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The Parsonage,
St. Philip's, Weston,
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My dear Osler,

Your kind letter was duly received & gave me much pleasure. I hope your connection with McGill will prove an advantage to you in many ways. The size of the city & its various opportunities may prove of service alone, & the change of ideas together with seeing & knowing different persons ought to be of great service too. Jimmy tried the examination & failed not in things of any importance, but as the examination was suited chiefly for aged school masters & such like, who might not have been within reach of early opportunities of knowledge & the rudiments of a liberal education, yet in this age of advancement ought not to be shut out, it was chiefly on English grammar from one book used in the common schools of Ont. Jimmy did not know any thing. I was glad of it, as you may suppose, because

as the matriculation examination was then carrying on at Trin: Coll: I went to the Provost who told me to send him & he went in then & there & is now at Trin: Coll: The Provost tells me they will certainly have a school of Medicine in connexion with the Coll: next year. & for the present he may take lectures where he pleases & they shall count. I send you by this mail a little bottle wh you will get at easily by picking away the corks with your pen knife at both ends & the bottle will drop out. It contains specimens of my stranger. Vaginicola? I suppose but can not find anything in my illustrations like it. The two that are attached, one to a green leaf, the other a dry, were free when I put them into a saucer, but soon attached themselves to something. the others are parts a head, a case. &c all in glycerine in wh they shew well. They put up well in Balsam

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too, but are less distorted in Gly^e. No doubt some naturalist will tell you the name If so let me know. The tentacles are very like those of Hydra. I believe the specimens to be larvæ of some insect myself & if it could be watched we might soon know all about it. I say larvæ because they are found of tentimes empty the case & the tentacles only. The body & little booklets gone. Thus I found the tentacles only some years ago. I send you also a copy of Taylor's Holy Living. I have returned to my habit as a boy of reading a few lines of it every morning before going down stairs, & am not a little pleased to see in it the origin of all my religious that is practically religious ideas. It is a little book well worth using as a friend Its teaching is higher than any High Church ism of the present day & in many things more plainly to the point. Liking Sir T. Browne & as you do, you will be pleased with it &

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I trust & pray it may long be your friend & companion. We have not anything new doing here. The Dr. (Bovell) is not likely to return this year. poor Mrs. Howland longs to see him. I have been obliged to persuade her to send for Dr Phelbrick. & he is attending her now. Dr Ogden did attend her but he said he could not do anything for her & that she must eat & drink all she could. It was a hard life for her after attentions such as Dr. Bovell paid to her every want & Phelbrick promised me he would not neglect her. & seems to be very attentive. She is mending again a little, ~~though~~ though very low. We have fewer of all kinds round us here & I understand you have plenty of them Montreal too. Remember me very kindly to your Sister & tell me who you find in Montreal to talk to about religious or Church matters, as well as scientific. Let me hear from you frequently. It is a sort of duty I would like to exact from you, as well as a great pleasure to me. Hoping it will please God to bless you with health of mind & body & a strong zeal for Christ's welfare believe me ever faithfully yours

W. A. Johnson