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(Mrs. Marian Francis to Dr. Ogden)

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Dear Dr. Ogden,

I have been intending to write you one of my old friendly letters for such a long time past. I was miserably disappointed at not seeing you that Sunday when you made such an heroic attempt at calling on me- I was amused at your thinking May was rather "triste" for when I came home she told me- She felt so disappointed, that you treated her like such a grown up young lady- while her inclination she said was to stand on the table & spring into your arms like old days- I told her it was well you put her on her dignity & saved your own bones. I often think, how little we know, what our companion feels towards us- indifference is often put on to hide too much feeling. I wish we could have met in N.Y. this year but you are much mistaken in thinking we did not enjoy our meeting you did not seem 'delapidated' & you were as ever most kind. May has been in Baltimore staying with Dr. Osler- & they have all appreciated her so highly, a good deal for his sake, no doubt, but she is very companionable & entertaining & I feel so pleased that he quite enjoyed her visit- He brought her home again on Xmas eve.- The boys do better & better at Port Hope. I hear most flattering accounts- Gwyn is said to be the favourite of the school Brick the best at sports- & Willie the cleverest in the school this is a good record- & it comes from the other Boys- We have had such happy Xmas holidays & perfect weather- steady cold- I never knew such a delightful season in Toronto.- It is delightful to look forward to seeing you at the World's fair, but I hope to see you long before that --- Although you do not hear from us often I can assure you you are very well remembered in this family- The boys spoke of you often during the holidays they never forgot the joke of giving you the mumps & so many funny little exploits at Lake Memphiamagog return to their minds.- With very best wishes for this New Year, & with kindest remembrances to your mother & sisters Believe me

Your affecte. friend

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