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My dear Dr. Darwin -

I am sorry to say that I have  
really to contribute on the "aggregation" in the  
cells of roots - I made a few observations,  
just to get an idea of the appearance, but  
my time has been so fully occupied that  
I have not been able to go fully into the  
matter - Moreover it occurred to me that  
the time of year was not at all favorable  
for observations of this kind, unless, of course,  
the plants were grown in warmth - These  
reasons combined led me to postpone the matter  
till the summer.

I have been working very hard  
at the new edition of Sachs, and I am glad to  
say that the first two books of it are now in

the press - so that only the Physiology remains  
to be done, a sufficiently arduous undertaking  
even by itself - To make the new edition of any  
value, much has to be added and altered, and  
it is a serious and anxious matter to do this,  
especially as the book covers such a wide  
range of topics - However, I move on hopefully by  
thinking that the result will be at least  
better than nothing -

yours very faithfully

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