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(W. A. Johnson to Jas. Bovell Johnson) 42

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My dear Jimmie.

I enclose you another cheque for \$25⁰⁰. Out of it please pay Mr. Henderson for the little books he has sent & those he is to send, & let me have the a/c - What about xtmas are you coming home? or would you rather not? Let me know so that I may arrange for you if necessary. I am very sorry to hear M^{rs} F. has typhoid fever: please make a point of calling for me & let me know how she is, & seems likely to do. I was going to send you a small box to put a few specimens into now you are becoming interested in the microscope. I see by Maggie's letter you have some diatoms: they are my delight, so be sure to let me see them. If you would try to get a little diatomaceous earth or fossil or modern foraminiferous earths &^c or a bit of eozoon &^c &^c I would enjoy it greatly. If there are any microscopists in Montreal the probability is they have plenty in bits of paper. I had any quantities before I disposed of the old case. If you are coming up at xtmas bring them with you & take a box back or if you want one I will send it by Express. I have tried to read Prin^e Dawson's book "Earth & Man" & it disgusts me. It will be some time before I buy a book of his again but it is not necessary to say so. Doubtless is he a good geologist (ie) knows fossils but his reasonings &^c & particularly his religious interminglings are worse than useless. It is to be lamented that all geologists do not at once give up observations on Theology; & be satisfied with what Moses says, & is all they need (viz) that things animate & inanimate, The animal vegetable & mineral kingdoms were originally made by God & that 4 or 6000 years ago. He rearranged these kingdoms for a man or race of men to be made in His image. This does not exclude a pre-Adamite man so he be genus homo, bimanus with body & soul but not body soul & spirit as our homo is. Grikie a brother of D^r Grikie has written an admirable work w^h Hind lent me. It is well worth studying for days together. My kindest rem^s to Prof^r Osler. If he were a geologist I would write enough to him about Dawson. Be sure you gather up some fragments of some kind Human, animal, parisitic (I want some itch insect) vegetable, mineral. They fill up my spare moments & always remind me of the perfections of Him who made all things & saw they were very good. No news here. W. Grubb married. God grant you health & quiet determination to make the most of your opportunities, temporal & spiritual.

Your loving father
W. A. Johnson