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"The Parsonage,"

Weston, Ont. 25 Dec^r 1870

My dear Coler,

Your very affectionate & thoughtful gift & letter are both at hand. The Photo. is very good. I am delighted to have it. Mother has surely agreed with you. I could not ask a greater treat than such a work as "Preparation for Death" by Alfonso. Bp of Legation. The subject is one of all others that I like best; really believing as I do that "better is the day" "of a mans death, than the day of his" "birth." It is divided into short meditations just suited to my time early in the morning, when I can generally make 1/2 an hour before I go down

to Chapel. Talking of the Chapel
almost every one feels it is a success.
One thing seems pretty clear, that al-
most any thing would be admitted
now in the way of adornment. The
cross stands out or peeps through at every
arch & every window & we had two va-
ses of flowers on the altar ~~last~~^{to} night
& up at the Church the girls have made
crosses between each window & even
unhappy Couron, begins to fancy he
can ~~even~~ permit ^{these} & still worship.
These little things are in advance to a
certain extent, but still it is humiliating
to see how little we accomplish. Surely
one might expect that at this season of
Advent a few would try to examine
their ways & seek counsel & advice at
the mouth of Gods ambassadors. Among

The papists here seems to be a gene-
ral waking up during advent. In the
city where they are thronging daily to
confession before Ymas. Possibly they
may err greatly in this, but do not we
err in totally neglecting it. Your sister
most kindly called before she went
home. She gave me quite a full ac-
count of you & how you were occupied
all wh. I was delighted to hear. I am
glad you saw Prof. Dawson, You know
all I base of the Polygon & any thing
you want I will gladly draw write
or send. Prof. Muir's hopes to give me
the name of the (Lava?) with such beau-
tiful tentacles. Show it to Prof Dawson &
see if he knows any thing of it.
 Hoping you may live & be blessed in
fulfilling all your hopes & expectations
Believe me
very very affectionately yours
W. A. Johnson.

W. A. Johnson
75 Dec. 1870