

From James Bovell to W

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~~Bovell's two unmarried sisters (?)~~

My dear Boy,

I have no one who I love better than yourself, and altho' I have been careless in writing it has been caused by my hard work and ever increasing trouble. However I need not burden you with my griefs, which my sisters will tell you of when you call on them. Find them at 193 Hampstead Road, Regents Park, N.W. tell them I asked you to call to introduce you to Stuart. I more than rejoice at your success and if you will only go on as you have been doing the end is clear. I am at a loss what to say about your settlement. I still cling to the notion of India as I know that no such field for fortune and fame is open to man elsewhere. Canada for some time to come must be limited in resources sufficiently remunerative, whereas India with its teeming population and immense wealth in Native Princes and Merchants affords all a professional man can desire. The Church here is in an awful state, it is being disestablished and disendowed and the negroid life is a very sorry one to work upon. Methodism has eaten Christianity out of them and in place of it they have an emotional system which employs the phrases and language of Christians which is entirely void of life or principle.

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I would give anything Johnson could be induced to come here, there is a vacant Parish, 130£ sure for a time and 130£ Itg. more, easily made up. Of course with a good but low-church Bishop we can't have Vestments but I take care to have all I can in order. I have just finished a reredos the centre panel of which has a Cross 18 inches high. The new altar is quite correct and altho' I am not permitted to stand in the middle front, I do for primary consecration stand at the North W. corner, but kneel in front at receiving and saying the service. I have sent home to my sister a Manuscript of all Hooker has said on the Eucharist. It is now lawful so I think if it was published separately it would do good. He is plain. There is a real actual veritable presence of Christ, because He is the Son of God and His Presence so caused involves His Humanity as inseparable from His Divine Nature, and so as really present His Word causes The Blessed Sacrament to be to us and in us His life-giving Humanity. I will write next Mail. - Post time up.

Yrs. ever

J. BOVELL.