

West Hackhurst

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Dorking

Dear Prof Semper,

I am sorry to  
see how long it is since  
I received your letter.  
Let me thank you  
most warmly and  
sincerely for all  
your very kind words  
of sympathy - I know

how strong your feeling for  
father was, and this gives  
so much value to your letter.

I appreciate and sincerely  
admire the ~~feeling~~ <sup>principle</sup> which  
makes you wish to sacrifice  
entirely your own feelings;

I have been so very busy  
that I have not yet read  
the letter to you, but

I cannot help thinking  
that it would be better

for the sake of my father's  
memory, that I should  
not publish anything that  
might be painful to you.  
I will however bear  
in mind your generous  
instructions -

May I send my remembrances  
to Mrs Semper

With many thanks

Yours sincerely

Francis Darwin

