

many years before your
country ^{with} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ down to
the 2d edition. -
I received a little time ago a
paper with good account of
your Herbarium & Library, &
a long time previous your
excellent review of Scott's Picture
= Guide, & I forwarded it to
him in India, as it would
much please him. - I was
very glad to see in it a
new case of Dimorphism (I forget
just now the name of plant)
; I shall be grateful to hear

77 April 19th Dear Emily Kirk
By dear Grace
I have not written for a
long time (& a good job
too perhaps you will think)
, but since receiving your letter
written in Jan^y 19th; but I
have often thought of you
& often wished to write,
but either had other things
to do, or felt too tired.
I have nothing ~~to~~ particular
to say now, but the good
news of Richmond has

skinned me up to write. I
imprudent late you, & I can
do this honestly, as my
Reason has always urged
& ordered me to be
a hearty good wisher
for the north. Though I
could not do so enthusiastically,
as I felt we
were so hated by you. -
Well I suppose we shall
all be proved utterly
wrong who thought that you

could not entirely subscribe to
South. One thing I have
always thought the the
destruction of Slavery would
be well worth a
dozen years war. Two
days ago a very charming
man, enthusiastic for the
north, called here, Mr.
Lange, & he does not
believe that you will
attack us & Canada.
I fear it will take

so fearfully long, the
has the will now
used it. If, however,
you do not like though
it, you will be
an unnatural parent,
for it is your child
Believe me, my dear
Frederic, Yours affectionately

Charles Darwin

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of any other cases, as I still
feel interest in subject. I
shall be very glad to get some
seed of your *Dimorphia*
*Plantago*s; for I cannot
barricade justifying the
must belong to the very
different class like the
the common *Thymus*. How
could the wind, which is
a great agent of fert. with *Plantago*,
fertilize "reciprocally" flowers
like *Trientalis*. Very rarely
this cannot be, & is such

cases of our own theories

I follow Agassiz & declare
"the nature never lies".

I sh^d soon be very glad
to examine the 2 dried
forms of *Platanus*. Indeed
my dried *Limnophila*
plants w^d be greatly
valued. You made
capital remarks, with
respect to male little
imperfect flowers, a flower
which never opens —

Did my *Sychnum* paper interest
you? I craved an ab-
stract of 2 hours per diem
into Variation ^{under} Domestication;
& I have begun extracting
proofs of my paper on
"Climbing Plants". I
suppose I shall be able
to send you a copy
in 4 or 5 weeks. I
think it contains a
good deal more & some
curious facts, but it is



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