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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~~ principle which makes you wish to sacrifice entirely your own feelings; I have been so very busy that I have not yet read the letters 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