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(Mrs. Marian Francis to Dr. Ogden)

126 Milton Avenue  
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Dear Dr. Ogden,

I received yours this morning & I hasten to reply- a letter costs so little, either in "trouble time or money" that I feel ones friends should never be allowed to look for one in vain- I quite supposed that I had written you at Xmas. I know that I intended doing so & so did May for I remember she was much pleased at your kind thoughtfulness in sending her the pretty Pansy Almanac. Her Xmas holidays were all too short, & since then she has been very busy making the most of her last term, as he leaves at Easter to bring "Sunshine & life" to her home. You have started so many subjects in my mind that I hardly know where to begin First however let me say how glad we shall all be to see you this autumn could you not take Toronto first so as to catch us taking holiday in our cottage at the Island.- Dr. Osler is coming, & I am sure would like to time his visit to suit yours & we would have a jolly "reunion" It wd. be too mean to "divide a week between Toronto & Hamilton" meaning giving H. the best share come here first & curtail N.Y. if needs be. You can have rest & Freedome, wh. you will need to begin your holiday. I will look up a letter from Mr. Cantlie presently, & give you some choice quotations- he writes seldom, but when he does write he makes up for former omissions I heard from Dr. Roger's lately- we had the pleasure of seeing him this summer- he tells me you are an enthusiast at baseball! My sister (Miss Osler) knows Mr. Osborne & she raves about him- I think he is very good & nice altho I only know him by sight- I like Miss Osborne she & my sister are comrades in good works- The Osbornes keep an old dog- who hates me- because I have a dog, who chews him & he will not allow me to call there, even without my dog- I expect Mr. U. is going into the Church- I see he attends Daily service & all his family are most religious. Dr. J. Howards marriage is postponed on account of the serious illness of Miss Smith- cause of illness not announced. Mr. & Mrs. Smith are not favourable to the match Mrs. Smith speaks of her prospective son in law as the D wh. is not encouraging. Percy & Ruth are two happy turtle doves & their little son is all the fondest Grandmother could wish & is idolized by his little uncles & aunts. Grant is quite the man with a small but promising growth on the upper lip. He is in the head office of the Dominion had a rise & bonus last week & is steady as a rock. He is not for medicine but Willie looks forward to Philadelphia as his destination if Dr. Osler remains there. Brick is to be the future 'Bull dog of the Canadian Bar', & Jim bids fair to be the future giant of the worlds show. We are a very merry household- all well & happy- poor & prosperous. By the Bye there are, or were, two young ladies from Milwaukee at Hellmuth College with May they spoke of you as "a great flirt" we have not been accustomed to regard you in that light, & are inclined to think it a scandal! My two little girls are beauties but their photo does not do them that justice you must see them & judge for yourself. Dr. Osler was here last week for a consultation on Mrs. Christopher Robinson, so we saw him for 2 days he is the same old sixpence he is writing papers on the Nervous diseases of children & has children on the Brain. he dances along the street singing as he goes- as of old. I suppose you have read 'Barnes of N.Y!' & 'Porter of Texas' 'Chestnuts' perhaps with you. We shall be so glad to welcome you- don't fail to come & let us know when; that Dr. Osler may arrange, if possible, to be here. Thanking you for your remembrance

Believe me, ever

Yours very truly

Marian Francis