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Dear Dr. Ogden,

I do not know which of us is responsible for this long lapse of correspondence but knowing your many engagements I take the initiative. Your father & mother were good enough to take a deal of trouble to hunt us up when they passed thro' Toronto & I am very glad they did. I was so charmed with them; indeed they are both so handsome, that it was a treat to sit only & look at them! I stayed an inconscionable time & could hardly tear myself away! I am so glad you saw dear Dr. Rogers, was it not a pleasure to see him again? I am sure he appreciated your going to meet him. I send you some faces which I hope will be welcome- the two little girls- much more lively & wicked than they look in the picture,- are Gwendolyn 8 years old & Beatrice (your god daughter) six years old. She gives promise of much beauty & goodness so do not feel much burdened by a responsibility, which may be, you had forgotten. The other two are Grant & May- May has surpassed our fond expectations & is just as nice & pretty as we could wish- that "nice" includes everything but she is tall- graceful, stylish, plenty of 'chic' very entertaining- She sings beautifully & draws very well; indeed is so attractive that I feel sure I must make up my mind to lose her early she is so much run after already- I am keeping her at Hellmuth until Xmas- which is discipline for her & me, as I miss her dreadfully from home. Please excuse a fond mother's ravings & I will proceed on other matters- The other picture you will know for myself, I hope.- Dr. Osler has removed to Walnut Street & I hope will be successful there. I trust I may live to see, both you and he at Johns Hopkins University; which seems the place for you.- The rest of my family are well. Little Auntie just the same little Auntie. Percy & his sweet wife are so happy in their cozy little home, with a jolly little son, testifying in support of my theory of the advantage of early marriages! I hope you will come over this summer we have ahouse at the middle Island(Toronto) in summer- & the children live in the water & get tanned like Indians- we shall be so glad to have you. May tells me there are some Milwaukee girls at the college who know you. I am

Yours affectionately

Marian Francis