal where Dr. Howard & I think Cameron joined him they went on to the Philadelphia Centennial. Dr. Roddick has just been there he has troublesome eczema on his hands. He thinks from the new anti septic solution in use now. Dr. Rogers has no time now to keep up correspondence. I hear he is very busy & so successful. I am so glad- I do not know if they have more than two children- I was sure he wd. succeed eventually. I did not hear of or from Mr. Cantlie this Xmas. I taxed his good nature too severely I am afraid last year- I gave him a difficult & I fear it proved to him an expensive commission- looking up a sweet young lady who had run away with a 'neer do well' Mr. Cantlie is so good natured you know, that possibly he did not mind much, but I shall be glad when I can see him & square up things which are difficult to arrange by letter- Percy & Ruth are as happy as happy can be- I am an (expectant) G. mother. Now I must devote one page to May.- I have just sent her off to Helmuth College which is now a first class institution. I hope to keep her there 2 years altho it is a pinch for my income. She has grown such a fine pretty attractice girl & is so clever & merry that I found she was getting far too much attention- from "all sorts & conditions of men"- So I decided that while whe was yet 'heart whole', it wd. be well to ensure her remaining so, for a couple of years at least & it gives her also a great opportunity in Art Music singing etc. She has a lovely contralto voice & can play anything by ear- I have only postponed my anxieties I fear for 2 years- I know I shall not be able to keep her long- She has that fatal gift of attractiveness I can only trust she may make a happy choice- instead of a foolish one.- This is indeed a Mother's rave but I know you take a very kindly interest in her. The other children are all well & going to school even the 3 year old Kindegartner. Grant has grown a fine handsome looking fellow, he is doing well in Mr. Osler's office with Percy, he is as steady as a Rock. High collars & a dress suit- quite 'the family Dude'. I hear from friends in Montreal that as Dr. Arthur Browne increases in popularity, so my dear Dr. Howard decreases. He has tried to keep^{up} more work, than he could well attend to. I lay that at Mrs. Howard's door- Jared is not as popular either a/s I hoped he might be- I shall look out for 'Letters to Dead Author's it sounds unique. When you want any news that I can give you be sure to write- I have always enough time & it is a great pleasure to me to keep my valued friends in sight (figuratively) I am glad you have plenty of clinical amusement. I wish I could help you to sort the old Journals for Binding. I have served an apprenticeship at that- between my father & Dr. Osler. I have written fast with a stylographic pen & I fear my bad writing will bother you., especially when the agony is prolonged to two sheets full. With kindest remembrances from Percy, Auntie, & all the juveniles Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Marian Francis