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(Mrs. Marian Francis to Dr. Ogden)

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Dear Dr. Ogden,

I cannot tell you how sorry & disappointed we all were when we found that you were ill & could not pay us the long looked forward to visit. What a dreary time you must have had in New York I wish we had stayed to nurse you. I am glad your sisters are here I saw them today in Church, & I have promised to go & see them with May tomorrow. We will try to know each other a little better this visit. I enclose you an extract from a Baltimore paper which I am sure will interest you. It was nice to see you again. I am sorry your visit to New York disagreed with you- Physically mine agreed with me well, but the unusual holiday has upset me for the routine of daily work. I feel quite unwilling to settle down to monotonous daily occupations I had a lovely time at Port Hope- my three boys are so happy there & doing well. They all adore Mr. Nicolls he is "sweetness & light" I am not susceptible, but I too feel in love with him- quite in a sisterly cousinly or Motherly kind of way, of course! May thinks you might have found us cracked enough to study, without going to the insane extreme in Hamilton. She competes tomorrow evening for the scholarship in Music at the Conservatory of Music Toronto. She has had some hard work & I fear me has little chance as there are some strong competitors. I think she is sure of the scholarship in Elocution at Xmas, wh they offer, as she has already won the Hellmuth one. Music singing Franch elocution drawing & painting keep her pretty busy. Mr. Francis is in New Brunswick & returns to England in a few days I shall hope soon to hear of your convalescence, & if you are better, could you not come over for a day or two & fetch your sisters? I would like you to see how pretty May's room is, & there are so many of your gifts old & new, adorning it. Pictures you gave to her, & to dear Grant in the old days. By the bye speaking of the old days have you ever realized that your Godchild "little Misery" lived, & is prospering now, & will when she fattens be I think The Beauty of the family She was privately baptized, if you remember, as a 'derpier resort' on the day, on which you gave Jared Howard the gold medal! You will be proud to acknowledge your goddaughter when you know her I am sure. Dr. Rogers is G. Father to her sister one year older who is named by the boys- "The Missus" & "Cyclone Francis"! but your girl is all love & gentleness with large pathetic brown eyes- like an Alderney cow. I wd. not write you such a long rambling letter only I know you have leisure just now. Of course you got your overcoat all right I thought you wd. enquire at the office of the Hotel. Still hoping to see you & with love from Auntie May & the children Believe me

Sincerely yours

Marian Francis.