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Dr. F. S. McKay,

Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Doctor:-

I have received your letter of Sept. 20th and should have answered it, but I have expected every day or so that I would be able to send you the pictures and a further report covering the brown stain in the teeth of your children. I also have your letter of Oct. 29th regarding the teeth that Dr. Ketcham is to get for me. I have one of those teeth already, received it day before yesterday, and he promises me from three to five others from the same mouth, and thinks he will get them. That will help me a whole lot.

I have dissolved out the brown stain completely from one of the worst discolored teeth that I had, and was a little bit surprised at the result, and am somewhat encouraged to try further experimentation. The plan of doing it in this case would not do at all for use in the mouth, though the tooth itself is uninjured. I am very much interested in your report of the examinations in the lower valley of Fountain Creek, and your discoveries there seem to be very important, but how about the examination of the students in the college? I was expecting that to tell a whole lot.

By the way, I have a letter from Dr. H. H. Wilson of Phoenix, Arizona who tells me that he has the same difficulty in his neighborhood that you have in Colorado Springs. He proposed to send some Mexican boys, or one at least, to me here for me to

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determine if it was the same thing or not; he said it could be done without costing more than his fare. I wrote back to him and told him that if there was any one with stained or white teeth who would be passing your place, for you to examine it would answer the same purpose. In the case which Dr. Ketcham sends, the discoloration is the same as that at Colorado Springs, but whether or not this is a sporadic case, and whether the teeth are all of the same character, showing the mottling we find in Colorado Springs, is another question entirely.

I find an occasional spot on teeth here, but the other teeth do not show the same injuries that are seen on the teeth at Colorado Springs, so that the fact that he has one case is not in itself significant or diagnostic, although that case shows the same condition as to stains as are found with you; so I think that ought to be investigated when the time comes. The further investigation of the brown stain has had some surprise for me that will be best explained when I send you the report and pictures.

I enclose two or three cards of the style that many of our men are using in their practice. They will help you a little perhaps as to the use of the letters and figures. You did not say in your letter what you thought of the little scheme that I sent when I sent you the report.

Hoping to hear further from you of any developments, and that you will remember me to Dr. Burton, Dr. Wilson, and others,
I am,

Very truly,

WV Black