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"The Parsonage"

Winton Oct<sup>r</sup>. 19<sup>th</sup> - 1874

My dear Jimmie,

I have received yours  
of the 14<sup>th</sup> dis. & thank you for the in-  
formation about the coal stores. I feel  
sorry it caused you any trouble or del.  
I had hoped to have paid you a visit  
by this time, but alas! I am more tied  
than ever. I believe I only did, as I would  
like to be done by, in telling your dear sister  
she was welcome to the Parsonage, so I have  
nothing to complain of, & these marked dis-  
appointments are good for me, but much  
as I wish it, & much good as I think I could  
do by it, still I feel there is but little hope  
of my getting down to Montreal for a week or  
two. It may happen, but I do not see how.  
I fancied I had some little trifles to



look after when I was here alone: but  
it is worse with six more to look af-  
ter. Perhaps things will be better soon.  
Maggie may possibly get a servant  
she able to manage for herself, if so, I will  
take a turn to see you if possible. Tell  
Prof<sup>r</sup> W. Cole, I have not forgotten him  
his message about Louisa on the  
10th; but have put off writing, hoping  
still to see him. I will write him if all  
be well, in a few days. Ask him if he  
puts up any specimens to put up one  
or two for me, be they ever so indifferent  
I would like to have them. When I can  
get to town I will send you a little more  
money though it would be well to tell me  
in  $\$$  about what you require: for I  
am ignorant of what may be the value  
of any thing you have to buy. Willie



was out here yesterday for an hour or  
two with one of the Perraus. There was  
nothing new about here. I trust you are making  
the most of your opportunities both religious  
& secular. You ought to <sup>should</sup> go & see your Prof:  
now & there, & also you, go & see Mr. Wood occa-  
sionally. By doing this as a duty, you will  
keep yourself up to your work, as well as keep  
up a useful acquaintance with your teach-  
ers, pastors, & masters. If you come across  
a case of Trichina sp. Sarcophaga (etc insect)  
or any varieties of entozoa, (worms) or any  
microscopic peculiarity, try to keep some  
or send it to me, for I have not any-  
thing of this kind among my slides at  
present. Wishing you health & comfort  
& every blessing believe me

Yours affec<sup>t</sup>: father  
W. A. Johnson

To James Bovell Johnson. See Bulletin Hist. Med., March 1939,  
7: 335-51, "Letters of a devoted father to an unresponsive son", by  
N. B. Gowen, to whom I sent a copy of this letter today. S. xii. 39.

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