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Dear Mr. Ogden,

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I was pleased to receive yours & should have replied sooner but every moment of time has been fully occupied. We landed into a damp house & the Spring was late & cold- & I have been kept busy anxiously nursing little ones- 2 of them took Pneumonia & Baby has been a most severe case, he ought to have died over & over again, but as he was not a single child, but only an eleventh, & a seventh son, he has survived, but the magnificent Giant is brought very low & as for nursing, I don't know when I have slept & I feel as tho I had been buried & done for & someone has dug me up again unfit for live! I am so glad you have seen Mr. Cantlie, we should enjoy to see him. I hope he will come to Toronto at some time. I suppose he told you of the Landlord's engagement & marriage- He was bound to make a mistake at last! From what I hear, as I feared she would, she is leading him an exciting life. I wonder wh. will keep the inside of the house. She puts on so much side, & wants a servant to carry her train in the house! I hear she is buying most extravagant finery & charging it to him! Won't he enjoy that when reckoning day comes! Such is report!! The Dr. is enjoying Berlin with Dr. Howard. He sails on the 7th for Canada & hopes to be in Toronto on the 18 or 19 of August- that will be a glad day for all of us- we miss him dreadfully I longed so for him while the children were so ill. Dr. Graham has been attending them. He is awfully kind, but I do not think I should ever rave about him. Percy is quite settled here & is doing well, he has a lovely sailing Boat 20 feet long by I don't know how much. She has two large sails & a centre board, & goes like the wind- beats all the rest. This is a equipment to the juniors. The children are all improving in looks & every respect- May is quite tall, I am afraid she will be too tall unless she stops growing soon- I asked her her weight but she absolutely refuses to tell & says "I am so mean" & that she will write to you & say I weight 172, & of course I don't think here is 124 she is improving very much & is quite pretty, & so useful & merry it is a great pleasure toher at home from school. for this term, & she is utilizing the time by learning cooking H. keeping & to sew.- I am quite out of the way of getting news wh wd interest you so I am obliged to make this quite egostical- I suppose you know Pembroke St. it is full of H. Chestnut trees & Leads to the Hortel. Gardens- We had to take this house & street or noen there are no houses to be had here, & the city grows very fast.- I do not know Mr. Cantlie's address wd. it be too much to ask you after you have read this letter to forward it with one I enclose from May to him, as I feel so sorry not to have written him long ago- but I never have been so rushed for time. With love from us all Believe me

Always yours very truly,

Marian Francis