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New H. Wood

1 Portland Place
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My dear Principal

Your kind note is
just received and allow me
to suggest that you can serve
us and yet be relieved of that
gloom which you shrink, the
conducting of the regular service
of a Congregation. The work
for which God has specially
endowed you is that for which the
Pulpit is instituted viz. building
up Christian manhood "and he
gave some apostles & some prophets
some evangelists and some pastors
and teachers for the perfecting of the
saints for the edifying of the body of Christ."

If you will kindly
Consent to give a Bible
Reading on any topic
you may select - I will
Announce it as such.
and secure one of our
Super. anointed Ministers
or Local Preachers to announce
the Hymns. offer the prayers
& Conduct the service leaving
the Lessons & Teaching alone
in your hands. —

You will have then a Bible
Class, a very large one it is true
but very attentive, and an
opportunity for doing good
which any devout thoughtful

Christian might well covet.
There will be required no more
effort of voice to fill the Church
than you expend in our ordinary
Bible Class. -

There will be nothing irregular
as all the Churches now recognize
such Lay-agency. The Methodist
Church, pre-eminently. There is
no ordination higher than God's
and the grand proof that a
man is called of God to teach
others is when he qualifies
him.

I believe the moral effects upon
any congregation of one so
distinguished in science
standing up in my pulpit
and simply plainly expounding
the truths of God's word would be
incalculably blessed. Pardon

my persistence. If I have read
rightly between the lines of your
note I do not understand
you as declining the
invitation but as shrinking
from what you have never
ventured to do. - All that I
now ask is, that you will kindly
give a Bible Lesson on the
evening named and I will
secure another to conduct the
unfamiliar part of the Service.

Trusting that this will meet
your approval, that our
people may have the pleasure
of hearing you

Yours very truly

Principal W. Dawson

Joseph Johnston