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

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My dear Jimmie,

Just as I was going to write you I got a telegram announcing M^{rs} Howard Bovells death. Doubtless it is all well with her, but Howard will feel his loss a good deal; & I do too. She was very kind to me, very considerate, & I was more at home with her than any where in Toronto. I intended to send a cheque with this, but can not get to town. I think before Saturday; however you shall have some money in a few days. How about xmas now very near at hand? What do you wish to do. Do you wish to stay in Montreal or stay at Weston? Have not any inducements to hold out save the delight it may give me, if you happen to rest contented for a few days at Weston. I can not imagine the merely going to Toronto to knock about in so called "society" will do you any good whatever, but I will furnish the money for travelling if you wish to come home. Does Prof. Osler come up? Be sure you bring me some kind of specimens, for the Microscope. I have been reading "Handbook for the Physiological Laboratory" by Brunton Foster, Klein & Sanderson. Arthur lent it to me. If you could only go quietly through that book, it ought to be \$500 a year to you, without ever leaving the house, every year of life afterwards. Would that I had time to go into it, Old as I am, I would master it in a year or so. It contains all that rudimentary knowledge & description of appliances methods &^c. & well defined normal tissues &^c from w^h a student may go on to the end. Prof. Osler has it. If I recollect he shewed it me, when I first saw him at Dundas after his return from England.

Try & mind your spelling as much as possible. It is infinitely better. Vaccinate comes from Vacke a cow so it cannot have an x in it but double cc. Keep up to your resolve about reading for 5 minutes & when I see you, or if not I will write & tell you better reading that you can have. Let me hear from you on receipt of this, & let me know what you want to pay just now, & whether you will come home at xmas. May God bless & protect you, is the constant prayer of your very affect^e father

W. A. Johnson