

Muzell Ave
 Feb 4/80

Dear George,

I have now received
 of your letter & am
 we have scarcely any thing
 to reply except that college
 work, our endowment scheme,
 my German plants and
 sundry scattering engagements
 have kept me fully employed
 and almost distracted with
 little care. I shall evidently
 if God gives me strength, have
 to work almost night and
 day until April. I have hopes
 yet of the severe cold
 with which I was troubled
 and am now quite fit
 for work again. I managed
 to get a copy of Frankland's
 book, and sent it by a late
 mail. I hope you have received
 it and that it will be useful.
 I am glad you have the
 account of the Francis Packer,

but you will find more trouble in the tracing
than you anticipate; and if you have this
even by the time I come and a table
washed out, I shall be satisfied. I propose
sending the Post-office specimens with me,
and to leave them for you to compare
at your leisure, as I do not hope to
have my paper on P. h. ready before
next winter. I shall enclose, if there is
room, an apt. of Taylor & Walton which you
may pay if quite unimpaired; but there
is no hurry about it. The £10 for Dalglish
is mine. I have ascertained about it from Carpenter.
Tell Dr. Blyth if you see him that I have seen and
read Schimper's new book, and see he has made some
mistakes, about my Argentine plants & pyramids, but the book
is in the shop first.

W.A.