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Smithsonian Institution

Norfolk Hall, Mass

Washington, D.C. July 12 1883

SPENCER F. BAIRD,
SECRETARY.

Dear Dr. Gray:

Your letter of the 9th was duly received. I have forwarded the enclosure to Mr. Rhees.

We got here very comfortably in a special car through from Washington. We came by the N. Y. & N. E. R. R. as far as Malpoh, were taken by a special engine down to Mansfield, hitched on to the Boston & Taunton train, thence to Middleboro' Norfolk Hall. I owe very much to the kindness of Mr. Choate for arranging matters so nicely at this end of the line.

I am delighted to hear of
the completion of your great labor
on the Compositae. As the matter
of publication by the Smithsonian
has been arranged by personal
conference entirely, will you not
kindly make a formal statement
of your plans & propositions on the
subject so that it may be a matter
of record? I think you proposed
to make a new edition of the first
volume so as to bring the transaction
within the policy of the Institution
not to finish uncompleted works.
Of course this could easily be de-
ferred till every thing else was
arranged. I should want some
estimate of cost ^{per page} & quantity likely

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to be stereotyped during the present year or the year following. I must see how far our present arrangements will permit us to undertake any new responsibility. We are at present engaged in getting out some very heavy works, such as the Bolton catalogue of the dates of publication of all the scientific serials, a new edition of Luyot's Tables, a large work of Ragon on primitive methods of fishing, & one or two other works. Probably we could not incur any additional expense till after the 1st Jan any.

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Let me know all about this matter.
If I felt I could leave Mrs. Baird
for a night I would run up to
Boston, & talk over this matter
& others in which we are interested
Mrs. Baird is confined to her room,
I cannot say for how long.

Yours truly,
Spencer ~~Spencer~~

Prof. A. Gray.
Cambridge.

P.S. I enclose a letter from Potomac.
I don't suppose you can suggest
any place for him. I cannot.



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