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request and as I would be glad to do. The paper, as you perhaps know, was a contribution to the Sixth Annual Report of the U. S. Geological Survey, which you also receive, and where you can find it. I will ask that a copy of the "Types" (Bulletin No. 37) be sent to the Redpath Museum.

My reason for not quoting your valuable paper of 1886 is that the last proof had passed out of my hands before it was received. In the publication of our reports great delays occur, much to our annoyance as tending to render them more or less obsolete before they appear. I shall endeavor to correct the omission in a future publication.

I remain with great respect

Yours very truly

Lester F. Ward