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(Mrs. Marian Francis to Dr. Ogden)

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My dear Dr. Ogden

I feel I have been such a careless friend lately- my correspondence has been so unsatisfactory. May was so pleased to have your letter congratulating her on her recovery from the (Chronic) Typhoid she had 8 weeks of it but is quite well now & strong. I hope your sisters will be able to go to Germany so many girls have gone from here to improve in music and singing & they write such glowing accounts- How sad we have all felt at the dear Dr's illness & death. Dr. Osler started at once from Pa. when he heard it was Pneumonia & stayed with him until he died- He was quite conscious- so glad to have him (Mrs. Howard cd. not come into his room at all!) & he died quietly & peacefully- then Dr. O' went to Ottawa as he was summoned from Pa in consultation double- Pope- he prognosticated unfavorably, & is proved correct as I see he is dead- then Dr. O went to Pa staying 3 hours here on his way thro this week, he lectures & has a Med reception in N.Y. I hope this is not all stale news but I am doing my best of course you know Mrs. Jared Howard has a son & they are doing well.- My boys are quite jolly at Port Hope & more & more in love with your friend Mr. Nicholls I wish lent was over for his sake & the boys- he inculcates giving up their most nourishing food by precept & example wh. for growing boys or nervous men is an error. You say the Dr. should get married What about you? I thought you wd. have set him a good example, long before this. I know Mrs. Usborne much better now & I like her very much; her eldest boy is at Port Hope- they have left Sherbourne St. I remember Mr. Grant well- he was a friend of yours- I am sure he will enjoy visiting you The Dr. will room at the Hospital (J.H.) Till he finds suitable locality etc for H.keeping & in Sept. hopes to take ^{a house} & be a Bohemian no more. No wife tho'! He has lots of offers. May is always urging her claims on him, & he remains always "considering her proposition"- I am afraid every year older men grow harder to suit. My dear young Percy has two sons now & is a pattern husband & father theirs is indeed an agapemone (I hope that is spelt right if it looks wrong remember you are near sighted. I hope you have regained the 15 lbs. you lost & many more? I wonder how dear Mr. Cantlie is please remember us to him when you write & tell us all about him when you are good enough to reply to this. Of course you have read Jonathan's Continent I have just finished Anna Katerina Tolstoi's it is very good- not that I wd. let May read it, but for those who know the world. Your N.Y. pictures are May's art treasures, & decorate her pretty little room- Shall you be able to come down this summer we shall be so glad to have you at the island or here for a visit.

With love from all the family

Yours very truly

Marian Francis