

London University

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My dear Jimmy

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I have no time but to write a few words along with a bill of Exchange for you. I have just received your last letter dated Sep<sup>br</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> & am well pleased with it. One or two things only to write in answer. First I thank you for paying E.C.W in full. & will write also send money as soon as I can for Vestments altar beads & candles & directions where to obtain for me.

For my part I am glad you went to London University. I may be right or wrong that I do not know. I have never had an opportunity of knowing. London University is manifestly & I believe most intentionally an infidel foundation. It was begun (I watched it) is continued, & is intended to prosper solely by mans ingenuity knowledge & skill. Like the rods of the magicians before Moses it will do great things, but in the end will not succeed. Still with this knowledge, with this key by wh<sup>ch</sup> to understand it & use it, what advantages you might gain. There is this difficulty every man delights to speak of his coll. with respect if not love. Neither one or the other will you ever observe in men from London U<sup>n</sup>. There is no "Esprit de corps" in it. It has great men, very great, but they are individually great Self is the end. It is the man that makes the institution there, not the institution the man. I wish I had time to shew you what I mean & know "in re" London Uni<sup>v</sup>. Suffice it to say if you go there you will find many excellent opportunities you can not find elsewhere most particularly infidel ideas. What would I give to be well versed in such ideas: but only to disprove them in other people. Probably it is a dangerous school for you my Son. Unquestionably W. Osler shews it was so to him: but there is no good without its evil "no rose without a thorn" When you know this much go on, & go on freely, only do not accept as true what seems on every side to be so. Would that you had time to read "Mivarts Lessons from Nature" & you would say "woe to Darwin Huxley & C<sup>o</sup>" I must close. Many thanks for your letters one & all. God bless & take care of you. In His name go on, get knowledge, wisdom, understanding but only to serve Him therewith: not yourself. Then He will accept your work & give you wisdom & prosperity at His pleasure & to your full.

God bless you  
Your very affec<sup>te</sup> father  
W. A. Johnson.