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Prof C. E. Bessey Dear Sir

Thanks for your lines of Feby 23rd. Shall be happy to send you notice as soon as ready with my Fresh Water algae. Am making progress but dependent on printers, have not the work as my entire control. About 250 pages of letter press are finished, and about half of the plates of which there will be 150. Studying by the time consumed by the Printers, & the Lithographers, started early in December. Volume will have to wait three months more to see the end, and then the struggle to make up the large expenses. Will cost more than my Desmids, because more of it. 150 plates. 200 figures &c

Any aid kindly offered shall be gratefully appreciated.

Yours Truly

Francis Wolle

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