

Osler character

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

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My dear Jimmie

Your last dated the 6^h Ins^e (Sunday is very welcome. It breathes a spirit of consideration from whⁱ much good may come. We ought not to look for much consideration in youth, but the entire absence of it fortells selfishness in its worst for us. Youth to be what it ought from a x^tian point of view, should always be considerate enough to test actions by principles. Delighted as I would be to see you, I can not but see that you have chosen the better part, & am sure God will bless your determination.

I am not surprised at your not taking up with Prof^r Osler. He is an Osler, & there is that in him unless I am much mistaken whⁱ you must never admire. He wanted me to let you board with him, but I never encouraged such an idea, while at the same time I thought it unwise either to refuse it or so to neglect it as to make it difficult to take advantage of it if you wished. I would like to write you a good deal on the Osler character, but am too poorly. One thing only I see worthy of your imitation, that is, its Application. There does not appear to be any talent about them: or any high principles of action. Simply great application and, probably? the motive is money making. It is well to be able to see & speak with persons shewing some marked characteristics. Osler is one whose characteristic is application. In him then you will see what may be done by application, but not from the same motive. I have not been well since Saturday last: & suffered with such terrible irritation of & wind in the bowels that I am writing under the effects of large doses Liq: Opii. sed. & it makes me quite sick at stomach, so I must stop. I hope soon to be better & will try to write you at greater length: My muscles are weak from the Opii. & I can hardly hold the pen. I send you cheque. Keep your monthly \$4 and keep \$4 more as a x^tmas box. Let me hear as often as you can: & about any or everything for although I cannot do much for you, still the more I know, the more pointed my prayers for you. Do not let your x^tmas Vaca. be lost in mere frivolities. Your danger is want of application. Most generous characters are deficient in it: therefore make an easy reasonable rule for x^tmas including so many festive occasions &^c & strive to act up to it. My will to write is greater than my power just now. God bless & take care of you. Send an a/c of money received.

Your very affect^e father
W. A. Johnson