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to Potter an optician
or Smith

"The Parsonage" Weston 19 Oct. 1875

My dear Oles,

Enclose my cheque. My bad business habits made me delay longer than I ought. I find the instrument all I could wish. Have not adjusted the focusing prism yet, but when Potter receives his consignment in all probability he will have ^{one} to imitate, & then I will send mine. My thoughts often return to you & your surroundings. I am very glad I went to Montreal enjoying a capability of thinking of you all & understanding what you are doing, wh^{ch} I could not before. Moreover I added greatly to my friends. Your cousin M.^r is a good soul: fortunate for you young man to have such a relative. Her hints & her meaning, her allusion, "care" her hopes & longings are towards practical holiness. She tries to do what she ought. So her promise will be fulfilled. He that doeth the will of God shall know of the doctrine. She may have a doubt, but only long enough to prepare the mind to know & enjoy the truth; she may have a trouble, but only so long, & so cease, as to perfect some grace that God will approve in her. You are indebted to her for taking me so kindly to a stranger's house. God perfect in her all she loves to see & reward her for it, here & hereafter. Do if you think of it some day, tell her how much I esteem her kind hospitality. I shall long remember it. I did not go to Montreal expecting acceptance of my person in any way, accustomed to be looked upon as an extreme man such kindness surprised me, rather than otherwise. It has taught me a lesson, wh^{ch} I am always practicing, but have still been erring in, (viz) not to judge of other people at all. Mr. Wood too, I remember with much pleasure

I can communicate freely with you, if necessary. The scientific
men too. Prof. Dawson & Mr. Whitcomb. Could not you beg a
bit of Logan's Cambrian from him for me to grind. Might I accustom
to write him a line I want to know about his Sporangites,
they are very curious. You kept seven skins pinned on them
clearly. I want to know if he has written anything in it &
where. I am ashamed to trouble him & ashamed also to
remain in ignorance. The specimens you gave me are
quite a treat. They got home all right. If you are acquaint-
ed with a botanist in M. ask him to name the three
ferns we found on the Mountain the small one, the mid-
dle sized (with leaf with No. 7.) & the large one. You will be
glad to hear I am much better of my trip. I was not well
all summer before I went away. My love to Jimmie when
you see him. Remember me most kindly & thankfully to Mr.
Z. & with best wishes for yourself spiritually & temporally

Believe me

Ever your very affl. friend

P.D.

Mr. A. Johnston.

D. B. is much as usual. A good deal inclined to take
to his bed room. Feels the cold greatly. Our heated house
has given Mr. B. with a bad cold, but she seems to be
getting better again. M.J.