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(W. A. Johnson to Jas. Bovell Johnson)

"The Parsonage"
Weston Nov^r 13th 1874

My dear Jimmie

Your "post card" is received. I have nothing to write about. All hopes (as far as I can see) of my going to Montreal are taken away. No doubt it is good for me. Dear Maggie & her children are getting on in their own way. She is anything but satisfied to all appearance, so I am tenfold thankful I never urged them to come to the Parsonage. There is nothing new here. I am getting the chapel ready for Advent. It is slow work for I am more alone than I ever was. I do not know that I can promise you \$40⁰⁰ every month. I find it very difficult to get along just now: but hope to manage some how or other. Please take time to give me on a piece of paper an a/c of what you have received & how spent except the \$4⁰⁰ p month w^h is your own. It is a great trouble to me to be long without this a/c. It is my only means of seeing what I have done & what I have got to do. Those two members of the Guild St L. are a constant grief to me. The work of the C.B.S. for w^h I had plans w^h with Gods' blessing must have succeeded is sadly hindered. I longed to see Mr Wood "in re" but I fear it may not be. God forgive those who are hindering us. Hunt the Pro. has resigned & there is any amount of trouble in the Guild. / If newspaper reports be true, I see you are having a pretty fair sprinkling of smallPox down with you. How is my well beloved W.O. getting on. I must take time to write to him. Tell him I feel I have neglected him. I have been so disappointed & each day a fresh little trouble, so that I can not find time or heart for anything. The Ch Assoⁿ alias persecution CoY is doing or going to do its utmost so I understand by having a missionary society of its own a students fund & c & c. If this be so, it will the sooner accomplish what good is in itself & at the same time bring some few energetic & thoughtful men to the front. The D^r (Bovell) wrote me a letter the other day. He says he has been seven weeks on his back in the bed. I will enclose it by the way you would like to see it, & so would Osler. Please return it to me I want to answer it. All are well here. / Willie was out this A.M. He is not doing well, but probably there is a good cause. He brought some long tale about an article in the "Sun" about M^s Whitneys elopement with Bailey (?) that young man with light hair, who was here with her or after her, now & then. He says they robbed M^s Slikeman of \$700 & watches & c. This is the old story, how true it is I can not tell you. I trust you are doing a little & steadily. It is the only way to succeed. Never set any store by one great effort, for you will be deceived whatever you may think to the contrary. I hope Wood will enjoy his trip. It is a great blessing, to be lifted now & then to a clearer & higher moral atmosphere. Perhaps my turn will come some day. I have long looked for it. Remember me kindly to Henderson. I had the pleasure of seeing him when he was up. He kindly came out to Weston, but I could not urge him to stop the night, therefore I saw less of him than I might have done. Wishing you health & happiness & Gods blessing with it

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Ever your affec-- father
W. A. Johnson