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Washington, D.C.
Oct. 16, 1886.

My dear Doctor:-

I send you, with this, a few wretched specimens - the last I have - of Arctic flowers. I also enclose a few for Mrs Bagg; will you kindly hand them to her. Knowing that they will sometimes cause you to remember me, I am

Very truly & sincerely yours

E. L. Greely

P.S. I offer my congratulations on the great change in your domestic relations.

[redacted] T. Merriam.

Pomeroy

Ans'd & ackd. Jan. 29, 1887.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Office of the Chief Signal Officer,

Washington, D.C., Dec. 18 *188*9

My dear Doctor:

Have just returned from a brief visit to my home in Dauphin & Mifflin. While there I looked carefully over all the articles brought from the Tendic reports but failed to find the flemming head, or shell, which

Dauphin.

I promised to send
you if it could be
found. I however
send the accompanying
package, containing
a little of the wool
of one of the musk
oxen killed at Fort
Conger; an egg of the
Snowy Owl, and
the other egg of
either the Eider
duck or of the guillemot
I don't know which.
Putting the wool

Accept Mrs Murray's
& Mrs Smith's
kindest regards

I promised to send
you if it could be
found. I however
send the accompanying
package, containing
a little of the wool
of one of the musk
oxen killed at Fort
Conger; an egg of the
snowy owl, and
the other eggs of
either the eider
duck or of the guillemot
I don't know which.
Trusting that you

Mrs. Greely
Washington
Lt. Greely's wife
Lieutenant Greely

Ansd. Feb. 28/87.

Fort Walla Walla, W.T.
February 19th 1887.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo, came duly to me, but owing to my numerous duties was not able to find the time to reply until this evening.

Yes, the egg of the Snowy Owl came from Fort Conger. The guillemots' eggs were brought from Upernavik, Greenland.

Have not yet discovered anything of interest to you but and our Otter watch all the time and will yet have the pleasure of shipping you something wholly unknown to the East.

Am not particularly well pleased with my station here. Washington life has forever ruined me for living in any other place.

I rejoice in Gen. Grant's good fortune.

Remember me kindly to Mrs Merriam.

Very truly & sincerely
D. L. Brainard.

If you ever come out this way, which I think quite probable, you must not neglect to stop off for a few days to visit me

WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE PURCHASING COMMISSARY, U.S. ARMY,

ARMY BUILDING, 39 WHITEHALL STREET,

NEW YORK., November 10, 1904.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I enclose a prospectus of "The Explorer's Club" and express the wish that you may become a member. We intend making this a distinctive club and we desire particularly to have active members, like yourself, who have accomplished something worthy of note. General Greely will preside at the dinner on Saturday evening and I hope you may find it convenient to be present at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Department of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A club to be known as "The Explorers' Club" was organized on Saturday, May 28, 1904, at the rooms of the Aldine Association, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The objects of the Club are to further general exploration, to spread knowledge of the same, and to encourage explorers in their work by evincing interest and sympathy, and especially by bringing them in personal contact and binding them in the bonds of good-fellowship.

It is proposed to have headquarters in New York City, where members can meet for social purposes and where receptions can be tendered to explorers on their return from notable expeditions, or to such foreign explorers of distinction as may visit this country.

There will be regular meetings and occasional banquets where members can exchange experiences. From time to time the results of these meetings will be published in pamphlet form.

It will further be an object of the Club to bring the achievements of explorers to the attention of the public, and thus bring about general appreciation of the work they have actually accomplished or have in view, and so secure public interest and co-operation. In furtherance of this idea and to add to an exploration fund, a series of illustrated lectures, covering exploration in various countries, will be given at the headquarters of the Club.

The following members attended the meeting on May 28th, or signified their intention of joining the association:

Gen. A. W. Greely
Donaldson Smith
Caspar Whitney
F. D. Millet
Alfred H. Brooks
Henry G. Bryant
Dr. F. A. Cook
James Creelman
Frederick A. Ober
Charles P. Bowditch
Oscar F. Crosby
Frank M. Chapman
D. G. Elliot
Carl Lumholtz
Harlan I. Smith
F. W. Stokes
George Byron Gordon
W. H. Holmes
Verner Z. Reed
Marshall H. Saville
Col. D. L. Brainard
A. F. Bandelier
Henry Biederbick
Dr. Wm. H. Furness
Ernest Ingersoll
Andrew J. Stone
John Hays Hammond
Alfred C. Harrison, Jr.
Dr. H. M. Hiller
F. S. Dellenbaugh
Brig.-Gen. Henry T. Allen
E. W. Nelson

Tappan Adney
Herschel C. Parker
Roland B. Dixon
Henry C. Walsh
George Bird Grinnell
Davenat Rodger
C. F. Millspaugh
George A. Dorsey
Dr. Berthold Laufer
Capt. E. L. Zalinski
Capt. G. C. Burnell
Capt. H. G. Cole
Prof. Wm. H. Brewer
Henry C. Mercer
Henry Fairfield Osborn
Dr. Tarleton Bean
George H. Pepper
Dr. H. C. Bumpus
F. W. Putnam

The annual dues have been fixed at ten dollars for resident and five dollars for non-resident members. There is no initiation fee. The next general meeting of the Club will be held at the rooms of the Aldine Association on Saturday, November 12th, at six o'clock P.M. A constitution for the Club will be submitted at this meeting and officers will be elected for the ensuing year. A banquet will follow at eight o'clock. Plates will cost two dollars, and may be paid for on the evening of the meeting or by cheque. Members desiring to bring guests to the banquet should send the names of the same to the Secretary, Henry Collins Walsh, 452 Fifth Avenue, New York City, to whom all communications should be addressed.

The undersigned Committee on Organization cordially invite you to be present at the meeting and banquet, and request the favor of an early reply. Hoping that we shall have the pleasure of your company on the occasion mentioned, we have the honor to remain,

Yours very truly,

Gen. A. W. Greely
Donaldson Smith
Carl Lumholtz
Col. D. L. Brainard
Dr. F. A. Cook
Caspar Whitney
Herschel C. Parker
Marshall H. Saville
F. S. Dellenbaugh
Dr. Wm. H. Furness
Henry Collins Walsh

Arctic flowers.

Doctor C. H. Merriam,
Agricultural Dept.
Washington
D.C.

Kindness of Wm Beutenmuller.

From the "Farthest"
lat. 83° 24' N. long 48° 46' W.

May 13th 1875 Lt. Aldrich.


From the "Farthest"
Lat. 83°24'N. Long. 48°46'W

Brainard, Gen. David L.

At the celebration of the eightieth birthday on December 31 of Brigadier-General David L. Brainard, U.S.A., retired, of Washington, the last survivor of Lady Franklin Bay Arctic expedition of 1881–1884, commanded by General A. W. Greely, the American Polar Society, of which General Brainard is the oldest active member, elected him its first honorary member "in recognition of his contribution to Polar exploration." He was presented with a scroll on which is inscribed a map showing the route taken by Lieutenant James B. Lockwood and himself, then a sergeant, which enabled them on May 13, 1882, to reach the then highest point north, latitude 83 degrees, 24 minutes, 30 seconds, on the northern coast of Greenland.

Science – Jan. 8, 1937.

Brannar, John Caspar, 1850 - 1922

1900

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LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Stanford University, Cal.

May 7, 1900.

Dear Dr. Merriam:

I have expected almost every day since receiving your kind letter of the 19th ulto. to write in reply and to send you at the same time the manuscript of a paper by Dr. Gilbert on the fishes collected last summer on the coast of Brazil. I am glad to have the papers appear in the Proceedings of the Washington Academy of Sciences. Dr. Gilbert has his paper on the fishes finished and the manuscript only awaits the finishing of one of the drawings. I hope to send it this week without fail.

As to a paper on the geology, I have my doubts. I am too busy to eat nowadays, and I can't see where the time is to come from in which to prepare it. That is the only difficulty.

Mrs. Branner joins me in kind personal regards. I am sorry I was not here to meet you, but we hope to see you here often in the future.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Branner

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,

Washington, D. C.

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Stanford University, Cal.

June 22, 1900.

Dr C. Hart Merriam,
Washington

My dear Dr. Merriam:-

A while ago you asked for a paper on Brazilian Geology for the Proc. Wash. Acad. I have managed to put one in shape, and mail it to you to-day. There are five line drawings and three half-tones with the MS. The titles are written on the illustrations except in cases where they are in the drawings themselves.

I leave to-morrow for the field in Arkansas where I shall be during July. If it is necessary to write me my address will be at Harrison, Boone Co., Ark.

Very truly yours
J. C. Branner

Rec'd & Ans'd. June 28, 1900

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

~~Stanford University, Cal.~~
Harrison, Ark.,
Jul 8, 1900.

Dear Dr. Merriam:—

Yours of the 28th ult. reaches me in the field. I do not recall the exact title of my paper for the Wash. Acad. Sci. and beg you to fill it in the certificate from the original.

Your suggestion about general title for these papers of the Expedition is a good one. "The results of the B. A. Exp.", however, might lead one to suppose that these were the only ones. Would it not be better to call them "Papers from the ~~[illegible]~~ Agassiz Expedition to Brazil"?

Please use your own judgment about this.

Should you have occasion to address me within three weeks, my p.o. will be at Mountain Home, Baxter Co., Ark.

Very truly yrs. J. C. Branner.

Brenner, William P [1922]

Re. grizzly bear skull. With note by C. H. Merriam concerning the skull.

C. Hart Merriam
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JOHN C. BRENNER
BRENNER LIVE STOCK CO.
GRANT, MONTANA.

Rec'd. Dec. 5, 1922
& Jan 11, 1923

Grant Mont Dec 26th

C. Hart Merriam.
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir

I read with much interest your article on the distribution of grizzly bears that appeared in the Dec number of "Outdoor Life". Also I note the paragraph where you express a desire to get in touch with any one having a grizzly skull.

While riding in the mountains near here a year ago I picked up a skull that measures 15" in extreme length. If you will send me your correct address (the one I am using being guess work) I will be glad to forward you the same

Hoping that it may prove of some value

I remain

Very truly

Wm P. Brenner

Skull rec'd. Early Jan. 1923.
No lower jaw but valuable.
Offered to U. Idaho museum —
CHM

Brett, Lloyd M , 1856-1927 1914

83/124
c

Washington. D.C.
February 3rd 1914.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam.
City.

Dear Doctor:

Yours received.

It was necessary to kill only one grizzly last summer. There are many about the hotels every day. I have counted thirteen feeding at a garbage heap at one time.

I did not know that there were two distinct species of grizzly in

the Pass and would like to book with the mails if you can furnish me the data.

Return to the west this week.

Yours most sincerely

R. M. Brece
[Brett]

Lt Col. 1st Cavalry.

Fort Yellowstone,

Wyoming.

Recd. & Ackd. Feb. 4, 1914

ADDRESS ONLY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Ans'd. again May 18, 1914.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT

Yellowstone Park, Wyo., March 28th, 1914

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Chief U.S.Biological Survey,
1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Your very interesting letter of March 23d has just been received.

It is doubtful if any of the skulls of the grizzlies that had to be killed last summer can be found, but I will have somebody look for them when the snow disappears, and get them for you if practicable.

Your request for skulls will be kept in mind, and some will be saved for you when practicable. It is a little doubtful if we can get any of grizzly bears during the coming season, however, as there are several requests from museums, approved by the Department, for remains of grizzlies to be used for mounting as specimens, and I presume these will have to be filled from the first bears that are killed.

Very sincerely,

F. M. Brew

Lieutenant-Colonel, First Cavalry,
Acting Superintendent.

Brewer, Hope 1915-1923

C. Hart Merriam
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(for DAM)
Ansd. Dec. 31, 1915

Athalmer. B.C.
Canada
E. K. Dist
Dec 16th 15.

Biological Survey Dept.
Washington
D.C.

RECEIVED
DEC 27 1915
BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

Dear Sir's

I am informed that you want Grizzly Bear scalps for your Museum. I have a 2 ~~year~~ year old. Shot ~~this~~ in November 1915 (Male.) Kindly let me know what you are paying. I might also be able to get you some more, as I live close to the Indians. and they always get afew

every spring and fall.
hoping to hear from
you soon
remain Yours truly
Hope Brewer.
Athalmer
B.C.
Canada.
E.K. Dist

P.S. Let me know if
you wish. Jewels cleaned
(that is have all the
meat taken off.
HB.

Wrote him March 15, 1915

Athalmer, B.C.
Canada.
E.K.D.

EXPRESS
JAN 18
15
B.C.

Jan. 17. 16

Dr C. Hart Merriam
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir

Jam shipping you today one grizzly Bear skull, and hope you receive same O.K. the skull is cracked a little from the bullet which I send along, I Hope to pick up some more for you in the near future. there are no other skulls you would like to have. if so let me know,

2.

There is a man here has a large female Grizzle Stuff, but I cannot get it from him.

Hoping you get my small shipment O.K.

Yours truly
Jermaine

Hope Brewer.

Shull rec'd. Jan. 25, 1916

Athalmer B.C.

Ans'd May 10, 1916

Dr P. Hart-Merriam

April 21st 16

Biological Survey. U.S. Dept

of agriculture

Washington

D.C..

RECEIVED
APR 29 1916
BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

Dear Sir

I am sending by Registered Mail to day 1 Grizzly Bear Skull. Killed by one of the Kootenay Indians last fall. I should judge this to be about 10 years old. I need cheque for the other one. which I think you

Very much. for
I may have another one
on the Road for you
in a few days.
I have misplaced the
large tags you sent - one
owned open Sunday send
some more

Hoping to hear from
you soon

Sincerely yours truly.

Hope Brewer
B.C. Alabama

Athalmer B.C.
Canada
July 25th/1916

Dr. P. Hart Merrian

U.S. Dept. of agriculture
Washington
D.C.

Ans. Aug. 14, 1916 - Cam

Dear Sir

I have a chance to get you another Male grizzly head. Would you kindly let me know if you want any more. as I do not like to buy them. and not be able to get rid of same

Hoping to hear from you soon

Remain Yours Truely

Hope Brewer.

Ans'd Dec 12. 1916 W. L. ADAMS

Athalmer B.C. Canada
Oct 18/ 1916

Ans'd. Nov. 8, 1916

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir

I have shipped you today by express (Paid) one grizzly Bear skull. Killed by Kalban Gustanana (Kootenay Indian) on the Nicholas Pass, B.C. Which I hope you will get in good condition. May be able to ship you a few more as they Bear season is open.

[Oct 18 $12 incl. Express]

Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain Yours Truly

Hope Brewer

P.S.

Please let me know the age of this one. I say it is about 3 year old am I right or wrong.

Ans. Dec 12, 1916

W. L. ADAMS
DEC 11 1916
DISBURSING AGENT

Athalmer. B.C.
Canada.
Dec 5th 1916

Mr. W. L. Adams
Disbursing Agent,
Smithsonian Institution
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir

I recd your cheque for one grizzly Bear skull, for $10.00 you have made some mistake as Dr C. Hart Merriam sent me a letter Nov. 8, 1916, saying he had credited me with $12. for same his letter runs as follows.

"your letter of October 18th and the grizzly skull referred to have arrived, for which I am obliged, it is a young female of the 3rd or 4th year. I have credited you $12.00 for this skull which amount will be sent you in a few days."

I will hold check untill I hear from you

2

Hoping to see you soon

Remain yours truly

Hope Brewer.

Athalmer
B.C.
Canada
April 3rd 17

Ansd Apr 14, 1917

U.S. Biological Survey, Dept.
of Agriculture,
Washington,
D. C.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Dear Sir

I am sending you by (Prepaid) express 3 grizzly bear skulls one large and two smaller ones. I don't know as to what sex these are, as they were sent to me by mail from Fort Steele, B.C. I will leave this, to you to judge.

Trusting you receive these in good condition

RECEIVED
APR 12 1917
BIOLOGICAL SURVEY

Jermaine Yours Truly
Hope Brewer.

Please send me some more large tags. I have lots of small ones
HB.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

DEC 1 1 1916

Respectfully referred to

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

Voucher #6339 was stated for $10.00 and so paid.

Accountant.

AC

Athalmer B.C.
Canada
Sept 25/1917

Rec'd Oct. 13, 1917

Dr C. Hart Merriam
Washington
DC

Dear Sir

I am shipping you today by Express pre Paid one 2 yr old male Grizzly bear skull Killed by Pete Gaffney Kootenay B.C. [June 2, 1917]

Kindly send me some large tags

Trusting you will receive same in good Condition

Yours Truly
Hope Brewer

Rec'd. & Ans'd
Jan. 24, 1923

BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY
MAIL MONITOR
RECEIVED
★ JAN 26 1923
Referred to G. A. Sman
For signature of

Jan 13 To 23
Box 14
Athalmer
B.C.
Can.

U.S. Department of agriculture
Biological Survey.
Washington
D.C.

Dear Sir

Are you still in the market to buy Grizzly Bear skulls. if you are, wouldd you kindly let me know, also what you are paying for them. I can pick up a few. Hoping to hear from you soon

Yours truly
Hope Brewer

Brewer, T M

1877, n.d.

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233 Beacon St. July 4th 1877

My dear Merriam

One of the most forlorn of days — the 'glorious Fourth' spent for the first time within the memory of the oldest inhabitant — meaning of course the venerable inscriber of this epistle! — within this respectable but now deserted neighborhood, has been made brighter & more illuminated by the reception of your favor of yesterday. Where have you been all these days? Are you one of the Galenites? The last I heard of you you were in one of the Hampton-Sydney — East-H. I think. Are you still an osteologist or have you too outgrown such vernacular? And "how shall you me for Master Walter," or, to translate it, how shall I know you to know where I live since my wanderings in Europe?

Of course that egg is twice too large for swainsoni and is full large even for what it undoubtedly is, under mistaking. The spots I never noticed before, but any egg, always excepting a woodpecker, is liable to be marked by minute effusions of colored lymph of the parent in its exclusion.

Please repinkerd the egg and will remail it on Friday. I cannot well do it before as I live a mile or more from the p.o. and I cannot drop it into the box, and tomorrow I have to go out of town early. But Friday or the first day in town

I will re-mail it.

I suppose you know that I now hold an collection "in trust"? Since the death of my only son, with no one to appreciate and to go on with my mission, I have given it to the Museum of Agassiz — to retain during my life-time & to make it as perfect as possible in the mean-while. I have the eggs of 623 North American varieties — of 500 and upwards European and about as many more of the rest of the globe. My visit to Europe was a great ornithological success. I made some fine acquisitions and brought back with me eleven hundred eggs. This collection is now all arranged, each egg is numbered & refers to a catalogue. I have duplicate lists from 1 to 2800 by numbers and a system of cards with the numbers of each species recorded against each name. This Deo gratiae is at last completed. I have identified eggs of 44 American species of warblers, nearly every flycatcher including Myiarchus cooperi. Yet still I am not happy! I want better specimens and larger series of some kinds and here and there specimens are yet to be secured. If you ever come to Boston I would be pleased to see you. The Beacon St car from the Brunswick House will take you to a few rods from my door

Yours cordially

Thos Brewer

Bar Harbor, Me Aug 24 1877

Dear Sir

The egg has arrived safely. In the absence of my cabinet for comparison, I cannot be certain, but I have little or no doubt that it is the egg of Cremnetes pusillus. If not that it must be Tringa maritima, which I do not think. Shall I keep it until the next Sept. & make sure or return it before? Can you get the other three eggs? Are they at your disposal? Would you like to sell them to the Cambridge Museum? If so please write to J. A. Allen at once and name your terms — in moderation (!).

I am very sorry to hear of your res angusta domi, and in that connection take the liberty to make you a suggestion. Among my foreign correspondents is a liberal and wealthy gentleman in Milan. He has already perhaps the finest collection in the world of mounted birds, 14.000 specimens of 7.000 species. He spares no pains or expense to increase his collection and I have already put him in correspondence with parties in different parts of the country. Of one thing you will especially take note, he will take none but perfect specimens. If you feel inclined to write to him to send him a complete list of your collection noting all that are in first rate condition and your price for the whole do so.

Of course I do not know how far they may be representative of his wants, but if they are as abounding in choice specimens as

I presume they must be, the probability is that he will wish to purchase them!
I inclose a letter to him, to save time, which if you do not wish to apply yourself can take up. Or you can write him. To save time and room you can use the Smith. numbers as he has Baird's catalogue

yours most sincerely
J. M. Brewer

P.S. If you have the time make your catalogue as full as need be, giving names in full

233 Beacon St. Boston Nov. 18 1877

My dear Merriam

Let me once more thank you for your kindness in sending me the copies of your very interesting Review. There is a good deal of new and interesting matter in it and much that will aid me in making up my additional notes to the Birds of New England. I write now under pressure in as much as I have ever since the middle of September devoted so much of my time to preparing materials for a work in fund that I am already fully behind hand on my correspondence, the arrangement of my collection and several other matters that haunt me like so many fearful ghosts that will not down at my bidding.

Nevertheless I wish to call your attention, also, to several points in your Review in which I think you are in error and which I trust you will either prove me mistaken or else rectify, yourself.

For instance, Podiceps cristatus is exclusively an old world form. Not a specimen has ever been found in North America, at all. Such is Baird's opinion, such was when last known, Dr Coues. Now either you, or we are totally wrong. Can you produce a single specimen of this species taken in North America? If so please let me know where it

can be seen. If you are right this must be an easy Task. But if you have been led into error by the unguarded fiction of others you will wish to set yourself right before others overhaul you. This is confidential, I shall mention it at present to no one else.

Sula fiber has never been taken in New England. Dinsley's was not preserved and his letter to me at the time showed it to be, if a Sula at all an immature bassana. Putnam's is even worse. He had absolutely no authority to give, did not know who told him or anything about it. He has asked me to be merciful on this point and I have been, but still this senseless fabrication is repeated and reiterated. Once get a false statement on the file and it seems immortal. What you give on your own authority in regard to the sparrow is generally to that point and coincides with my own observations. I do not agree with you as to the canker worm. It is too soon to pronounce them a failure there. The sparrows do devour these worms and their intermediate stages. In Boston proper they are all cleaned out, not by any useful little parasite that does no earthly good but by the birds. Allen saw them at work last summer at Cambridge and picked clean the elms all around his house &c. But this is not my best point against you. Why do you lumber up your paper by

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such wretched trash as that you quote from Vellemont de Bromare. It matters not that no one knows who he may be. It is enough that no European ornithologist gives any credence to his story of the sparrows piercing the drops of pigeons to get at the grain. They could pick it up much more easily themselves. The rest of its statement is easily disproved and shown to be a transparent falsehood. Brandenburg, as you are well aware is the chief portion of Prussia, Berlin is its capital, and here in this very Brandenburg did occur that famous war-fare made by Frederick the Great against the sparrows, in total overthrew and the restriction of the sparrows at the cost of over a million of thalers. Sometime between 1786 & 1799 the law was passed imposing heavy fines upon anyone who killed a sparrow. So much for this unknown falsifier. See M. F. Lesquyer: "Etude sur les Oiseaux" Paris 1875 & B. Bailliere et fils une Hauteferille 19. See also "Bulletin Mensuel de la Société Protectrice des Animaux, July 1861 &c &c that land protecting the sparrow, for Brandenburg must have been in force when Bromare published his absurdities and has been in force there ever since. He could not have named a place where his error could have been more satisfactorily demonstrated.

Are you positive that this fel cuellers is not the the fel cuellers rather than Oiseau. My is Baird's opinion that all the birds taken

cost of the Mississippi are not Ordi but the fed in rellen.

Gallinago Wilsonii has been known to breed in New Jersey near Philadelphia, L. I. I have one of its eggs, also in Sutten New York, I have of them also a specimen, and in Maryland. Also, all these to my certain knowledge. Philadelphia hyperboreus occurs off your coasts. The reason they are not more often taken is that they keep on the water, five miles or more from land and do not often visit the coast itself.

Regulus Wilsonii. Is this certain? It is most probable but have you positive evidence. Unfortunately Brewster is not good evidence.

There, my dear Merriam, is enough for one dose. All this is between you and me. I want you, where you can to supply the evidence especially in case of Pod. cristatus.

Yrs very truly
J. M. Brewer

P.S. You speak of abundant and unquestionable evidence furnished by Coues & Gentry about the Sparrow. You would oblige me greatly if you would tell me exactly where I can find it too. I have only seen arrogant assertions, more dogmatisms contradicted by my own observations, but never accompanied by any data, assertion, iteration and reiteration (of opinions) facts never!

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233 Beacon St Dec 1st 1879

My dear Thomiam

I duly received your of the 28th. and mailed the note it contained to Mr Allen. I am glad you followed the matter up and have applied the crucial test of truth. It is so hard to lay the ghost of a blunder when it once gets on its legs even where there is no excuse for its support. I ought to have exposed Putnams blunder about the Brooby when it appeared, when a flat contradiction would have availed. He could not even name his supposed authority. So too if I could have furnished a portion of Longsley's letter, I might have hoped to nail to the counter that spurious coin. Now it seems to be too late. My old files turned into ashes on the 9th of November 1872 and lots of things I must say, or I would annihilate your Guilford specimen even now. As well as I remember it was more than 35 inches long and covered all over with white spots which no healthy fibers, or fuca has.

A sailor, a thousand miles from our coast, hooks a Puffinus anglorum, and brings it alive into Salem Harbor. It dies, the owner saves its wings and throws it over-board. By and by it gets washed ashore on Marblehead neck and figures among the birds of Essex Co. I submit that list that rest on such cases as these are worse than useless. Their

blunders seem to be immortal, belying Bryant's lines touching truth and error.

So I will thank kindly give you due credit for stamping out one, which it was possible to prove the / negative.

I hope you are coming on to Boston soon?

Yrs JM Bricker

Aug 8th

Dear Sir

Though I said nothing of the Birds of New England, I did not overlook it. My copies have all been gone nearly two years, but the Society still have a few so I begged one for you and send it with this. I did not expect to get one, but I have done better than I thought. I have checked those of my list in Purgatory: that are claimed to have come in since. Sagopus albus perhaps ought to come out, as an escaped bird. Dendroica auduboni and Pleotrophanes nivalis are to be added. I shall make a supplement in the fall, shall be glad to the list of birds of Conn.

Yrs

John Brewer

Bar-Harbor, Mt. Desert, Maine Aug 16

My dear Mr Merriam

Your kind favor of the 10th inst. has followed me to this far-off land of fog, arctic currents and all the uncertainties of life in their most unaccountable forms. I am glad you have my list and that you are able to assist me to improve it in my supplement, which I shall be sure to remind you of and will give you all due credit. Will your list be out before Sept. or Oct.? In one of your letters you profess to fear criticisms in the form of Pundyism. Don't! It does not hurt any though it may make the writer of his silly carping somewhat cheap. You know of course of such additions as are mentioned in the Bulletin? Sunia whale, Phalaropes, orcutus &c. Can not you add the Bonaparte Gull? If it comes to N.E. at all it should come to S.to. Conn. The juvenile Minot Jaeger has been a pair in Mass. but the rule now is to accept nothing not actually taken, therefore Brewster's Fish Crow and this Thayer's must wait for confirmation. How about Wilson's Plover? Surely that must be with you, though as yet I have no evidence thereof.

Have you given up altogether making a collection of eggs? Or has it been only temporarily suspended? I shall be back in Boston in about six weeks or two months when I

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Yrs very tly
M. Brewer

Bar-Harbor, Maine July 24th

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Count Ercole Turati
My dear Sir

I have just learned, by accident, that a friend of mine who has a large and very valuable collection of skins of our North American birds, feels compelled to part with them and offers them for sale to the Peabody Institute of New Haven. It is not probable that the latter have any funds that will enable it to give anything like the value of the collection - such, at least as I suppose it to possess. The proprietor and collecter of this series of skins is Mr C. Hart Merriam of New Haven. Several years since Mr M. was the Naturalist of one of the Government expeditions to survey our western territories - He has enjoyed unusual opportunities to collect rare specimens and though I know nothing as of myself to the actual value of his collection, I cannot doubt they must contain much that is choice and uncommon. In regard to all this he will himself tell you in full, if he concludes to send you this and make to you an offer of his entire collection and will be particular to state which portion are first class specimens.

I need not, I know, apologize for advising my friend to let you be aware of the existence of this collection and that it is for sale, being well aware that this knowledge will in no wise put you under any obligations to take it unless you find it interesting what you may desire to obtain.

Mr Merriam. If he sends you this, will make known to you the species, sex and condition of his specimens and will name to you the minimum price at which he would dispose of them. Very truly yours

Thomas M. Brewer

Bar Harbor Me. Aug. 7

Dear Sir

Your kind favor of July 28th was duly received and although there is in it nothing particular to answer I will acknowledge its receipt. I shall be here only about a week longer so that should you have occasion to write me direct to 233 Beacon St Boston. Though I may not be there for a month to come our letter carrier will keep the run of my address and duly forward letters.

As soon as I make sure of the Evermann egg - I have no doubt now - I shall make a paragraph in the Bulletin giving you the due credit and also refer to it in my supplementary catalogue.

The shore birds are just putting in their appearance. I saw a flock of Tringa alpina to day - a small family group in their grey winter dress; numbers of yellow legs will be here soon. And this reminds me. - What do you know about Micropalama himantopus?

Has it ever been taken in Connecticut, if so when & where? Anywhere else to your knowledge in New England?

I am obliged to you for the permission to keep the egg and perhaps you can negociate for the other three. I will make it some-thing worth while to the boy

Yrs very truly
Jm Brenden

Bar Harbor Maine Aug. 28th

C. Hart Merriam Esq

My dear Sir

Your card of the 23rd has just been forwarded to me here, where, out of the reach of reference books I can only answer from memory. It is my impression that the egg of the Picoides americanus has never been taken at all. I have the common three-toed queen now by Aggassiz and Lister or Lake Superior. Baird Brewer & Ridgway would tell, if my recollection is in error. I have eggs of the European and pre-sume they do not substantially differ. I shall see in Boston by the 10th. Sep. will it help you if I then write you more exactly than I can now do, or will it be too late?

When in the Isles of Shoals I met two young New Yorkers who knew you and gave me your address and I have been purposing to write to you to know whether you cannot aid me, as well as the Museum at Cambridge by the eggs of several species wanting or imperfectly represented in our collections and if you would not interest your

self for us? Such eggs as the Mourning Warbler, the Canada, the Red-poll Siskin, the two three-toes woodpeckers and others occur in your neighborhood. I would gladly compensate your aid therefor in any way most agreeable to you. We are prepared to buy eggs with "the root of all evil" by exchange &c. Are you, or worth your while, in a condition to help us?

My own collection is to go to the Barn. Bridge Museum when I have "shuffled off this mortal coil," and in the meanwhile I have been doing my level best to make my own as complete as possible and to help that of the Museum, where more "filthy lucre" was demanded than was convenient for me to fork over. If you write me so as to get to me before the 11th inst. write to me care of Dr Robt. Dixon Damariscotta, Maine, after that to my Boston address

Yrs.
Thos. Brewer

P.S. Great Sikes & Caroline Wren turn up birds of Mass.!

233 Beacon St Oct 18t

Dear Sir

My letter of Aug. 18t must have been interesting reading. I was not looking for a reply unless you had something to communicate and that I rather looked for in your printed list.

My paper on the Hirundines is to be read on the 3rd. It is largely negative. Once Ben. Butler of blessed memory snubbed a clerk of a court by telling the judge that if the Clerk undertook to tell all he didn't know, they never could get through with the case. Now that's just what I have been making people do. The Stilt-sandpiper is unknown east of Portland. The occurs spring & fall on our east coast but never east of New Bedford & west of Buzzards Bay. It seems to go due south in fall & even off to sea, almost always singly or in pairs, almost never in flocks.

I shall be very glad to receive your paper whenever you may be able and ready to send it. I am in no haste. I shall, in the course of the winter revise my list of the Birds of New England. By the way have you ever found a copy. I cannot offer an extra one the other day and am keeping it very choice. for some one that will appreciate it fairly. If you have it not speak quick,

I am very sorry to hear of your hands troubles. Perhaps you ought to have gone about and collected more, and studied legs this summer. I am glad you have not got to sacrifice your collection but that you will be able to have them stored for your future enjoyment.

Is there any prospect of your expedition getting away? I heard a few days ago it was all settled to go on the 1st. among its great names I noted that of Prof. Merriman of Yale College. Could it have been dear friend C. Harte M.?

By the way did that youth ever secure the parent of those eggs. The one you sent me resembles very closely the eggs of the Evenetes pristiles, but still there is a shade of difference. I have not much doubt but would have been glad of certainty.

If you do not go to the circuit of the Earth, you can't do a better thing than stay at home and devote yourself to the local wonders of Lewis county. There you

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Great work will yet be done if some enterprising fellow will set himself about exploring localities in Northern New York, Lewis, St Laurence, Essex, Franklin &c. Its all the same.

If you come to N. H. can you run on to Boston and give a fellow a look? Where does your steamer go from?

Yrs Wm Brewer

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233 Beacon Street Boston Oct. 27

C. Hart Merriam Esq

Dear Sir

Your valued favor of the 20th. has been received and its contents carefully considered. I believe I made it all out, and was thereby impressed with the belief that there is one fellow who writes a worse fist than your humble servant! What was the *picoides* you identified? Was it *arcticus* or was it *americanus*. You write the latter and so I understood Allen, but The Forest and Stream reports you as speaking of it as *arcticus* and claiming that as the first identified specimen. That would be true of the *americanus* but is not so of the *arcticus*. I have one identified by Elliot Coues and given me by A. Gessiz and the Smithsonian has one from the same region but a different identification.

I hope you will be able to be in Denver Co the next summer. It seems to be such a nice region for rare species. Perhaps you yet find breeding there *P. fasciatus*. At any rate you will be sure to throw light upon some of the obscure points of our ornithology.

The Dinner Society must be a very pleasant assembling of kindred spirits and many interesting facts may thus be made public that otherwise would have remained "mute and inglorious".

So you are to take your degree next March and become what Dickens calls a "Sawbones"? You might have done worse and if you will only settle down in Bewi Co. where you can "do the most goods" to science, you could not do better.

That matter of Empidonax flaviventris is a puzzle to me. In 1850 my nephew & I found a nest on Grand Manan. Both birds were about, he saw them very plainly, distinguished the yellow of their plumage, unfortunately my nephew made a mess of it when he tried to get the bird and we could not write lessons as we were miles from where we were staying. But that year I received from Halifax prof Old Dennes, a reliable man two sets with nests and parent, the latter Flaviventris and eggs & nest like mine. A year or two after Mr Boardman procured another nest with parent and eggs. These were similar but finely dotted. Here are four sets substantially similar and all apparently well identified. Now comes Osborne with one set and Purdy with another, each with parent but with eggs very unlike mine. I confess I can't see my way out of this tangle unless they have confounded Traillii and Flaviventris

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Yrs W M Brewer

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C. Hart Merriam Esq

249 West 23rd Street

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233. Beacon St. Boston
Nov. 14

Dear Sir

Ever so much obliged! I must write you more at length soon. Above you have my address. Your personal observations on the poor slandered Sparrows are worth their weight in gold. Your review is admirable, but expect to be cross examined.

Yours
J. M. Brewer

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SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL OF YALE COLLEGE,

New Haven, Connecticut, Dec 4th 1877

Dear Merriam

I received your Birds of Connecticut two or three weeks ago and thank you heartily for it – I have delayed this until I could look it over well – and the more I see of it the more I am pleased with it – I congratulate you on its production – It is a work to be proud of –

I only wish I knew more about birds – and I think I will now that I have your Review –

Yours truly, Wm H Brewer

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL OF YALE COLLEGE,

New Haven, Connecticut, March 23rd 1878

Dear Merriam

If this is not in the right shape, return it with suggestions & I will correct it immediately

Yours W. O. Brewer.

Sheffield Scientific School of Yale College,

New Haven, Connecticut, March 23rd 1878

To the Regents of the University of the State of New York

Messrs,

For several years I have been acquainted with Mr. C. Hart Merriam and can most heartily recommend him to your consideration as a person eminently fit to investigate the ornithology of New York. I have full confidence that he has the technical and practical knowledge of that department of science, the zeal and

enthusiasm, and also what I think of equal importance for conducting such a work as he wishes to do, that common sense and discretion that will serve to make it a work of credit to science, to himself and to the State.

Trusting that it may be your pleasure to aid him in the work, I am Sirs

Your humble servant

J. Mott Brewer.

Prof. Wm. H. Brewer
Yale -

From
Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL OF YALE UNIVERSITY,

New Haven, Connecticut, March 9th 1889

Rec'd. Mar. 13 | 89, Wm.

My Dear Merriam

Yours came this morning. Nor recent loss of my wife, and ~~the~~ changes in housekeeping in my family of young children, and even more than this, - the present condition of my health utterly

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From
Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

Rec'd Feb. 14, 1895.

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL OF YALE UNIVERSITY,

New Haven, Connecticut, Feb. 12th 1895

Dear Merriam

I received a few days ago your monograph on the Pocket Gophers, for which I am much obliged.

I am glad that the Ag. Department appreciates the practical value of such scientific monographs, and recognises that the ultimate practical application depends upon scientific investigation rather than on mere loose observations.

Yours truly
Wm H Brewer

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.

From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

Rec'd May 9/99

New Haven, Conn., May 7- 1898

My Dear Merriam

When I wrote you this afternoon, I forgot to say, that, if practicable, I would like to have my assistant, Dr Coe, in the room with me, on the steamer.

I do not know how the arrangements are to be made, or who makes them, but, if practicable, that arrangement, that we be in the same room

Yours, Wm H Brewer.

Rec'd. Apr. 27, 1899.

PROF. WM. H. BREWER
YALE COLLEGE

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL OF YALE UNIVERSITY

New Haven, Connecticut, Monday April 24, 99

My Dear Merriam

I telegraphed you this noon, and all is right. I have already made arrangements to go on the Alaskan Expedition.

I came home yesterday and I saw in the N. Y. Sunday Herald an announcement of the Expedition.

I declined taking an assistant when I saw you, for Botanical work, but am sorry that I did so. The reason I have thought about it, the more I have thought it would be well all around, if I could take one of our

assistant, a good fellow and he would help me much.

While not wishing to press it, please drop me a note, if it offers practicabs for me to do so, and if so, I will probably take one. I have not yet known anyone to him -

Thanking you for the opportunity of getting myself, and thinking that we will have a successful time. I am as ever

Yours truly

Wm D Brewer

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.
From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

Rec'd. April 2nd 1899

New Haven, Conn., April 28th 1899

Mr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington D. C.

My Dear Mr Merriam

Yours of yesterday is at hand, and I am glad to have the privilege of an assistant.

I have already seen him and he is glad to go. He knew nothing about the matter until after I received your letter this morning -- He is

Wesley R. Coe (Ph.D.)
Instructor in Comparative Anatomy -
Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University --

He graduated in '92, Summa cum laude, studies and work his doctorate in 98 or 99. Has been an assistant or instructor in the Biological department three or four years, bright, enthusiastic, industrious, has enough botany to serve my purpose, but will doubtless want to collect some in other departments of Natural History. as he asked if he could take some bottles along -

Yours truly
Wm H Brewer

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.

From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

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New Haven, Conn., ... 189

I might perhaps do say that this comes through my request, not his, it is not a case of taking a person who appeals to so - he knew nothing of it until this morning - I thought over our young men, instructors or female students who might help me best, & decided that he would be the best author available - your answer before appealing to him - I know that you will like him, & he is glad to go -

WHB -

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.

From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

Ans'd. May 9/99

New Haven, Conn., May 7th 1899

My Dear Merriam

Any more definite

I date for time of starting?

II - Did I understand rightly that 2 or 3 trunks might be taken, so much baggage was considered desirable?

III - What is the name of the steamer?

IV - Any other news, which you have time to write?

Hoping that you are as well as I, and knowing that you are or boyzon if (the Lord help you if any Bunch), this may be answered at your convenience.

Cordially Wm H Brewer

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.

From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

New Haven, Conn., May 8 - 1899

My Dear Merriam

One more question — As this Alaska Expedition is a private one - the question arises, should we carry along a "dress suit", for possible use -?- What do you think?

Very sincerely

Wm H Brewer -

If Mr. Harriman would probably think it shows he does, of course I will take it - If not needed - I will not thus increase my luggage -

FOURTH OF JULY ORATION BY PROFESSOR W. H. BREWER ON
THE HURRICANE DECK OF THE GEO.W.ELDER
JULY 4,1899.
Kodiak - - Alaska.

Fellow Americans, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I need waste no words of explanation why we are assembled, for on this day of the year, where two orthree Americans are met together, there will the fourth of July be observed. Nor need I explain why I address you. You committee has delegated this duty to me, and I am to speak, not to, you, so much as for, you. And they, appreciating the importance of the occasion, have limited my time, and told me I must not speak more than two hours and a half, as others of the party were burning with patriotism and loaded with speeches; so I will try not to exceed the time to which they have limited me.

But why do we celebrate this day? For three reasons: First, it is the birthday of our nation--and therefore we celebrate it. Seconnd, it is the birthday of political liberty and constitutional government--and therefore we celebrate it. Third, because the establishment of our doctrines in a national government and national policy marks an era in the history of civilization.

An era is not too strong a term. Our political doctrines have influenced all the countries of our civilization. Then, scarcely a country of Christendom had a constitutional government. Now, nearly all have--all perhaps, but one. There is now greater political and religious liberty in every country of Europe. In some of them it has been tartily if not reluctently yielded by the rulers; but our influence, directly or indirectly, has been an important factor in the change, because we have destroyed the old argument that it is not safe to let the citizens think.

Yes, the Declaration of Independence, followed as it was by the establishment of a constitutional and republican form of government constitute an era in the history of civilization. Mankind is happier and the world is better because we put those principles into practice.

It is the doctrine then proclaimed we have need now most to consider, even more than our growth as a nation. These doctrines were not new to the world. They had often been promulgated before that time--and long before that--to the world. A struggle for the doctrines was not new. The Declaration of Independence on that fourth of July was but one of a long series of events begun before that date and lasting some years after it, as was told us so clearly and eloquently by Dr.Nelson on last Sunday evening. The revolutionary war began in a struggle for a principle which our fathers believed to be right. They were right, and battles were fought before independence was asked for. Only when they found that the political rights asked for could not be established in practice under the king did they declare for independence and the freedom to carry out the doctrines. For the eight long years of the war of the revolution, that was the liberty they fought for, and when victory rewarded their bravery, then the doctrines were made a law of the land and the policy of the nation. It was an example for the world and established a precedent.

What were these wonderful doctrines? Wonderful then but so familiar to us now that we are apt to forget that they ever had to be fought for! They may be classed under three heads:

First, political liberty--the freedom of political opinion--the selection of rulers by the people--the rulers themselves restrained by a written constitution.

Second, religious liberty--freedom of religious opinion, allowing religion to be a personal matter between man and his Maker, independent of government dictation.

Third, freedom of thought and labor. That is, that intellectual culture might be pursued as the individual chose, and everyone be free to chose such vocation or profession as he might and could pursue--that there should be no privileged class.

These are the doctrines then fought for and which were first put into successful practice by our country; and the practice has spread until all Christendom feels the impulse. Every government in Christendom is now a more liberal to its own citizens and nearly everyone is under a constitutional government. The impulse has extended to other civilizations and o other races.

As said, these doctrines were not new to the world when our forefathers took their bold but dangerous stand. In many countries and for many centuries before there had been individuals and communities that had held them. In some countries there had been attempts, after a fashion, to carry out some of the features. It was ours to successfully make the doctrines the foundation for a form of government and a national policy. What glorious news this was! The news traveled and brought encouragement and ho to countless millions of oppressed people elsewhere.

It required not only bravery in war but wisdom in statesmanship to plan such a government--to start it safely and guide it surely in its early history. How wisely our early generals and statesment fought and wrought it is hard for us to realize.

Our government has gone on so well that it has come to seem to us as a matter of course that it should. We cannot appreciate it unless we study what took place elsewhere. Study the history of others who tried a similar experiment . For example, the French tried it. Our revolution had scarcely closed before the French revolution broke out with all its bloo horrors; and when later, only half a century ago, the republic was formed, i soon fell into the hands of enemies to the doctrine, and when still later the republic was again established, see its tumultuous struggles and writings and internal changes! Who of you can tell how many cabinets, or even presidents that nation has had under its present liberty of less than thirty years? I say this, not in a boasting spirit, but in profound veneration for the wisdom in which the foundation of our own government was then laid

4th of July--4.

It is fitting that we should be here assembled today in this distant part of our land to commemorate what our grandfathers did for us; and for us to again strengthen our resolves to hand our blessed inheritance down to our children in all its purity of purpose and will to accomplish.

In other matters too--matters where humanity has groaned because of wrongs that were left to flourish or evil institutions tolerated because of their age, we have acted. Where mankind was to be elevated throughout its mass, we have listened to the appeal and acted. If not always the first to suggest, it has often been that we were the first to act. Our country has not forgotten the old doctrines. It has not proved itself unworthy of its noble founders. In various ways where political wrong has been practiced, or religious oppression practiced, our country has acted .

Since our civil war was ended--now almost a generation ago--and human slavery in our country was abolished, many felt and believed that the greater questions of national policy had been fought out and the fundamental doctrines of humanity had been settled, so far as national action was concerned. Many young men, growing up, come to regret that they might not have lived earlier so that they might have had the chance to take part in meeting those greater questions over which mankind had fought. But a greater than all of them rose up and seemed to invite them to act in a new conflict. It was national interference in the cause of humanity. This doctrine was not a new thing . It had probably been preached for ages. The eldest of us have heard and reheard of it all our lives. When the Mohammedans were slaying Christians in Bulgaria with savage ferocity and more than savage horrors, all over western Europe went up a cry to the several nations near by to interfere and stop these crimes against humanity and punish the offenders . But the nations practically did nothing. Political complication forbid. Later, in our own time, when a similar cry for help and mercy came up from Armenia, we all remember the loud call that

came up from good people in nearly every Christian country and every station in life, which went up all over Europe . England was perhaps called upon most loudly, and especially so by her own citizens to interfere and stop the atrocities . England only repeated the same old answer "Am I my brother's keeper?" and the wrongs went on.

Another nation was even then grossly oppressing its colony near our own doors. We had long looked on in pity and as matters grew worse we remonstrated with the offender Then we tried to feed the starving by sending them food, and still the wrong went on. More perished there from hunger and war than all the murders and massacres of the Christians by the Mohammedans had amounted to for a hundred years. Then we acted. A war for humanity's sake was something newin international conduct; but it was righteous, and no wonder that it was so speedily victorious. And now a new precedent is established. Nations need no longer wait for precedent when humanity itself cries out. I personally believe that it eas this interference which has made England so exceedingly friendly of late. The precedent is now established and that conservative nation need wait no longer when her citizens cry again for such a cause. Also, for the same reason, that Germany was displeased with our war . For one nation to interfere in a rebellion between a government and its own colonies is a doctrine notpleasant to that monarchical country of continental Europe.

There are such serious responsibilities involved in this recent action of ours that many good men fear that the stability of our government is menaced. I have no such fear. Our fathers built strongly as well as wisely when they used justice and right as the corner stone What government in the world today seems more firm? What nation of Europe or of the world has given more evidence of stability? Every country of Europe has seen greater government changes than ours during the 123 years of our national existence. Some have changed radically in their forms of government--some merely in dynasty or the ruling family; but everywhere there have been more pro-

found changes than with us. So, too, the map of Europe has been continually changing in a way that ours has not . Wars of conquest are familiar there. We have changed our map and extended our domain, but practically not by conquest but rather by purchase.

Again, what nation of the world with an hereditary ruling class has been so fortunate in its rulers as we have been for the 11 0 years since our first president was inaugurated? There is not a country of Europe but has been less fortunate in the character of its head rulers than we have been in ours. Our presidents have been numerous, but not one--no, not one in all that time has been a weak man or a dishonest man. Not one who has not considered the good of the masses of our citizens was the matter of first importance to the government. And what country of E urope with an hereditary ruler, or what dynasty can tell such a story as that? We often hear our presidents critisised. Each one has in turn been severely criticised. But the criticism of our own presidents is but a result of our liberty . Thank Heaven! it is our right to criticise our chief magistrate. As Americans it is our duty to choose our rulers, but it is also as much our duty to watch over them in office. For the preservation of our precious heritage, it is our duty to carefully select our rulers. I have no sympathy--I have scarcely patience with those American citizens who neglect to vote--who hold aloof from political matters and the selection of our officers, and then grumble about those who are elected. That is not the law o progress. In a Sunday School in London which gathered in the ragged boys of the street, a teacher gave her class one Sunday a lesson as to our duty to others. The next Sunday, wishing to learn how well her teaching had been remembered, she asked in solemn but earnest voice; "What is our first duty t our neighbor?" "Keep your eye on him" was the ready answer of one of the little gamins. He had worldly wisdom. I repeat it, in no disrespect to our superiors in office, even our presidents, that it is our duty to keep our eye on them as truly as it is our duty to vote when they are out into office.

4th of July--7.

We meet to celebrate the day and rejoice in what it signifies . Not only have our doctrines spread but so has our domain . Our flag--that flag we are all so proud of--waves over vastly more people of the earth and vastly more of the earth itself than it did a century ago. The o ppressed of other lands come here to live under it and it has gradually pushed out farther and farther.

As I said at the beginning, where two or three Americans are met together on this day, there will the day be celebrated. No city too large, no hamlet too small Doubtless there is a fourth o f July celebration going on today at Pt. Barrow--so far north that there is no night in July in which to have their fireworks When we bought Alaska, it carried the flag as far west as there was a west--so far that it becomes east. It has not only traveled to the east by this path, but also by the other, and I suppose that the fourth of July is celebrated today in Manilla. Did I say "today"? That celebration is so far eastward that it was eighteen hours ahead of us in time, and it is now already after nine o'clock tomorrow morning there. They have now had time enough not only to celebrate but to sleep off the effects of too ardent enthusiasm. As in longitude, so in latitude. From the frozen north on the shores of the Arctic Ocean where the celebration is within the Arctic Circle, to Manila where they are celebrating in the sweltering heat of a tropical climate; but in each case it is a gathering and rejoicing that they live under a free government, rejoicing over what their forefathers earned for them and bequeathed to them and a promising anew that in our day the flag shall not be dishonored nor the principles which it symbolizes be forgotten.

Recd. Jan. 18, 1904.

418 ORANGE STREET.

January 16th 1904

Dear Merriam

I enclose my paper. It has a very unsatisfactory stenographer, and the paper is scattered.

I am sorry more than I can say for the delay, — and excuses and do no good — if too bad, either let it go elsewhere, or reject it entirely —

You are at liberty to change titles, clip, prune, and edit at your will,

Thanks to you -

I have escaped the

<u>grip</u>, but I have had a

cold for two weeks that has

nearly laid me out at -

times -

Sincerely

[illegible]

Allyn House, Hartford Conn
Jan. 15th 1900

Dear Merriam

I am called to Hartford to day on business that cannot be put off - The MSS of the paper will be mailed you tomorrow -

Yours truly
Wm H Brewer

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.

From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

Send + slide + photo sent — Comm

New Haven, Conn., January 23rd 1901

My Dear Dr Merriam

I have been very remiss in not writing you long ago, and now writing because I want another favor — !! And think me an ungrateful wretch —

I saw to-day a picture of the Yale Glacier which you have sent Mr. Coe. Now, wouldst you have a lantern slide made of that, and send me. I shall deliver a lecture in our annual course, on the N. H. E. and I much want a slide-picture of that glacier, — I have sent to Mr. Gilbert asking for some slides made from his negatives — but that are of yours, of the Yale Glacier, will you kindly please a very Harriman Academic —

I have not my own negatives in order yet, and so have not sent any away — I intended to have sent Mrs. Harriman a note long ago, but I have in mind the last overtaxed

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.

From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

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New Haven, Conn.,

My dear —

I came home in most excellent health and have been in pretty good health ever since — but I found an unexpected big pile of work accumulated during my absence, and new matters been involved in so I have had a feeling all the time that I was being hunted and pressed, a most uncomfortable feeling — like a boy after a wagon and can't quite catch up, get hold and keep up —

Prof. Johnson has resigned the Directorship of the Agr. Exper. Station at our recent meeting and we have put Dr E. W. Jenkins (Ag. Ch. & Vice Director) into the office.

If not too much trouble, please send me the slides, and let me pay all expenses, of course —

Yours truly
Wm H Brewer —

Brewer

418 ORANGE STREET.

New Haven, Feb. 17th 1901

My dear Mr Merriam

Yours, the slide of Yale Glacier and the photo. of the same, all came safely a few days ago, and you have my most grateful thanks. It puts me under another obligation to you. The slide came just in time. I am announced for a lecture in the Sheffield Course on <u>The Coast of Alaska</u>

March 13th last another
speaker was presented pro-
viding his lecture on Friday
evening last, and I hastened,
and gave mine in his stead. And that
slide gave great pleasure —
and was greeted with fair
applause —

Thanking you therefore
anew, I am as ever

Yours gratefully

J. M. Brewer.

418 ORANGE STREET.

New Haven Apr. 4th

My Dear Mr. Merriam

Inclose this proof — (with but one single letter to change) —

If any separate impressions are struck off, of the different papers, I would like fifty copies struck of this — I have not entered it on the sheet, however — If this is done

will you please have this done, I will gladly pay the expense — if too inconvenient, or for any other reason, — then let it go — it is not a matter of special importance —

Trusting that you are well, I am as ever

Yours truly

Wm H Brewer

Rec'd. Oct. 4. 1900.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 20, 1900.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Merriam:-

If I remember rightly, you are on the publishing committee of the Harriman Alaskan Expedition. I have as yet offered nothing for publication, and write you for advice.

My collections were entirely botanical and the specimens are in the hands of the several specialists to be worked up with the other collections. As I understand it, there will be no special report on each man's collection separately, but all will be used and described as a single collection. ~~but~~ And I have assumed that the several specialists will write up all that is necessary in their several botanical reports.

As to general notes on the botany of the regions visited, we had on the party professionals, who are so much better authorities than I on the several aspects (Fernow, on the trees and forests, Coville, Saunders, Trelease and others) that I have felt that anything that I might say would be mere "padding" and therefore not worth the printing in the scientific reports.

I however, made observations on certain atmospheric phenomena, more especially those pertaining to the relation of dust and haze to atmospheric aspects and to the precipitation, as contrasted with more southern regions, and also careful observations on the sunset colorings or "Alpine glow" on the snowy mountains.

I made no "new discoveries" and the observations have only a popular, rather than a scientific interest.

But they interested me much, inasmuch as I have long been interested in these subjects, both in their scientific relations and in their relations to the scenic aspects of landscapes in different latitudes and in different regions, and therefore their relations to the scenic aspects of the Alaskan coasts we visited.

Now, is it worth while to prepare a short paper on this matter, for the reports? A paper of, say three or four thousand words. I have already published two papers on certain aspects of the atmosphere in the Arctic regions, (in the Last Cruise of the Miranda, and in the American Meteological Journal) and which cover the scientific part of the subject. The observations last summer only confirmed what I have there written. The papers alluded to, were published after my Greenland trip and the scientific part related more especially to the dust and haze in the air, and their relation to the aspects of the sky, to precipitation, clouds, fog and rain, and to their effects on the aspects of Arctic landscape scenery, and certain other atmospheric phenomena of popular interest. The matter of "Alpine glows" was not discussed at all in those papers.

If it is expected that every member of the expedition write something special for official publication, then I will use this subject and write it soon. If such an article will be of too little scientific value to form a part of the scientific reports, then of course, it should not be put in with them, unless there is a proper place for what be called "popularized science."

This letter should have been written you long ago, but between

extra pressure of work until vacation began, and more suffering from heat and Hay Fever, during the summer vacation, than I have ever before experienced, it has been delayed.

I have recently received a letter from Doubleday, Page & Co. of New York, wishing for material for a popular article to be published in their new magazine, and I answered, that I had no new scientific discoveries to announce. I did not care to offer this material for their magazine, until I learned from you or other members of the committee, whether such a paper as I have spoken of on these subjects would be needed or wanted, for the official reports.

I have written at this length, the better to explain the situation I find myself in. If you think it not worth while to publish such a paper in the publications of the expedition, don't hesitate to say so; you cannot make me more aware than I am, that all the work of scientific value will come from the younger men, and it will be a personal kindness to me, to frankly let me know what you think I had better do, both in respect as to what I ought to do and what is expected of me. It will not be a kindness to me, if you, because of our long friendship and my greater age, should hesitate to tell me that such a semi-popular paper had better not go in, if you think it should not. I do not know whether or not Mr. Harriman would want to publish such an article, which might be more appropriate for the Popular Science Monthly, or some similar publication. On the other hand, he (or his family) may wish to have something appear from as many of the members of the expedition as is possible.

If there is to be a general volume, other than the narrative

by Mr. Burroughs, a volume consisting of minor matters, or matters of secondary scientific interest, then it might be worth while to print there a short paper on the subject I have spoken of.

As you may be away from Washington, and Mr. Gannett may be in,(or vice versa), I send a similar letter to him.

Trusting that you will give me frank advice, I am as ever,

Yours truly,

C. Hart Merriam

In looking over what I have dictated, it strikes me ~~any~~ that it looks as if I wanted to publish such a paper in the Report. ~~That~~ is hardly it - I feel as if, considering that I went on the trip, that I ought to do something more, and feel at the same time that popular scientific, a magazine-like paper would be hardly the thing, therefore. I appeal to you

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 9, 1900.

Mr. C. Hart Merriam,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:-

Yours of last week is at hand, and I thank you very much for your advise. I shall prepare the paper on Atmospheric Phenomena of the Alaskan coast, and will try to have it ready this week, and send it to you so soon as finished. You may place it wherever you think best; but probably it had better go into the first volume as it is a popular matter and can be understood by any intelligent reader.

Yours truly,

Wm H Brewer

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.

From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

Ans'd. Oct. 17, 1900.

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 14-1900

My dear Merriam

I caught a bad cold early in the week, and was so upset by it that I have not been able to get that article ready, it may be the end of the week before it is done -

So, do not let things wait on me, it can go in another volume. Too bad on our dear Kennan, I will send it to you - I have to be out to-morrow Monday and attend to matters both at home and Church.

Yours truly
Wm H Brewer

418 ORANGE STREET.

New Haven Dec. 5-1900

My dear Merriam

I owe you many - very many apologies for not writing you - I got over my cold, but, not until I thought it too late for my home - the two weeks were more than up - though it would be best for the next ~~[illegible]~~ term -

New Haven suits so all it again -,

It is not that I wish to make it long, but every day is too short for

for my work - and I
can no longer do
much evenings - I am
trying to unload some
of my work - Last week
I resigned my secretaryship
office and place in a
corporation I have held
for 28 years, and hope
by next Spring to pass
a lot of mine -

But, not to bore
you more with this,
I will go at the point
now -

Hoping that this will
find you well, I am
Yours truly
W M H Brewer

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.

From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

New Haven, Conn., March 31st 1901

Dear Merriam

I enclose proof - You are at full liberty to further revise or correct where you deem advisable - As for example Alaskan Coast, Alaskan Cedar instead of Alaska coast - for any other -

Hoping to see you when the academy meets, I am as ever

Cordially

Wm H Brewer

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL,
OF YALE UNIVERSITY.

From Prof. Wm. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

P. S.

New Haven, Conn.,

I do not return
the Mass City, as you
probably would prefer to
not be further bothered
with it – If wanted,
please drop me a line
and it will be forthcoming.

W H B –

From
Prof. WM. H. BREWER,
418 Orange St.

SHEFFIELD SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL OF YALE UNIVERSITY,

New Haven, Connecticut, June 11- 1901

My Dear Merriam

It is a shame ~~that~~ I have not done ~~that~~ now, it is but partly done. I will make it to you Tues, a Wednesday, probably Wednesday morning,

Yours truly

Wm H Brewer

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Clinton H. Merriam

New Haven

Conn

Come again to my study if you wish to hear of other works on Horse anatomy - of early date - I find them advertised.

Yours

Wm H Brewer

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Cambridge May 14. 73

Dear Vernon

I have just rec'd your letter and am delighted to hear from you. Should say you did quite well for the first year out there, and I sincerely congratulate you on N. Giganteus which is, according to all accounts a hard bird to get. With regard to not coming out to your father I am very much obliged for your invitation but shall be obliged to decline as I have

already made an engagement
to go with a friend for a driving
trip to Rabbit Lake Landing, Me.
Mr. if the weather of June,
which has been so doubtful
another month difference as
I have no doubt I should be
laid away first at present
with my crushed old
hip, which seems to be
great about the time our
month after another, have
been hobbling about on
crutches going seven weeks
now, and don't think there
is much chance of my
going anywhere this
summer to spend August
on the birds Nail & Alexandra
Bt. for yourself and our
T. I had a letter from, our

[illegible] assistant friend Henry, I'd.
[illegible] yesterday. He is stuck
at Lecture meetings for
the [illegible] heathen at
Washington to bind him
on the needful, armed
dart shot &c.

Of course as I have been
tied up this spring I have
no wonderful Captures to
chronicle, so I'm not spe-
culator one of your shins
or 1000? you do not say.
Hoping to hear from
you again

I remain
Yours sincerely,
Wm. B. Webster

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[illegible] Cathedral
[illegible] and
[illegible] other

Cambridge June 7-73

My Dear Mariana

Received both of your letters safely. My stock of duplicates is so much reduced at present that I do not think a list of them would present anything that you would want. But next fall will send you a list and if suits you may strike off an exchange. Have taken daily two white crowned sparrows a lincolns finch, thrush flycatcher & others if weather cold should have done much better if able to walk. Now going to Umbagog lake

with my friend in a few days
but expect to do little more
than sit on the piazza of
the hotel & fight mosquitos
as I cannot walk more
than a few hundred yards
at a time. Write me what
you did in Brown's tract.
Hendrans addr. is Fort
Garland Col.

Yours Friendly
Wm H Brewster

Cambridge Jan 8 - 74

Friend N.

I rec'd your letter enclosing photo. for which thanks.

Have been out a few times lately with fair results. One day I took a fine pair of Coturniculus Henslowii and eleven Pyranga rubra.

Another with Henry H. 2 Contopus borealis 3 Py. rubra, 3 Hylocichla fuscescens 5 Myiod. pusillus, &c. Yesterday was out again & shot about a dozen birds, all common except Hl. chrysopterus 1♂. Am working very hard mounting up common birds to complete my new mounted collection and shall have all I can do to finish up even the commonest before the season closes. How infernally short the collecting season is after all. A good deal of rainy weather & a lame leg or two & it is gone before you have anything to show for it. Shall have for any old stand in Me. some time in July

before which I shall try to make
a trip to Muskegat is for a
few dozens of those new terms: send
in your orders at once: how many
will you take? for I don't want
to shoot more than I can dispose
of readily. Henshaw, Cous Batty
& the rest are all off for the West. I
should think that you too would
feel the migratory instinct working
within you. Batty they say has
taken Gov. Lenoxphrys with
mist & eggs on Long Is. N.Y.
Love what a thing it is to be a
member of "U.S. Geological Survey
H. F. Hayden in charge". (No hit
intended at you though, old fellow)
B. R. writes me that Dikan has got a
new Lencostich: good for him.
Will keep you posted along as I get time.
Don't wait for letters: they will come but
write often In haste G. C. Merriam

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

U.S. POSTAGE ONE CENT

To C. Hart Merriam Esq.
East Hampton
Williston Sem. Mass.

Recd. Feb 15/79.

Cambridge Jan. 14. 74

David H.

The copy of the Mirror was duly rec'd. Your interesting article on Gypsies &c. read with interest. Please accept my thanks. Have done absolutely nothing on birds since you were here. G. W. H. started for Washington last Sunday night & Maynard will leave for Fla. in a few days.

Yours in haste

Wm Brewster

Cambridge Mass
Feby 17th 1874

Friend Merriam

Yours just received. Should like nothing better than to go on to W. with you, attend Palmers panther feasts, chase Carbina worms in the District, and in return get chased by mounted police, and in short have the good time generally which we should be sure to have, but — so many things prevent that I shall be obliged against my own inclination to say nay to your proposal —

In the first place I have promised Scott to spend a week with him in New Jersey the first of March, so you see it will be impossible for me to go to Washington.

What are your plans for the coming collecting season? I have hardly decided upon anything yet, though I shall probably go somewhere if I get entirely well —

Let us have your "progressive development" by all means, that is if you can get an opportunity to work it up. Have just finished Darwin's Descent of Man and am much pleased with it as a whole — I think his arguments are wonderfully forcible and convincing although I cannot perfectly coincide with some of his views — Birds are terribly scarce here this winter — I hobble off into the woods every fine day, but have

taken nothing of any account save a good series of Regulus Satrapa. A few days since a friend of mine received a large box of birds from Grand Menan and taking up his offer to skin them on halves, I got through a dozen very fine Tanya Maritima, and have still left a few gulls and Pinicola Enucleator.
I shall proceed forthwith to notify the authorities with regard to your breach of the game laws in killing those Grouse, but if you will enclose twenty five dollars (the half due the informant) will call it square and settle up the matter quietly.
Have you heard anything more about my Tern. I hear that R. R. considers it a new species —
Give my regards to H. H. when you see him, and clap him on the back for me for keeping up the credit of our side in that shinning race with brother Coues —.
Will drop you a line from Jersey if I get a chance. Dont fail to let me hear from you at Washington.

Y. V. C.

Wm Brewster

Cambridge April 8th 74

Found Merriam
Many
thanks for the Birds of
Aikin which I have
read with interest.
I should have liked
much to hunted Carolina
woods around N. with
yourself & the Dr. but nothing
being now will I had to
give up even my N. E.
excursion with Scott. With
regard to the Adirondack
plan I thank you
much for your invitation
& should certainly accept
but ~~for~~ the fact that I

have made definite arrangements to visit the lake again and have left a lot of my duds (ammunition, clothing, boat &c) there so shall have to refuse. I think the fates must be against my ever taking a trip with you. I have been collecting along a good deal lately but have got nothing but common birds. The season is so backward that things are nearly six to the same date as a month ago though many of the birds have come. If I can join my "fling" as you desire I would be delighted to get out of your in return. Forwarded on out of G. N. Lawrence

a short time since. You had better go for him.

J. C.

Amos Barratt

P. S. Should like to hint your preference on this club file if you do not wish it returned.

Cambridge Apr. 10 – 1874

Friend Merriam

I hereby take occasion to thank you for the club, for your most interesting paper on the "Progress of development." It arrived just too late for our last meeting but will be read at the next. I have read it over very carefully and like the embodied sentiments to the utmost, although I may be just a shade more conservative about the matter. Will see that we get a good series of

They promise to back you up. One of our members belonging to the museum Comm. Lord, and have access to almost all skins we desire. Never saw anything like the weather here. Snows every other morning with the most disgusting regularity. Maynard has come home sick: perhaps I told you! He got so badly poisoned by skinning bird birds that he had to give it up and sloped for Ipswich. He is about home & has shot a P. Princess in spring plumage!

Yours Blewitt

Cambridge Apr. 20-74

My Kind Mercian

Your most excellent paper on the "development theory" was read before our club last Monday night & was listened to with great apparent interest. A vote of thanks to the author was moved & carried also another that the paper be put on file for future reference.

C. J. M. spent the afternoon with me yesterday. The poor devil is all played out; cant walk more

than half a mile without
giving out. She had fair
luck in Fla. got 5 white
pelicans, 3 eagles &c.
I have been out collecting
nearly every day around
here but have had
little or no luck, Dendroica
palmarum, coronata &
aestiva, Spizella socialis,
Melospiza palustris, Pas.
sevannae, Regulus calendula
& a few others have arrived.
I had a letter yesterday
from Scott who is hacking
away at the birds in
Mo. but he seems to have
had rather indifferent luck.
Finds Zon. querula abdunt
however. My friend Batty
gives quite free vent to
his feelings I see, in the

last
to
for
tak
sare
not
& a
in
or
last
tat
Ma
& P
sh
Ma
you
hea
Shal
W. &

last Sportsman. Shall have
to cook up another epistle
for him but shall
take no notice of his
sarcasm as I am fighting
not him, but his theory,
& don't propose to indulge
in personalities, though
I could give him an
or two fearful digs on his
last if I chose. Do you
take the Sportsman?
Wednesday evng. Dean
& myself start for
Petroleum Va. but I
shall not be able to
stay over two weeks so
you must not expect to
hear of any wonders.
Shall stop one day with H. at
W. & will write you on any

return

V. C.

Yours Truly

P. S. Don't forget my photo. when you get them hatched out.

Cambridge May 13-74

Friend M.

Have just got arrived in safety from Petroleum my boots loaded with the sacred soil & my trunk, not too heavily with specimens. However we did pretty well considering that we just been week two only & came back just two weeks two soon. The following is a list of my individual bests all collected in nine days, the warblers in the last

Ottawa
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sth

nobd

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aphs.

three or four. Dend. caerulea 1; Oporornis formosus 5; Hel. vermivorus 8; My. mitratus 14; Seiurus ludovic. 3; S. nov. 3; Polioptila caerulea 12; Thryothorus ludovic (hurrah) 14; Pyranga aestiva 10; Myiarchus crinitus 5; Centurus Carolinus 1; Hy. pileatus 10; Sophophanes, Parus Car. et omni id genus ad infinitum. In all 160 skins.

The country was a fearfully rough one; not enough level ground to lie down anywhere, & we had to work every hard to do anything. As before remarked. not a warble had got thin

at the time of our arrival
& we had to "fit in
the licks" than last time
or four days to make
up lost time. I find
nearly everything around
here in Cambridge, orioles,
grosbeaks (Hydrometes) &c.
I shall go to work at them
in a day or two. Henry
H. is still here. Saw
R. R. in Washington when
we spent a day; also
made the acquaintance
of the great E. E.
Many thanks for "the
Mirror". Will write again
as soon as I do anything
worthy of record. I hope
to hear from you right
along as I presume that

you can right after them
every "Thursday & Sat.
afternoon"

Yours in haste

J. M. Brown

P.S. Don't neglect that
East hampton photographer,

Recd. Oct. 25/1874.

Cambridge Oct. 2 1874

Dear Mr Wilson

I have just returned from a tramp of some 20 miles and I feel tired to answer your little letter which I find awaiting me. You need not understand wondered why I have so long neglected it, but you see there was nobody at home to forward it to me until just before I returned. With regard to the 3rd grade I will see what can be done the next time I go in town. Your cabinet received works

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a little crazed. I mean do.
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think it a good serviceable you
weapon and very cheap the
at the price. I use Ce
a Br. loader made by fire
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Adams has a lot & th
Henry H. took one out ne
with him this year & m
both I believe have fo
worked very well. bar
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the way from 60. to 110.00. Ge
He has shown, as far Ge
as I can find out failed, Ge
and Adams told me Ge
that he did not think Hen
he would fill any Colo
more orders. However Dim
I will see the old man Hed

and ascertain what he can
do. I should have written
you long ago but I lost
your address and for
the life of me could not
recollect it. I made a
very fine collection of
birds this summer at
the lake. Did not work
very hard but picked
my birds & went in
for variety. The following
are some of the best.

Vireo Philadelphicus	6 both sexes
Hylocichla Fuscescens	1 & 1 imm.
Zonotrichia Querula	1
Colaptes Auratus Mex.	7 fall & ad.
Picoides Arcticus	6 both sexes
Hesperiphona Vespertina	3
Colaptes Auratus	1 adult
Dend. Tigrina	6 fall & ad.
Hal. Fuscescens	1 " "

I also paid official attention to young birds and got some very interesting things in that line. My collection numbers in all about 225 skins. I have done little or no collecting during the four days since my return but have been shooting snipe & ducks for fun & and have made some fair bags. Write me soon & send address if you change your location. Have not heard from Henry Merriam for two months or more.

Yours sincerely

Frank Stuart

can manage it, some time in Dec. or Jan. Will let you know about it later & shall be delighted to come if I can get off. Nothing has been heard from Young M. for about four weeks but he is expected at N. very shortly, I understand. I am having a miscellaneous billett for my collections in our garden. It is 60 x 30 feet & two stories high and will I think hold me minus further afterwards. Brain is already up & I hope to be in it by the 1st of Jan.? Please write soon & keep me posted.

Yours sincerely

W. Saunders

much in that direction
For the last month I
have been loafing — taking
my vacation I call it —
that is have been
following game birds
with a dog to the almost
entire exclusion of collecting.
In this line I have
had unusually good luck
and have made some
good bags of woodcock,
snipe, quail & grouse,
with a good many ducks
thrown in; somewhat al-
together ~~about~~ in the
neighborhood of 200 head
of game. While down
on Cape Cod quail shooting
I was much surprised
to start a Coturnicula
Henslowii on the 9th Nov.

Chancing to have some collecting cartridges in my game bag I secured a fine specimen in fall plumage a stage new to me in that bird. It was in company with some M. melodia among pines on high ground, an entirely unique location, one [redacted]dice. Winter birds are coming here now and Corvorostra Cand. is already abundant. I have also taken this Autumn a very fine specimen of Nyctale Acadica the first I ever saw in this State. Have you heard of my new warbler Gbel. Encobronchialis, which I described in the Sportsman I should have sent you the paper but I supposed

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Let me know if you are not
& I will get the copy for you.
Herrick has also got a new
Helminthophaga, one totally
different from mine & a
perfect beauty, the handsomest
I think of the genus. He am
made up for my reminiscences
in collecting this fall by very
extensive exchanges with
C. J. Maynard & Co and
has got some really fine
things. Among the best I
recall Porzana Jamaicensis,
Pas. Principes (Spring specimen &
only one extant) Rostratulus
socialis, Scops vas Floridanus
(red & gray pl.) Hend. Gourmand
ii, Columba leucocephala ♂ & ♀
Florida, Lund. Superciliosa,
& others I cannot now re-
member. He gave me the
pick of his entire collection
without any reserve as he
intends to break it all up.
With regard to making you
a visit at N. Y. I think I

you amazing interesting Pace
Trust it will be in Peace
Sept. 27. Stark friend
Hatfield Mass. Yours
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& others I cannot now re-
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pick of his entire collection
without any reserve as he
intends to break it all up.
With regard to making you
a visit at N. Y. I think I

can manage it some time
first of April & Saturday
get off. Nothing has yet
been heard from Dr. Coues
in Pacific Railroad Survey
and I am delighted to come
down for about
a week but W. my
wife is sick & I
shall be unable to
leave home.
I have a
miscellaneous
and scattered
collection in
all 30 feet long
60 feet deep and
about 20 feet
high. I am
so afraid
you will be
disappointed
if I do not
get the best
I can.
Please
forward
Yours
Jas. Ussher
Jr.

I dare say you will be
delighted to hear from
you. I admire your
spunk in digging away
at invertebrates grasshoppers
& all those vermin. Wish
I had a little useful
knowledge in that line
stored away in my own
cranium, for all those
things are connected more
or less intimately with the
study of ornithology, but
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it likely for Sat. 9 a possibility then Sunday

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Yours ever
G. W. Beardsley

should like to accept of your jolly old plan for the holidays". I am at present having a general overhauling of my collection preparatory to moving in to my museum which event will I hope take place some time next month. I manage to get a little collecting occasionally. I believe I told you I was going down to Ipswich for Passerculus Princeps. Well I went & knowing nothing about where to look I had the good luck to stumble right into their "Ranch" as you would call it and bagged a fine pair of

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the beauties which with another that escaped were all I could start. I also got a fine Nyctea nivea and a Phc. Lapponicus both new bird to me.
Winter birds are very abundant and I have got already four adult fine grosbeaks in the red plumage, great luck for this locality. E. J. Maynard & Co. have moved up to Newtonville and I spend most of my loafing time up there now. I am sorry that I didn't order some extra copies of the Sportsman containing description of my new Helminthophaga as proof of my friends

have written me for it. You might possibly get it by writing them for it, if you want it bad enough, as they can sometimes supply the back numbers.
I have just rec'd. a long letter from Henry H. dated Washington & am glad the old boy has turned up all right again as I have felt not a little anxious concerning him. As I cannot visit you why on earth cant you run up here for a week or so? Henry will be at home at Christmas and you can drive over to see him every day or two, and visit Maynard's emporium

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Yours truly
Bunsby
-18 '74

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time to answer your
last so will set down
for a few lines. My
interest in Obituaries
is always at its minimum
at this season — too
cold and snowy to do
very much field work
and too far removed
from the great scientific
center at Washington. To
keep thoroughly posted
in the latest developments,

Obituaries that you
are anxious to get

I believe
that it is a
very good
idea to offer
a prize for
the best essay
upon the subject
"Why is it
about 15 days
after the
ground has
been covered
with snow
that the
Pine Siskin
appears
in the
vicinity
of Boston?"

Yours
Allen

1/7/15

Henry H. and myself
had some good times
together when he was at
home; visited all the
bird guns, carried
woe and desolation among
the Pinnéolas and Aegl
polls and and short
missed only your presence
~~to Comin~~ short of perfect
bliss and contentment.
It's unfortunate that
we can't seem to be
able to get together for
a raft at the birds but,
never mind we'll neither
of us old guns yet and-
there's plenty of time.
I wrote a few notes
on my Eterna Portlandica
for the last Sportsman
and when I get a
few extra copies which

I have ordered will
send you one, as I
believe you don't subscribe.
Got a fine pair of
Sometelia phaeotabilis in
the market the other
day; it is one of our
rarest market takes.
Have seen Allen's figure
of Anemodramus Nelsoni
(nov. var.) and don't
consider it worth a
cent. It is merely a
very bright colored fall
example of A. caudacutus,
and I wonder that
brother A. could have
slipped up on it as
he is death on variety
makers. Winter birds
continue numerous, Ag.
hiaria and Pinicola
being absolutely in swarms.

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(from Fla) Ajctah Rich.
&c. By the way in reading
over your Southern notes I
see you found Gallinula martinica
common in Fla. I have your

that you can then
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exhausted at all in
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but I don't go out after them much as I have full suites of each species. We have our club meetings regularly every Sat. night and I wish you could be able to attend. Last evening we passed a resolution which concerns the corresponding members and of which you will receive a printed notification in a few days. I have received some good skins in exchange lately the bit Porzana Jamaicensis, Ros. sociabilis, Columba leucocephala & egg (from Fla) Arjctah Rich. &c. By the way in reading over your Southern notes I see you found Gallinula martinica common in Fla. I have yet

duplicate skin - that you can spare I am anxious to get the bird as it is not subspecifically at all in my collection, and I hope it will make you a little more willing to do an exchange with me. I believe that it is about time to assume your last so will sit down for a few lines. The interest in Ornithology is always at its minimum at this season - too cold and snowy to do very much field work and too far removed from the great scientific center at Wash'gtn. to keep thoroughly posted in the latest developments.

Yours Truly
Chas. H. Townsend

1/7/15

Cambridge March 16-75

My Dear M.

I have at length found time to read carefully your essay "On Development" and I was so much pleased therewith that I passed it over to our "Committee on Publication" though rather doubtful of their acceptance of the paper. Fulfilling my doubts they returned a verdict of "not sufficiently ornithological though a fine effort." So with many thanks I return it to you hoping

to see it in print somewhere
before long. You can I
think readily understand
that it ~~at~~ hardly comes
within the line of our
restricted specialty, but
~~to~~ many more general
societies or publications
it would, I cannot
doubt, prove very
acceptable. As you have
kindly asked me to
criticise it, I shall
now proceed to do so
hoping you will excuse
me for saying just
what I think without
either "fear or favor." Well
then to begin with it
is I think just a trifle
too much spun out, and
I should try to cut it

down a little. Secondly the quotation marks come in a little too freely and in the aforesaid cutting down I would retain all the original comments and sacrifice a few of the quotations. Next-well, what shall I say next; I can really think of nothing more, and with these two improvements I think it should stand the test of public criticism.

Spring is on the wane of its opening with us as elsewhere and I intend soon to take the field regularly three or four times a week and will let you

hear frequently of my success. Don't you forget though old fellow that a line or so in return will be necessary to keep the wheels of my good nature thoroughly greased So write often.

Yours as ever

J. M. Brewster.

P.S. Have received lately through exchge. Skins of Porzana Jamaicensis (♂ & ♀) Dendroeygna fulva Ibis Ordii, Picus Nuttalii etc, etc.

J.M.B.

tickets and cigars after the infernal tailors
grind is satisfied. No, it can't be done at
present much
obliged as I am
to you for your
cordiality. We'll
share the P.O. stamps
nevertheless, and
that through the
mail as often as
you like. I have
you got the old
ladies stuff cleared
yet and can't
you have me
a molar?
Yours ever
H. B. Beecher

species) do. Small birds are very scarce & have taken none of any account; stop though I did have one trick of luck, for which honours I get nothing but ridicule from scientific men & threats of prosecution from agents of acclimatization societies etc. for a week or so since I shot a pair of European goldfinches (Carduelis degans) in most perfect plumage. Dont think they were our cage birds though they may have been turned out common. The ♀ had very fully developed ovaries & would have laid in another week, too bad?

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to put tags on their
birds in future if they
want us to respect
them. I am collecting
at the risk of my good
name & fortune (provided
I possess either which is very
doubtful) for our woods
are nearly all cut down,
the police force doubled,
and the papers filled
with sensational articles
about "these scientific collectors
"whose prey is the robin
redbreast, whose dissecting
tools, the frying pan
& broiling iron, whose
chief assistant is the
cook." Surely does our
"Suburban" display his
wit and intelligence (?)

in last nights Traveller.
What oh what are we
bird collectors coming to.
However by the liberal use
of a horse & buggy I have
escaped so far but if you
see my name in the
police reports don't
pray you, be startled.
What a man you are
for snapping a fellow
up. I didn't promise
to come down your
way this spring; only
suggested the possibility.
A month ago it might have
been done but I was lazy
& procrastinated: now I
am not lazy but there's
that pain of heart suspected
of having a nest & it must
be looked for, and there's
my spring suit to be
paid for and when
the devil is the money
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Tickets taken at
grand jury, thus informed by
Mr Dalton, it cost me
nothing for
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christen the new suit
the "Stanley" and
wear it through the
world as an
emblem of Stanley
Yours not
Ichabod Crane
Yours truly
Frank Bainbridge
P.S. In looking
over my unanswered
letters I was startled to
find one from you
of that denomination
and dated Apr. 4th
When!!! Well "better late
than never". Have been
awfully busy ever since
the month came in;
last week was out
every day and did
some good work get
nest of Philohela minor
eggs Scops Asio 4, &
Corvus Am. (that can

Cambridge Aug. 29-'75-

Dear M.

Your letter recd. Heard from Purdie of your whereabouts; he apparently enjoyed his trip immensely and expressed himself deeply indebted for your kindness. With regard to my coming down to Woods hole it is simply impossible. Here I've been all summer without one single "go" to relieve the monotony of a season in this preeminently dull place and at the present time can see no very good chance for getting off during the

fall months. I am much obliged for your invitation however and should like to take a sail in the "Bluelight" very much indeed. I sincerely hope that you will make me a visit; don't talk about stopping over a few trains however, but just make up your mind to a day or two at the very least as you know you have seen properly "done" this locality. Don't fail however to let me know beforehand when you are coming as I very rarely am to be found at the house during the day being off nearly all the time on shooting excursions to neighboring towns etc. I have taken absolutely nothing of importance this summer but have done nevertheless some good work in filling the gaps in my collection with certain plumages of common birds hitherto unrepresented. I have now with a few exceptions, all the different plumages of all the smaller N. E. birds and many of them are both unique and curious. I should certainly die of ennui however if compelled to pass another summer collecting in Mass. as it would be impossible to find anything to do. I long to change my ground and wish I could apply Horace Greeley's advice to youth in general, to myself in particular.

Have read a few letters

from Hunshaw but the poor fellow finds it very hard to fill out his sheet as he is doing very little on birds this season! last report 250 skins, many of them very common. Hoping to see you soon I remain

Yours as ever

[illegible]

Cambridge Sept. 15-'75

Dear M.

I found your friend's telegram awaiting ~~upon~~ upon my return from the city and as I feared it might be something important I took the liberty to open and read it intending if necessary to return to the city and tel. back the message to your addr. at N. H. As the message read however, I concluded that matters would explain themselves upon your arrival so decided to

commit it to the waste basket. Am very sorry that you didn't get it, room houses and enjoyed your visit very much and would have liked to spend another day or two with you. Yes to one your Geothlypis is an Oporornis. Was mighty close and Henshaw got deceived on his first specimens in 1870 in just that way. I have taken two O. agilis since you were here and another Emp. flaviventris. Have just rec'd. Lawrence's type specimen of Sturnella Pikei, and am afraid it will bother me, but I intend to assail S.

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Portlandica nevertheless.
Shall get off Monday
for a two weeks collecting
trip to Nantucket and
hope to get something
good there. Will try and
send you some add.
Yours in great haste
Chas Brewster

Cambridge Nov. 1 - 75

Dear. M.

I have entirely forgotten whether I answered your letter after my return from Nantucket or not so be prepared for stale news. I went to N. to get some additional material for working up those terms and lives moderately successfull as far as the accomplishment of that purpose, but otherwise had poor luck and

a cold disagreeable time generally. Got some funny things on the island however, Opsoromis agilis, Hel. Jungrina etc. Looked in on your shanty at the Hole and I can assure you it was dreary and forlorn enough. Am glad Scott is doing as well: your personal description amused me infinitely and was decidedly accurate. After my return I pitched into the terms and wrote out my views to the extent of some six or seven pages of Lyceum proceedings. Now shall of course have said

vius among the first,
I got Lawrence's type
specimen of S. Pteri but
didn't meddle with it
after all, as it differs
more widely from macrura
than I had supposed.
Took a trip down on
the Cape last week
quail shooting and
had some fine sport
bagging 60 or 70 birds
in three days. Got
sick the last day and
have been laid up
in the house ever since
much to my disgust.
As soon as I can get
out shall visit Ipswich
for P. Irinaps but
fear I may be too late,
Have not heard a

word from Henry J.
since some time in
August, and am
beginning to feel a
little anxious. Maynard
has returned from
Penn. with some
1200 birds, among
them many really
fine things, as Helo
Phil. 6 specimens, Mel.
Lowieolini 2 do. & Buteo
Harlani (?) He talks of
again starting a private
collection. By the way
I forgot all about your
sparrows. Will send them
by mail to morrow

Yours as ever.
W. Brewster

Cambridge Mass. 8-76

My Dear M,

I hardly know how to go to work to convince you that my long silence has been due to no desire to neglect your valued friendship. Three excuses I have each one of which has done its part in keeping the pen from performing its duty. They are in the order of their relative agency, much necessary writing, weak eyes, and ~~must~~ I confess it — laziness. The last however I assure you has had the least to do with the matter but still I must own

there have been opportunities that I might have seized upon. I have been doing a lot of work in the ink slinging line, in getting up a ledger of some 500 pages – a sort of summary or condensation of all my meteorological observations since the year 1, which have hitherto been scattered through numberless note books, journals & diaries. Among other things this work prevented me from going on to Washington as I had planned and Henry H. is fairly howling about it. I should have stopped one a day or so with you though that lick most

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tions & contributions of
papers solicited. Will send
you the first number
gratis when you can
judge for yourself.
Why can't you write
up that Pas Principes
et Pasus Hudsonicus
and let us have them.
Both new to Comm.
you of course know.
I am going to put
in some poetry, fin
annual addition,
D. Maynard has a bird
nine to N. Am. so
you see you'll be in
good company if you
want to contribute.
Seriously I really think
we will make the

unfulfilled plans is of little comfort now. I have done little or no collecting this winter partly for lack of time & partly because birds were especially scarce. But an good thing happened in a Barnum circumstance the last specimen I ever saw. I bought it cheap in town. Shot a fine Nyctali Acadica, Scops Asio (Red) Brachyotus Palustris etc. I wrote up that term matter last Oct. and it has been all this time coming out. Just got the extras to day. Look out for one mighty mail. The club is going to start a

prohibition making a grand onslaught on the birds this season, that's what I always do about this time, and intend to raise them in Va in May and devastate their homes in Me, in June. It is reported that the market value of Egg's Philadelphia Eggs is already on the decline and Southern skins are worth little or nothing. If my luck equals my expectations will find you on a cartload or two of specimens. Write soon & forgive

Yours sincere friend

W. B. Brewster

thing go & if so it will be the only publication devoted exclusively to N. A. ornithology.

Spring birds are coming along in goodly numbers Sialia sialis, D. aestivus, D. pinus, D. thoreauus, Scol. formosus etc. appeared yesterday.

We have had a few Pinicolas this winter & that is about all.

Look out for spring Pas. princeps - they come in latter part of March. I am especially desirous in that plumage.

Henry writes me frequently but seems to be having rather a quiet time of it this winter. I

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To Chas. Merriam 1876.

H. S. Robertson Dr

I will go home and 5

Saturday night & meet the 10

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Cambridge April 6 – 1876

Dear M.

Your letter & postal came to hand last night, & just here comes in a most remarkable coincidence. You write to invite me to join you on a trip to Eastport Me, leaving Boston Monday morning. Well what do you suppose I've been about the last week & more? Actually writing letters to St. Johns N. B. and making all my preparations for going down on that boat. I should probably have dropped you a line before starting which you would not have received, and supposing you had not notified me we should have met on the boat without either of us having any idea of the others presence: mutual embraces & affecting tableau. I telegraphed you this morning, not knowing when you would have N. H. & fearing to risk this letter, I cannot however remain with your party at Eastport but must keep on to St. Johns as I too have a party, one Mr. Stone is going down with me & two probably will meet us at St. Johns

We are going for ducks and our ultimate destination is Naces bay a place some thirty miles from St. Johns, where the Anatidae are said to swarm. The time of the others being limited, a week is all the time we shall stay there, and if you are at Eastport on our return perhaps I can spend a second week with your crowd which would certainly give me much pleasure. Anyway we shall have the trip down together. But I will defer further planning until I see you. Be sure to come out Sat. and stay over Sunday with me. The club meets Sat. night at our house and you must come if you possibly can. Many thanks for the article on P. Princeps at Paris Mendsonicus: it is just what we want.

Yours in great haste

J. Brewster

Lake House, Elliston, Me. June 4-1876

My Dear Merriam

Your letter was forwarded to me here and was very welcome but my dear fellow along with it came seven others and all there must be answered, besides several demands on me for articles, squibs etc. for our next bulletin. Now with birds & eggs staring me in the face the former wanting to be skinned the latter to be blown & really consider I have a good excuse for being brief. I have been here a week & have skinned about 125 picked birds among them Vireo Phil. Mel. Lincolni, G. Philadelphia, Bonaps Penn. Picoides Arcticus etc. Yesterday I took the first eggs namely two sets of Sphyrapicus ruber of Botaurus. In answer to your questions I will say we never get Hy. nuttallii in Mass. I took 14 in Va. S. ludovicianus has been found in numbers at Saybrook Conn. but your note extends its range. Mel. pinus I have never seen alive

It has been taken but once in Mass. but is common at Saybrook Conn. If you write within two weeks address as per. heading. Three dollars (3.00) for Subs. to Bull. recd. & forwarded to our treasurer.

Yours in great haste
Alfred Bronson

Cambridge July 7th, 1876

My Dear M.

Your letter recd. yesterday. I have refused so many kind invitations from you that I believe I should not dare to reject this one were it not simply impossible for me to come. The same old story you say! "he can't leave home or something of that sort." Wait just a moment old fellow before you condemn me. I can get off easily enough just at present, and I think the trip would do me good as well as prove a very pleasant one, but my excuses can be rendered in just three words: I am lame. I begin to think that there is something radically wrong in my physical equilibrium for I get smashed up wherever I go. I fell this time, at the lake from a wet, slippery log and struck on my old lame hip on a rock. I thought at first I had broken the bone, but I

managed after a while to get up & hobble to the house which was luckily near. I left for home the next day as I found I was unable to do any more work, and although two weeks have now elapsed I am still as lame an old cripple as you would care to see. Am afraid I shall have a long siege of it but hope not. I had fair luck at the lake. I spent the first two weeks collecting picked birds and skinned 175, the best Vireo Phil. 1 ♂; Geoth. Phil. 3 ♂♂; Mel. Lincolni 1 ♂; Picoides Arcticus 5; Buteo Penn. 2 ♂; Dend. castanea 12; D. Blackburniae 35 (know anybody who wants some?) Sphy. varius 16; Tetrao Can. bonasus borealis etc. Off eggs I took sets of D. coronata et maculosa, Turdus Swainsoni et fuscescens; Sphy. varius (4 fine sets, one with 7 eggs) Botaurus, Lon. albicollis; Junco hyemalis; Sacl. ferruginiceps etc. Wheaton has written that he will be at the club to-morrow night. Has your cousin any sets of eggs to exch. I can give him some good things. Write often

Yours as ever Geo. B. Newton

Cambridge, July 18 – 1876

My Dear Messrs

Yours just rec'd. My first excuse is nearly invalid as my life is nearly well, but I have unfortunately so many others that I have not time to name them all. First and foremost my cousin who lives with us is called home for a month or more, having father & myself ~~at her~~ alone. That of itself will prevent my going anywhere until the returns. Next my valuable setter (the one I took to N. B.) has just died, and my only remaining hunter a fine young pointer is lingering even now at death's door. I have to stay at the house nearly all the time to doctor him etc. Again, a horse that I have just invested considerable money in has got some infernal malady or other and I suppose after the customary expenditure

of time & doctors bills I shall loose him too. I am just about driven distracted with the bad luck and however much I need it there's no hope of my getting off anywhere at present. Had a letter from Henry & I guess he has made up his mind to visit you if he can get the chance to leave. Wish you all manner of good times and don't doubt you'll enjoy yourselves hugely but its no use to ask me this time.

Yours in affliction

Effie Beardsley

Cambridge Nov. 13 — 1876

My Dear Merriam

Your postal waked me up to a sense of my neglected duty toward you as a correspondent. I have been boarding at Concord Mass through the Autumn for the sake of the superior shooting there. Killed a good many woodcock, grouse, snipe etc. but did very little collecting as I had two young dogs to train and wanted to get them broken in as well

as possible by the end of the season. I however picked up a few desirable specimens at odd times among them Hel. celata – the 3rd specimen for Mass – Asio Accipitrinus, Archibuteo lagopus, Bubo Pennsylvanicus etc. Week before last I spent at Phila but as I stopped outside the city some 30 miles I didn't get a chance to see Dr. Yarrow for time was precious with me and I spent it all on the grounds. Don't understand about Dr. Yarrow's letters being returned from Cambridge. Our house has not been closed and all my other letters came regularly & were forwarded by my father to Concord.
I tried hard to get a chance to stop over at New Haven but things didn't work right and I had to give it up. Can't tell when I shall get down to see you. Have had several letters from Henry H., Should judge that he wasn't doing much in birds this season

The greatest event of the season here has been the extraordinary influx of snowy owls into Mass. Last week over two hundred specimens were brought into Boston and you could buy fine specimens @ $5.00. Brown a correspondent of mine at Portland Me. writes me that he has taken five Pas. Princeps there this season. Write me all about your doings as I am always interested.

Yours as ever

C. H. Bronston

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Thanks for the honor you have done me in submitting your essay to my judgment. I am pressed hard by engagements etc. at present but will examine the paper carefully in a few days and report on the same.

Nothing new going on here. I received a fine specimen of Minus polyglottus yesterday in the flesh. It was shot only a few hours previous in an adjoining town & the freshness of the plumage precludes the possibility of its having been kept in confinement

N. C. Brewster

Cambridge Jan. 13 - 1877

Dear M.

Have rec'd your postal but mislaid it somewhere. I think you asked about Anous stolidus. It has never to my knowledge been taken in N. E. Birds are exceedingly scarce here this winter and I have taken nothing of any account. Am glad you like the Bull. Henry's address is as of old 1813 F St. Washington D.C. Will try to give you a letter soon

N. C. Brewster

Cambridge Nov 17 1876

You speak too late, Not a N. shrike in market for the last week. I mind them all myself as the greatest rum was, one, before I got back from Phila and then I was sick a week.

Had I been here at the best time could have sent you a barrel @ 50¢ per bird.

Yours

N. C. Brewster

Jacksonville Fla. April 1 - 1877

My dear Merriam

Your "Coals of fire" came to me in a warm climate but they were none the less welcome. I wrote to you before I left (Feb 3) and yet your letter is dated the 14th, I wrote I think a few lines only but I am perfectly certain I sent you something informing you of my proposed trip.

Well I have been skipping about Fla. seeing as much of the country as possible and collecting a few birds. I came off really sick - all used up - and I am not strong enough yet to do any hard work so I haven't accomplished anything worth mentioning - I have 50 skins in all, most of them common. I am at work to day answering

a modest little mail of 35 letters that I found awaiting me here after two weeks sojourn up the St. John & Tobique rivers. Shall stay about a month longer and mean to do a little real work before I get through. In view of said 35 letters please excuse my cutting this short as I can spare only a few words to each.

About the list my advice is emphatically take the whole state and make it as complete as you can, Mr. Grinnell is already a member and E. P. Bicknell also I think. Purdie is the man to set you straight with Clerk of Saybrook. I don't know him.

In hot haste

Very friendly yours
J. Kelly Brewster

Add. Jack Smith if you write us I hope you will. I'll try to write more at length soon.

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Cambridge, Mass., June 15 - 1877

My dear Merriam

I recd. your letter and list of specimens. The latter I have looked over carefully and presented to the club at the regular meeting but neither I nor they can help you to a single fact. Am sorry for this my dear fellow but you see Bonn is habitual outside our "ken" except in a general way and you yourself know much more of its special fauna than any

of our coterie possibly can, I congratulate you on your proposed trip and wish you all manner of success and good times. Perhaps you will be interested to hear that I am engaged to Miss E. F. Ketteell of Boston. I do not suppose that you have ever met her and it is needless for me to say anything about her as I should probably bore you. You can imagine what I would say however. Hope some time to be able to shake your paw over a little happy want in your lot. About my "going by" N. Haven! I sailed directly from Boston to Savannah and returned

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the same way so I didn't get much more than the Vineyard Sound.

Well old fellow, I wish I could see you. If you up this way don't think of a formal interchange of calls and consider me as owing you one but run out to Cambridge and stay with us as long as you can.

Very truly yours

J. A. Brewster

Cambridge July 12 - 1877

My dear Merriam

Have just returned from Concord and find your letters awaiting me. Am exceedingly sorry not to have got them before. You will find the record of Minus Polyglottus in "Rod & Gun" vol 4 - no 24 - p. 370 - or more simply, in the issue of March 13 - 1875. You can probably gain access to the file of some sportsman or sporting club. Wish I had time to copy the record but have not.

In haste Very truly Yours

F B Emerson

Concord July 26 - 1877

My dear Merriam

Of course my time is always "occupied" you lazy writer, But then I can "make time" always too and I shall very gladly do so in your behalf. But my dear fellow I fear my critique will not prove very valuable. However I will gladly assail your proofs and then after reading pass it over to Mr. Allen for a final revise. I will attend to it promptly in all cases, so send

it along — as many
yards as you choose.
Address Concord till
Sept. 1st. Nothing
of interest in the
World since of late.
Have you really got
E. address in Rome?
Tell me about it
Yours
C. F. Browne

Concord Aug. 9-1877

My dear Merriam

I received your letter last night and was much interested in the contents. But either I am very obtuse or you very inexplicit for I cannot yet quite understand what you want me to do about your paper. You say you want me "to criticize" it; and in another place "to write my criticism" etc. Now I am not sure as to your meaning tho' I suppose it is very stupid of me: Do you want me to write a review of it to appear in print, or simply a

private letter of criticism? Pard
I suppose after reading your re
your last letter carefully whatev
that it must be the about
former and for publica- it i
tion in the Bull. Please come
let me know if I am proof
right. If that is what it be
you wish for, I will crush
gladly do it to the best But
of my poor ability but did
I should like the whole abou
of the advance paper I th
if possible. I can do to ge
it any time before the indic
1st of Sept. Our Bill I can
matter must be in the hp
hands of the printer for
by Sept. 8th in order nega
to appear promptly by bind
Oct. 1st. If you cannot did-
let me have the whole I sh
I will take up what the a
are already out if you one
will return them when. ons

Pardon me for mistaking your meaning so badly but whatever you originally wrote about it I certainly got it into my head that you meant to send me last proof tho' when I rec'd. it I thought it more than ously good proof.

But why dear fellow you did not understand me about those dates of arrival. I think it well enough to give the earliest arrival indeed advisable – but I cannot possibly do the less of giving the latest for that is only at best negative evidence. The bird may – and probably did – arrive quite often. I should prefer averaging the dates and then giving one or two of the earliest ones. A latest date proves

~~[illegible]~~ to my mind the consistency of the observer more than anything else — that is supposed he takes the field regularly every day tho' the season. This to the capt. for specific names that is of course a matter of individual opinion purely, but I cannot think that such men as J. A. Allen ~~and~~ Dr. Coues & R. Ridgway would allow any practice "in opposition to any rule of grammar" or "inadmissable from a literary point of view", certainly it would be running "things into the ground" as you say to abolish capitals altogether and I should be far from advocating anything so

extreme but would rather
prefer the middle course.
The Salem press which
I must certainly be conceded
to be an authority on
the printing of scientific
papers, absolutely refuses
to print any specific
names in caps. This I
have on the authority of
Prof. Atkins. But I will
not argue the matter
further only I think you
must admit that it is
purely a matter of opinion
and that there are good
authorities on both sides
of the question, and I
think we can say that
most zoologists advocate
my side. I have
done very little collecting
of late as few Cistothorus
stellaris being my only
trophies. Please answer

this letter at once and send along the advance sheets as soon as possible. If you want me to write a review of them. I think an article on the birds of your section would be very acceptable.

As ever

Very truly Yours

C. F. Brewster

Concord Aug. 29-77.

My dear Sherman,

I have just time to write a few lines. I recd. ~~your~~ a dozen shirts & your letter up to page 112. The rest must come within a few days or I cannot get them sewing into cases. But Rev. Allen says that it will not do to take any portion of the Paper. However I am in hopes to do it all in time

With regard to any
claims, the Chairman
no. the one that
E. B. Greenwood recorded
in Book of Com. &
if you have the
paper you are all
right. Yes Sir.
The bird I obtained
it from him in
the flesh & mounted
it myself. The crop
was filled with
cedar berries — a fact
of importance as
going far to prove
that the bird was
accustomed to the

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United States, I will
do my own best
to get the business
written in time
but you must
hurry it along
I am hasty
Very truly yours
W. Burston

I shall be in
Cambridge from
Sept 1st to 9th
so you can address
or what you send
accordingly

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Cambridge, Mass., Sept 3 – 1877

My dear Messiam

I am back in Cambridge again and have all your paper complete now. The last proof sheets arrived the day before I left Concord. I rec'd your telegram this morning. I shall have time yet to write the revision as we have been delayed on other matter and shall not send our matter to press before the close of this week

Everything quiet here.
Do you want your
October number of Bull.
Send to Hindostan or
Formosa or where?
Write me a short account
of your plans if you
can find time in what
band you are going to collect
most mainly etc.
Do you keep your
own collections or must
they go to some or
else. I should think
you must get many
rare and some
new species of such
an expedition
In haste
H. Brooks

Cambridge Nov - 9 - 1877

My dear M.

Your splendid present of the books came yesterday and I must say that I was delighted with the two beautiful copies that had my name inscribed in the margin. I will leave the others to express their thanks as seems best, but for myself I can only say simply that am ever and ever so much obliged for your kind remembrance.

What a beautiful volume it makes bound up and the blank paging of the larger copies is an admirable idea. I should have written you long ago had I known your address. Until within a week I supposed you were

thousands of miles away on the Woodruff Expedition! What the devil do you make of their failing to come to time?! Is it a fizzle do you think? I am laid up by the heels again as I got thrown from my buggy by a runaway horse and lamed my leg again. As to when I shall get over it; quien sabe! At present I am at work on my specimens and scribble a little as my eyes permit. I haven't fired a gun since August, when the cursed thing happened. Thanking you again I am as ever

Very Sincerely
S. F. Baird

Henshaw was here for a week! he had poor luck this season some 250 specimens only coll'd.
Write when you can & tell me what you are doing.

Cambridge Jan. 17 - 1878

My dear M.

Your letter came some days since. I am jogging away at Ornithology the same as ever tho' I am adding to my collection principally thro' exchanges now, for I have hardly find a gun this past Autumn owing principally to my infernal lameness which has made tramping impossible. I am just returned from Washington where I had a very pleasant time with Henry R. R. & the rest. I think you are just the man to work up the birds of N. Y. Pitch in by all means and give us a companion list to "Birds of Conn." We need a good one and I can tell you old fellow your recent production is a mighty valuable paper. By the way you seem

told me how you liked my review of it in the Bull. I tried to treat it fairly and as you asked me to, "just as if you were a stranger to me" for I have always believed that that is the only honest way to write a review. If you felt hurt at anything I said about it I am really very sorry for I regard it as a splendid thing, but of course I was in duty bound to point out what seemed to me defects though if I remember aright I couldn't find many.

Spring as no birds here at all. The winter so far has been very mild & fine. I shall go off somewhere before March is out. I haven't decided, but whenever to either Cal^a or Fla^a, little enough the latter. Wish I could write more but my time is very limited this morning. Give us the "Birds of N.Y." by all means

As ever yours

Wm Brewster

Purdie is all O.K.

St. Mary's Camden Co. Ga.
Feby 25 - 1871

My dear Merrian

Yours of the 23rd ult. should have been answered long ago but my dear fellow since that time I have been married and have migrated down here and the thousand and one things that I had to attend to first before the event, and our departure, took up every minute of my time. Now as to the main subject of your interesting letter, (I have seen the one you wrote Allen, also); I should say by all means, pitch in

and give us a list of
the birds of Central N. Y.
that is good for something
No one is better qualified
in every way to do it
than you, and I know
that it will fill acceptably
what is now essentially
a blank for such effusions
as Willards can never be
accepted as reliable by
any ornithologist of ordinary
powers of discrimination.
I have the very highest
opinion of your "Birds of
Conn." Tho', I still hold
to the certain points of
my review. I think you
have more fully understood
what I mean by "cumbr-
ousness". I admit the
value of facts — indeed any
publication in any branch

of science is worthless without them, but I thought that you might have condensed them a little more and given the substance of your exceedingly interesting and valuable facts in less space, — that is all. As you say, that is however mainly a matter of opinion and perhaps mine is not a just or wise one. Let it pass. I am down here mainly because I think I can do more here as I am as I am, than at home.

I however let just my small results as all my collecting must be done from a team or a boat on the river. My gun can has been delayed somewhere and I am anxiously awaiting

its arrival as I am entirely powerless of course without it. Write whenever you can. As to visiting you this spring the fates are manifestly opposed to our ever making a season of it together. I shall not get back until some time in May probably. Ridgeway has asked me to return North by way of Illinois and spend a week or two of work at Mt. Carmel but I shall not attempt it unless my health gets well.

Very friendly always

W. Brewster

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61 Sparks St. Cambridge, Apr. 23
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My dear Merriam

Your very interesting and kind letter of the 10th inst was most welcome. I mailed to you add another copy of the pamphlet the very day that the letter came. But never mind; I have plenty left. Please give to your deserving youth in your place.

I am much concerned to hear about your illness but heartily glad to know that you finished thro' all right. My dear fellow! you must not work so hard. Why all till spell that you give yourself no energy restoration.

The weather is lovely here now snow all gone and spring birds coming on fast.

I am out nearly every day

but my collection is so nearly complete as regards birds of this section that I do not often find anything that I want.

I shall start for Maine about the middle of next month and I propose spending at least six weeks in the woods of Oxford Co. Most of my efforts will be concentrated on eggs & nests.

I have been working for the past three months on a catalogue of my entire collection and at last it is finished. My this number, in all exactly 4500.

Hoping to hear from you now and then I remain

Yours sincerely

W. Brewster.

Thank you very much for your kind invitation which I may be able to accept

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Yours sincerely

J. H. Brewster.

Thank you very much for your kind invitation which I may be able to accept

nothing could hospitably give me greater pleasure and it is a hospitable thing to do. But it is important for me to be able to come or not as I can keep my letters and hospitality with me. I shall be in a position to do so then but I think I shall be in Maine about the middle of August.

Thank you for your kindness in "pressing" the return of the photos. You are welcome to them as long as you will find them useful.

J. H. B.

Cambridge, Sept. 30, 1879.

My dear M.

I write in great haste to thank you for inviting me on the "Moon Lake" trip and to tell you that I cannot possibly go. There is only one obstacle to prevent it but that is insurmountable, viz. I am still lame and cannot walk half a mile to save my life. Of course there will be more or less walking on such a trip as you are about to undertake. Even if I could get thro' it without walking I should not care to go debarred of the privilege of roaming about in the woods a little.

Hope you will have the very best of time.

Speaking of Picoides will not you try to get for me the

female of *P. americanus* & I have never had it in my collection. I can give you something good in exchange.

Please write me when you get back, as to your success etc.

I have only a moment to write so will say no more now

Yours as ever

W. W. Brewster.

Concord, Mass. Oct. 12/81.

My dear Merriam.

I can hardly tell you how much pleasure your kind letter has given me for I feel that it is both spontaneous and sincere.

In writing the few reviews that I have undertaken I have always tried to be impartial and at the same time to give my frank opinion of the work in hand without fear or favor.

In the present cases I felt so strongly that I was afraid that I might

have been unjust. But I could not refrain from entering a protest against the acceptation of Minots records which I could not bear to have Dr. Cone's cowardly attacks on T. M. B. — many of them you will have noticed ostensibly penned by Stearns — go unrebuked. It is a great satisfaction to know that my feelings are shared by fellow workers for whom I have deep respect.

I think of you often and always with regret that we are so widely separated by distance and the fact

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accumulating cares of this life, I have more than once tried to write you a friendly letter but for the past year or two I have had to give up all but absolutely necessary correspondence and I rarely have a moment of leisure. I imagine your time is similarly filled. But if you ever come to Cambridge you will find "the latch-string out" and a friendly welcome awaiting you at my home.

Yours most cordially

William Brewster.

Cambridge, Dec. 29, 1881.

My dear Merriam,

Mr. Allen has handed me your letter of the 25th inst. with the request that I look up the "Phon-bird" therein described and write you about it.

Upon first reading the description you quote I felt pretty sure that the bird in question was Tringa (Pelidna) subarquata but to place this beyond any doubt I have carefully compared your correspondent's diagnosis with a fine

adult bird in my collection from Cape Cod, Mass.

The result proved entirely satisfactory and there is no doubt whatever but that your specimen is Subarquata in high breeding plumage.

I am interested to know when it was obtained;—not in the Adirondack Region I suppose?

Yours cordially.

William Brewster

NUTTALL ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., March 8, 1882

My dear Merriam.

Your kind letter of Jany 8th deserved a speedier answer but somehow it got mislaid and I have only now found and read it.

My hip is still weak and I think always will be. I have not walked over a mile at a time for nearly four years. Consequently Adirondack tramps would hardly be possible for me, much as I should like to take one. At present I am confined to my room by a fresh accident which has temporarily disabled my other leg. I think however that it will not last long. How did

the panther hunt come out? I should like to hear.

I am thinking of going to Colorado next month if I find myself able to take the journey. Allen started for Colorado Springs last Monday and he wishes me to follow and join him. I should collect as much as possible. I will try to keep you posted but my time is very much taken up and I really find it hard to answer my correspondents. Doubtless your own experience is similar.

Yours very cordially,

William Brewster

NUTTALL ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., June 15, 1882

My dear Merriam.

Yours of the 12th has just reached me here. It is exceedingly kind of you to think of me and I am sure that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to make one of your party on the trip to Newfoundland but unfortunately I have taken rooms for myself and Mrs. Brewster at Shelburne, N. H. for the whole of July and I cannot very well change my plans, especially as I feel that my wife's health really requires

the change. You see there are some disadvantages in being a married man.

I got back from Colorado on June 1st. I had seven weeks at Colorado Springs with Mr. Allen. We collected most of the time and I got together nearly five hundred skins including such desirables as Hel. virginiae, Cattuepes, Archibuteo ferrugineus and, of course, all the commoner species of the region. We shot seventeen Cypseloides fasciatus in two hours, now, I venture to say, that has ever been bagged in that length of time before.

I wish I could give you an encouraging account

of Mr. Allen's health but I am compelled to admit that he seemed to be steadily failing up to the time of my departure for home. I feel very anxious about him although I do not think that his life is in any danger. The indications are, however, that he has a long period of invalidism before him and I doubt if he will ever be able work as he has done.

He will remain in Colorado through this month and perhaps later.

With kindest regards I am, as ever, Yours sincerely.

William Brewster.

NUTTALL ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., Nov. 8 — 188 2

My dear Merriam,

The two copies of your "Vertebrates of the Adirondack Region" have just come to hand. I will see that Mr. Allen has his and for my own place accept my hearty thanks.

The work you have undertaken promises to be a most valuable as well as unusually attractive one and I can see that it will be done in the thorough manner which won such universal praise for your "Birds of Connecticut". I hope we shall have the "Birds" of this interesting region before long. Sorry the Mammals cannot come in for a review in

the Bulletin.

Your castigation of Gentry has been received with a burst of applause from all sides. It was a good, honest, unsparing exposé. I hope you will give us more like it when opportunities occur.

Yours cordially.

William Brewster.

I have the extras mailed to you last Sunday. Hope you have them safely. I find the printer was largely to blame for the delay which I sincerely regret.

Cambridge –
December 10, 1882.

My dear Merriam.

How would you like to review a paper on geographical variation as illustrated in the genus Dorcia? It is in French. Allen has a copy and I will get him to send it to you if you will undertake it. It does not call for any very extensive treatment and a page of printed matter will be enough. This is all I can think of, have some little things which I can manage. Please let me know at once if you would like to undertake

it.

Yours hastily.

William Brewster.

Thanks for advice in regard to typewriter. I think I shall get one.

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Cambridge –
Dec. 30, 1882.

Dear Sherman.

I have tried to give the "Transactions" of the L. S. a good "send off" but I had to say some unkind things, even about your fine paper. These I trust you will take as public utterances, impartially meant, and prompted by no personal ill-will, prejudice or desire to injure in any way. As you know I review without fear or favor, say as many complimentary things as I think deserved, but on <u>no account</u> ever allow an obvious fault or weakness to go unrebuked. When I have to give up this course

I will stop writing reviews.

I feel that I have said nothing derogatory to the papers in the "Transactions" that was not called for, and I have no apology to make for any of my strictures. I only ask you to take them as they are intended;- viz. as an impartial expression of my personal opinion, delivered officially - or rather, I should say, editorially.

I have written Bickmell very much to the same effect. Be good boys - both of you, and don't get your backs up. If I didn't think a heap of you both I wouldn't go to the trouble of writing this; if your papers had not been important ones they would not have been worth criticising.

Yours cordially,

William Brewster.

NUTTALL ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., January 15 — 1883.

My dear Merriam.

In editing Morton's bird-chapter for Mr. Adams I came to a stumbling-block in the word "Simpes". I could not find a definition anywhere but Josselyn in enumerating the different kinds of Ducks speaks of "Widgeons, Simps, Teal, Blew wing'd and green-winged" so I referred it to this family. I have just chanced on your quotation of the passage in "Rev. B'd's Comm" and see that you explain it as relating to our Woodcock. Will you kindly give me your authority for this interpretation? As Mr. Adams is holding the proof for me I shall hope to get your answer soon.

Heartily

William Brewster.

Cambridge —
February 12, 1883.

My dear Merriam.

Sorry to say there is no longer any hope of my visiting you this winter. I have been asked to finish Nelson's "Report" beginning with the Water-Birds and if I have a favorable answer to the final letter I have just sent, I shall go on to Washington at once. The task will probably keep me busy until the collecting season begins when I shall try to

be a little field work. So you see there is no chance.

Wheaton's account of Zetania is decidedly the best that I have ever read. I laughed well when I came upon it. I like his "Report" thoroughly. It is a very careful, accurate exponent of his years of study and investigation. It is to be reviewed by E. E. in our April Bull.

Did I answer your challenge to produce proofs that the Wood Mouse is not "eminently northern"? I have a suspicion I did not so will now say that I inserted it among the other challenged ones at Allen's request. He said that it distribution is similar to that of Zapus and that he did not regard it as a Canadian, or even eminently northern form. I confess that I know nothing about it myself; it is the only one that I challenge.

be a little field work. So you have "there is no chance."

Whitney's account of Petrie is decidedly the best that I have read. I laughed over his "Report upon it. I like a very careful, accurate statement "thoroughly. It is thoroughly accurate. It is to be regretted by E. E. in our April Bull.

Did I assume your challenge to produce proofs that the Boral Mora is not "eminently a British Mora"? I have held now I did not so assert that I braced my challenge.

ones at Allen's request. He said that its distribution is similar to that of Lapus and that he did not regard it as a Canadian, or even eminently northern form. I confess that I know nothing about it myself; it is the only one that I challenged that I am not personally familiar with.

Allen is coming on duck again and will edit the April Bulletin.

Have you heard from Bicknell? He has paid no attention to any letter. I shall be very sorry if he chooses to remain offended.

Yours cordially.

William Brewster.

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To Dr C Hart Merriam

Co Prof A. C. Merriam 124 E 55 St

Important that I see you before meeting will meet you at Victoria Hotel tuesday evening eight oclock

W Brewster

Cambridge -

Oct. 2nd 1883.

Dear Miriam:

I don't believe in "gush" and as a rule distrust the man who uses it but in acknowledging your kindness to me during the past week I want to say more than the customary "thank you".

I always believed in and respected you but previous to the late Convention I knew not felt that I knew you very well. Such times often do more to reveal character than years of casual intercourse and when I see a man stand out boldly and fearlessly against even the shadow

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I can hardly express to you what I feel or mean but I will say that hitherto I have acknowledged only three real friends - Allen, Hinshaw & another who is not an ornithologist. I now have four one of whom is yourself, that is if you will allow me to add you to a circle which I guard and prize very, very

jealously. There may not be much outward difference - probably there will not be. But I shall hereafter take an interest and pride in you and your fortunes which I have never felt before and do not feel for any one of the numerous acquaintances who call themselves my friends. When I find a man made of pure gold I prize him above all price.

There! I have relieved my pent-up feelings and will say no more, else you will charge me with venting you a love letter. Faith! but it isn't far from it anyway for true love and true friendship are nearly synonomous in my mind. But I will not trouble you again: only remember if you ever need help or sympathy in any trouble or perplexity that you will not have to apply in vain to

Your true friend.

William Bennetter.

I fear you will consider me an emotional ass but I had to out with or "burst".

Cambridge –
Nov. 7th, 1883.

Dear Miriam:

I am just back from Umbagog with a few skins and a fresh lease of life. Had a glorious time and fine shooting – that is for New England – killing as many Duells & Snipe as I could eat and give away.

Allen has posted me on all that has transpired and shown me several of your letters. You have evidently had

your hands full of missionary work. Glad to hear the unwashed have at last yielded to reason. I suppose the new editor of O. & O. will give us no trouble!

Everything looks very prosperous as far as I can see. Allen is improving in health wonderfully. He is stronger than he has been since the original break-down.

Everett Smith has just written me a savage letter. He is indignant and demands an explanation instead of being ashamed of himself as he ought to be. I have answered that I have no explanation to make but am willing to receive one from him if he does. I think he means to make mischief if he can not from here.

To make the matter worse

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that I have no explanation to make but am willing to receive one from him if he has any to offer. I think he means to make mischief if he can but I do not fear him.

How do you stand the racket of the secretaryship? It must be a fearful load in addition to your other duties. Has any one declined their membership in A. O. U.? Have you heard from Henry Husband? I haven't for one week.

The "Ark" won't do at all. We find that the title accompanied by a

fair cut of *Alca impennis* is the brand of a certain kind of guano. So that kills it. Besides it is ~~some~~ copying our British cousins too closely. What think you of the "American Ornithologist"? It has been suggested and I rather like it for it seems simple and dignified while it covers the ground well and shuts out rival affairs from setting themselves up as the chief organ of Am. ornithologists.

Have you any photos. to spare. I want one if you have. Did you get the one I sent you.

Some news found.

William Brewster.

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Cambridge -
Nov. 16, 1883.

My dear Mariani

Don't borrow any further trouble about Cony. I had heard the infernal lie you mention several days before your letter came and at once saw Cony about it. He was terribly indignant and had C. J. M. been here (he is in Florida) his chances of escaping a thrashing would have been poor. Cony is, and has been all along, perfectly friendly to the Union. We have had many long talks about it and he

takes the greatest interest.
He will have an article
in the January issue of
the new magazine describing
some new Santo Domingo birds
and accompanied by a
fine plate of the type of a
new genus. Cory is as
square as a brick and a
much more substantial
fellow than he seems. I
regret that we did not
take him more into our
confidence but his head
is not a bit "bore" & you
may rest easy about
him. Thanks all the
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has lied right & left. Let
me warn you not to
write to him again. He
has used your words —
warping them to suit his
ends — very extensively. He
is thoroughly depraved &
cannot be reached by
either argument or advice.
Ignore him & let him
hang himself with his
own rope as he surely
will. He is beneath notice,
a mean, treacherous scoundrel
and backbiter. I never
really knew this until
lately.

Wade is more honest

perhaps actually sinner but he is such a crank that it is almost useless to reason with him. However you know *him* better than I. But for Heavens sake don't waste any more charity on Maynard. I assure you he has proved himself unworthy of it.

Look out for a war cloud in the Boston Zool. Society. I have some information—in strict confidence—which is important. However I do not fear anything from them in the near future. But there may be some in the *distant* future.

As ever

William Brewster.

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Cambridge, Dec. 23/83.

Dear Merriam:

The last days at Washington were spent on generic which were reduced in nearly every case. Ardea will stand for nearly all the Herons, Falco for the true Falcons, Anas for a number of Ducks and in other genera, Buteo for all the N. Am. Buzzards, Larus for nearly all the Gulls etc. The Sandpipers however will have to stand as at present Stejneger having convinced all of us their generic characters are correct. It was arranged

that the Committee must
again later in the winter
to finish the work so
successfully begun. Allen
and Comer are to devote
themselves to drafting
the code of rules with
its reasons, illustrations
etc. while Ridgway, Hazelwood
and W. B. are to attack
offices and vacancies.
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will then be submitted
to the other for revising
and approval. Thus
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to yourself.

I enclose a card
and mail the Constitution
in another envelope.

Two feet of snow here
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Yours as ever

William Prescott

Has Anglin sent the Bartram?

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Cambridge, Jan. 23, 1884.

My dear Merriam:-

The copy of your letter to Grinnell has just come and your action in my behalf touches me so deeply that I hardly know how to thank you for it; but I can assure you that I appreciate it very, very keenly. Your statement of the case is literally and exactly correct in every detail and you have brought out the vital points with great clearness & force. There is only one point which you have not touched upon, probably because you did not know about it. It is this: Smith in his last letter says in effect that I refused to make any explanation of

my charges (when appealed to by private letter from him) further than to refer him to my published letter in F. & S.

From a man in his position such a statement is inexplicable for I can prove by letter-press copies and his autograph answers to them that I wrote him five letters (all of which he received) relating to the subject in hand. Three of these letters were rather long ones and in them I went over the ground very explicitly & thoroughly and explained just what my charge was based on and my reasons for regarding his conduct a "breach of confidence." In one of them I made the proposition that if he would simply assure me that his letter

was written without premeditation
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knowledge of weakness furnished
by myself to him in confidence
I would retract my charge
of a willful breach of con-
fidence, and in such a way
as to make good any harm
that might have been done
him. At the time I really
believed — or rather had persuaded
myself into believing — that he
had published the thing
without realizing what he
was doing. But his answer
— which was in effect a defiant
denial that his course was
in any way dishonorable or
even improper and that my
so construing it was an outrage
etc. — weakened this impression
and his subsequent actions
has entirely dispelled it.
I now believe him to

be wholly unprincipled and
devoid of either frankness or
a manly sense of honor, — in
short a low fellow who
depends on a certain kind
of ability and cunning to
impose on the world and
our theologists in particular.
Believing this I dislike
having anything more to
do with a controversy which
has been brought to a point
below where any gentleman
can afford to mix up his
name with it. It is easy
enough for me to disprove
nearly every point made in
this last F. & S. letter but
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on the street calls one
a liar it is generally wise
to ignore the affront. So
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him. But now that I
have found out that
he is neither it seems to
me better to let his
words go unanswered. In
this decision I am upheld
by both Allen and Purdie
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very highly and would
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you on the subject.
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Yours &c Wm. Brewster

Cambridge Jan 7/84

My dear Miriam:-

The Bat seemed to me about right & I have made only one slight change in addition to your very proper one. As you have "swallowed" this story I melon out the "Dr. M." is not going into jail. The latter has been prepared very hastily & I should like to see typewritten "proofs" if possible.

Where in the Devil did you get the "Devil's Marriage"? I have had a copy for nearly three years but supposed the thing known only in this neighborhood. Isn't it bright? Shall I return your copy? Mine is badly written.

Hastily yours. W. B.

I suppose

Cambridge, Jany 8, 1884.

My dear Merriam:—

I wish I could think that there had been some misunderstanding in the case alluded to but I know too much about the facts to see any hope for such a change. Nor is the instance of which I wrote the only one. Indeed as fresh case has come to my ears within two days. They are all somewhat similar and, I fear, only too clearly proven. It makes me heart sick for I have no disposition to pick quarrels or to go about spreading reports that this

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in all humanity. Much
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for the two weeks, to a
sort of detective service in
a case of the most aggravated
character. If we (I have
two associates) get all the
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trust the mails, and then
it is a long story. I think
you do not know the
man concerned.

I wish we could have
a good long talk but
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you this winter. Since
my return from W- I
have been confined to the

home myself of the time
by a bad cough and
I hardly dare risk a
journey to your polar
climate. Moreover my
funds are completely exhausted
and I must stay at
home until the springs
fill up again.

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passage relating to the
identification of those Bats
until after the proofs went
back. You can cross it
all out if you think best
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be a fair enough statement
of fact as it stands. It
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Cambridge, Feb. 7, 1884.

My dear Merriam:—

Stearns' "Notes on the Nat. Hist. of Labrador" appeared in the Proc. Nat. Museum, current volume, pp. (cannot find any advance sheets at this moment but you can get them by writing to Baird). The paper is a wretched affair, full of glaring errors.

Your statements about the winter climate of Lower Lynn are convincing but unfortunately another obstacle has arisen. Mrs. Brewster's health—never of the best—has been failing of late and I have nearly decided to take

me somewhere for a change. I think we may go to Washington where I must be in any event by March 1st. There we are very likely to wander southward.

I have about decided to let Smith's letter go unanswered. Henry Hudson advises such a course very strongly and as it was my original impulse I think I shall stick to it, especially since you have urged nothing to the contrary. Of course I may still be compelled to reverse this decision by new developments but at present it seems to me

unfair to ignore his attack.

Dear Mr. Fox has been with us Confab of an hour. He is little changed.

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Dean has been with us for a couple of weeks. He is little changed a trifle stouter and older that is all.

Yours as ever

William Brewster.

I shall be anxious to know the results of your trip to New York.

Cambridge, Feb. 14/84

Dear Merriam:-

Yours of the 12th has been read with the usual interest. Please drop me a line as soon as you hear what the Trustees decided about A.K. I shall be anxious to know.

Thanks for Grinnell's letter which I return. I owe you a friendly debt for the great trouble you took in explaining the case to him. Glad to know that he looks at it as he does.

I have racked my memory for titles of papers pertaining to the Nat. hist. of the Poly region but can think of none which I am not sure you already

know about such as Audubon's Birds of Am. Coues paper on Labrador, Verrill's Nat. Hist Antricosti, Bryant's notes on Birds of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Maynard's Ramblings of a Naturalist (relating to Bird Rocks chiefly), my own brief notes on the Frazar collection and some scattered & generally unimportant papers in F. & S.

My report on the yachting trip may appear in the "Auk" beginning with the next number for the funds of the Bos. Soc. have run short and they will probably have to stop all publications for at least six months. If they manage to "raise the wind" any paper will be the first thing printed by ~~[illegible]~~ It has been too

long delayed already.
I may get off next week for Mrs. Brewster's sake. It really demands a change but I am mixed up in a move for a change in our Mass. game laws and this is likely to delay me. There are several parties in the field, at least two of which are bound to have the scalps of the ornithologists — in other words to revoke the clause giving permission to collect birds for "scientific purposes." This must not be done and I fear I shall have to stay at least another week to look after it.

Yours as ever,

William Brewster

Cambridge, Feb. 22/84

My dear Merriam:-

At present it is absolutely impossible for me to make any plans whatever for the coming summer but it is not likely that I shall be able to join you in the trip into the Gulf, much as I should like to. So you had better count me out.

Gilpin's paper was published in the Transactions of the Halifax (N.S.) Nat. Hist Soc. if I remember aright. Your easiest way of getting it is to write to the author, Bernard Gilpin Halifax, N.S.

I keep my library-cards inclosed in brackets with rubber bands, arranging them by species, genera, and families

in systematic order. A better way perhaps would be to have a system of pigeon holes but for this I have no room.

Our premiums have been issued in the way you suggest for the past four years but the farmers grumble because collectors invade their premises. I think we have fixed matters though.

Yours as ever.

William Brewster

4 Legare St. Charleston, S.C.
April 6th, 1884.

Dear Merriam:-

I am going to ask a favor of you. When I left home I took as I supposed about five-hundred of my blank cards for bird-notes but upon arriving here I find there are less than thirty blank ones all the others being already filled and tied up with the others by mistake. Now I believe you had a large number made last winter and perhaps you will kindly send me three or four hundred! I will return them as soon as I get home. If they

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they will not do but a
slight difference in the ruling
will not injure them for
my use. Of course I want
them at the very earliest
moment possible. I would
send to town on at home
but unfortunately I cannot
remember just when my
stock is closed.

Yours truly.

William Brewster.

Charleston, S. C.
April 27/84.

My dear Merriam:-
By writing to the Dead Letter Office I have just secured your missing letter & with it about thirty others.

If not too late my advice is decidedly not to accept any money that directly or indirectly comes through the Smithsonian. I distrust Prof. B. more and more and were he to favor any appropriation in our favor he would reap his benefit from it in some way and get an added hold on the A. O. U.

It is a shame that you

should be hampered in this way and we must make some adequate provision for such expenses at the next meeting. But by all means don't take any favors that cost anything from Prof. B.'s hands.

Yours hastily

William Brewster.

Cambridge, May 22/84.

My dear Mirriam:-

Yours of the 20th came to-day and I was glad to hear from you & to know that the Canadians appreciate you. What a pity Chamberlain could not go! It must have been a bad disappointment.

I delivered your invitation to Bryant and he has accepted with evident pleasure for he wants to know you. I think you will like him; at least we all do here.

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that we can arrange it if we are to go together.

You do not say when you return to Dorett Grove but I infer it will be before Monday. If you are not then I shall of course make myself known to your family & calmly await your arrival. Don't hurry your journey through. (this is a thoroughly Irish sentence for as I shall send the letter to Dorett Grove you will hardly get it until your arrival there).

Good bye until I see you. Yours as ever.

William Brewster

Cambridge, Mass.
June 7th, 1884.

My dear Mrs. Merriam:-

The journey to Cambridge proved a safe and not altogether unpleasant one despite a delay of about two hours at Utica when we had to wait for the second train, the sleeping cars of the first being all filled. Upon reaching home I found Mrs. Brewster well and we are now settled in Cambridge for the rest of June.

Looking back on my

visit at Locust Grove I
find it hard to realize
that it has not been
a dream;— a beautiful
dream filled with visions
of quiet woodland paths,
green fields, squirrels, birds,
flowers, and, in short,
all manner of delightful
things. I can hardly tell
you how keenly I enjoyed
it all or how the pleasant
memories keep crowding
in now among more prosaic
matters of business etc.
Altogether I think I never
passed a happier week and
I would now thank you
most sincerely for all your
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With kindest regards to Mr. Merriam, as well as to your daughter and son, believe me.

Yours very truly,

William Bewster.

Cambridge, June 7th 84

Dear Hart:

Bryant and I reached home all right and found the temperature delightful, just 86° Fahr. when we landed in Boston at 10 A. M. As there are no Malaphas or Polar Bears here the entire population was happy and contented.

I cannot tell you what a delightful time I had at Locust Grove. As I look back upon the two days I spent there it seems like a

period of perfect, unalloyed enjoyment — one of those intervals of peace and happiness by no means too common with any of us, I fancy. It seems almost too perfect to have been real; — a sort of beautiful dream with you as the centre-piece, around you your kind father, mother, and sister, and outside in a confused halo, green fields, quiet woods, sparkling streams, birds squirrels, bats and all sorts of interesting and attractive things. Would that it could

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my heart.

I shall await news
of your intended move-
ments with real anxiety.
I sincerely hope that
you will not undertake
anything so dangerous
as the Hudson Bay
trip. You are too
valuable as a working
and publishing naturalist
to risk your life in

trade in enterprise.

My own plans are pretty definitely settled. I shall be in Cambridge through June, at Shelburne, N. H. through July, at Longwood, Mass in August. I hope to do a good deal of writing, just what I have not yet settled.

Let me hear from you when you can find time to write. But do not ever write when you cannot do so without inconvenience.

Yours sincerely,

William Brewster

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Cambridge, June 20/84.

My dear Merriam:-

For various reasons I have been unable to see Mr. Shepard until yesterday when I had a long, and on the whole, satisfactory talk with the senior partner Mr. Lee. He is disposed, indeed apparently anxious, to undertake the publication of your prospective manual provided he is satisfied after looking more closely into the matter that such a work is really needed and likely to sell well and that you are a competent person to undertake it (I should explain here that I suppressed your name and the

particular branch of
zoölogy which you propose
to treat, telling him simply
that you were thoroughly
posted on the subject,
already known as an
authority, and that the
work, itself, would be a
manual of about four
or five hundred pp. devoted
to a special department
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publishers, you will still receive ten per cent of the price of every copy sold. For example; should they sell six hundred copies at $2. each and still fail to get back their expenses you would get your ten per cent of $1200. = $120.

The chief trouble, I fancy, will be with regard to illustrations. Lee did not seem to think that it would pay to illustrate many of your books but agreed that there should be as many plates as possible. If you are satisfied with a certain heliotype process much in vogue now they can give a larger number of illustrations than would be otherwise possible. I inclose proofs of some cuts which Mr. Lee showed me and which, as far as

I can judge, would faithfully reproduce simple drawings such as we talked about.

Lee hinted that you might perhaps be willing to make a special arrangement with regard to cuts by paying for as many of the ones or a certain number as you wished to have appear but I told him I thought you would not care to be at any personal expense.

Of course our talk was very general in character as I did not feel at liberty to divulge your precise plan. Mr. Lee would like to see one or two of Seton's drawings as soon as possible. I told him that I would give you the results of our interview and that he would hear soon from one or the other of us. Will you communicate with him

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I have also dropped a hint at the Bos. Dels first Sec. that they were neglecting their duty in not electing you a Con. Rep. The first election comes off in October the meetings of the Sec. being adjourned until that time. If you are not in Alaska when the Cons. Rep. I think you will duly hear of your election at that time.

Many thanks for your invitation to visit

doubt Thou again. You may be sure I shall not need more than a ghost of a chance to accept it but for the near future, I see no chance. If you are at home in August I may then.

I have been collecting Pattenuli on our Salt marshes & find them wonderfully different from yours. They are certainly distinct races but I doubt you had bring abandinus. In, matter will bear investigation which may result in a new eastern race. I shall very likely ask for the loan of your series by & by.

Yours sincerely.

William Brewster.

I enclose one of Lee's stupends envelopes. Their place of business is on Franklin St.

Cambridge
June 25/1884.

My dear Merriam:

My second interview with Mr. Lee has not been as successful as the first. I took in your letter and Seton's drawings and gave him as clear an idea as I could of the plan you had in mind. He made a lot of figures and finally decided that he did not care to tackle the thing unless you were prepared to assume the entire expense of making the drawings and plates. He says that at the very lowest computation they will cost $2000,00 and this added to the regular expenses makes the outlay a doubtful one from their point of view. He believed it would pay something but thought the sales would be slow and that they would be a long time getting their money back.

He is willing to take

the book, however, on the following terms:—

He will assume all expenses of printing, binding, mailing, advertising, etc. — including printing the plates and the cost of the paper they are printed on — provided you will furnish the drawings and have ~~them~~ plates (of whatever kind you wish) made from them, the firm to have the use of the plates only in connection with the first & future editions of the Manual, you to own the plates and control their use in all other connections. If you agree to this arrangement or, in short if you assume the whole cost of the illustrations (save the bare cost of paper & impressions) the firm will give you fifteen instead of ten per cent on the retail price of any copy of the work that may be sold.

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and said that he could not advise you undertake the work on their terms. He thought it probable that you would be four or five years in getting your $2000. back, for such works have but a slow sale. He advised you to try some of the New York houses & thought they could afford to offer you better terms. He considered Harper & Bros. the best medium, Appleton next best. Both these houses employ a large corps of engravers and can reproduce any kind of drawing at a minimum cost; Harper, moreover, has a great advantage in advertising in his own periodicals. He would very likely assume the entire risk and expense and reproduce the wash style of drawings to boot. He admired Detaille's work and said that it would add greatly to the value of the book. He did not know what such drawings should cost but thought

the artist would be well-paid @ $15. each.

Of course I had to tell him what the manual would treat of but I did not divulge your name and he has pledged entire & absolute secrecy. He will be very glad to undertake the publication on the terms I have named and evidently takes a friendly interest in it, and its to him unknown author.

I am sorry old fellow, that I cannot transmit more encouraging news but I did my very best for you, and assured him that your work would be of the very highest quality, in fact practically above criticism. I am sure he feels convinced of this but as he says scientific works are rarely profitable unless very cheaply gotten up. Comes he says, owns all his plates and supplies them free to his publishers.

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If I can do anything more for you here let me know. It is no trouble whatever, but on the contrary a very great pleasure. I feel such a deep, friendly interest in your work that it is as if it were my

of my and I shall be only too happy to help it along if I can. I made a mistake, by the way, about those photos I sent you (did I tell you that Lee & Shepard would like them returned?); they were done by the photo-engraving Co. of which you speak and are not heliotypes at all.

Allen and I "allowed" that you were the author of the "reply". We also agreed that it was done with exquisite tact and judgment. But K. W. S. has met it very shrewdly and placed the writer at an apparent temporary disadvantage. He must ~~give~~ disclose his identity or lose the fruits of his good work. Ward, who is doubtless at the bottom of the matter, has managed his cards very well. He can only be overthrown now by unmasking the concealed battery.

Add. Care A. E. Philbrook.

Shelburne, N. H.

July 3, 1884.

My dear Morrison.

Your letter reached me just before I left Cambridge. I am now settled here for the remainder of this month at least and perhaps longer.

I am sincerely glad to know that your lecture was such a success, I wish I could have heard it.

Allen will probably review your paper for Science. When he was sick I used to be called upon occasionally for such work but Scudder is nearly certain to prefer his pen to mine, and very properly of course. If, however, you wish

me to review this paper ah suppose it could be arranged. As far as I am concerned it would be an agreeable task.

You will probably have received my Gulf of St. Lawrence paper in this as I sent you a copy several days ago. I should like very much to have you review it, either in "Forest & Stream" or the "Ark". If you do review it be of your to handle it without gloves. Rather curiously, most of my writings have ~~never been~~ so far escaped the reviewers, chiefly, of course, because they have been published in the only journal that has done much reviewing. I am really anxious to have them severely criticised and the weak points exposed. It is a good chance now for some

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everything I write and I
cannot get him to criticize
anything at all thoroughly.
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at the Am. Museum and
that they are considering the

advisability of an immediate change. Allen and Steininger are named as probable selections, the former perhaps as "Director", the latter as assistant. Allen knows nothing of any such move but I have the report on good authority and thought you would like to know of it. I shall feel very sorry if A. K. is dropped out of sight, but Allen and Steininger would certainly make a strong team.

Yours as ever.

William Brewster.

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Shelburne, N. H. July 9th 1884.

My dear Miriam:-

Thanks for your kind words about my paper; they are very grateful, coming to me privately, but if you review it I hope you will find plenty of faults. I am really hungry for some sharp criticism and shall be disappointed if I doesn't get it.

About my "overlooking" Gosse's paper! I suppose the entire lack of mention of it in my remarks on the Muses will be, indeed should be, condemned. But there is a bit of "secret history" connecting that paper which I will tell you in confidence. It was originally sent Mr. Allen for the Bulletin. He passed it over to me (I was then just

back from the Gulf) for inspection and advice. Upon reading it carefully I reported that it was impossible for us to use it unless Gosse would entirely rewrite it. In the first place it was in simply outrageously bad English. In the second, he had the Murres all mixed up in his mind. I do not remember the points very clearly now but it was something like this:- In trying to prove the specific distinctness of the Ringed Murre he mixed up the other two, L. troille and L. arra brunnichi and claimed that L. troille could be distinguished from L. ringvia by its thicker bill, black instead of brown head & neck etc. In short he was all off and did not know in the least what he was talking about.

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after considerable delay which did not help matters. The result was that Gosse wrote a very insulting letter claiming that his article had been kept a long time and then rejected so as to give some one high in favor (meaning me of course) a chance to anticipate him. Afterwards he published the paper somewhere in Kansas. I do not know, and I think, have never seen a copy, but I have always supposed that it was printed about as it stood in the MS. originally sent to us. If so it is an utterly worthless performance, and believing this I did not refer to it in my late paper although I had intended, and doubtless ought to have reexamined it before passing my paper through the proofs.

If it is as I think I very much prefer to have it supposed

that I overlooked Col. Goss's paper, for since then he has published a highly creditable Biota (Birds of Kansas) and has resumed his former friendly relations with Mr. Allen and me. Regarding him as an earnest and honest observer who began his career with some very slovenly work but who has now passed the slovenly stage I preferred to ignore his earlier papers rather than to refer to them, as I should have felt obliged to do, in terms of censure. I may be wrong in thinking that his paper on the Auks was printed as it was originally written. If you have a copy will you kindly lend it to me for a few days? I should like very much to see it.

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I have heard nothing more from New York! have you!

Yours as ever.

William Brewster.

Shelburne, July 16, 1884.

My dear Merriam:—

The news that came in your last is very welcome. I have been afraid that you might go on that Arctic trip and I did not want you to at all. You are too valuable to risk on such an expedition to say nothing of personal considerations. What you say of the mammal book is equally gratifying. I hope it will go on uninterruptedly to its end.

About the review! I had no idea of asking you to do anything of the kind if it would put you to any special trouble so do not do it if it will. I should think the Naturalist would be a good medium. They will not

be likely to print anything unless you write it for. I have not sent the Editor a copy.

Gosse has written me a long and very friendly letter in acknowledgment of his copy. He refers, without any show of feeling, to his three papers and offers to send me a copy. I have written him that I would like it as I have never seen it since it was in print. I am glad that he has taken the affair in this way for I should have been sorry to hurt his feelings.

About the cars! If you can wait until I return to Cambridge (August 1st) I can then superintend them personally, a matter of some importance. Do you want

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Your sincere friend.

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Brookline, Aug. 10th 84

My dear Mariam:-

Allen will probably come around all right. I will go for him when I see him and I feel sure I can persuade him to go out to Locust Grove. No use at all to write him about it.

Hawthorne seems to feel very doubtful about attending the meeting but I believe we should see him there if he does not go West. It would be very nice if he could meet with us at Locust Grove for a preliminary talk. Gov writes me that he is coming to Mass this week to hunt

Shearwaters and that he will stay East until the A.O.U. meeting so as to be there with us. I am very glad of it.

Thank you very so much for writing the review of my stuff paper and taking so much trouble about it in every way. I shall look for the Sept. Naturalist with interest.

Yours sincerely
William Brewster

Cambridge, Sept. 5th, 84

My dear Mellicent:—

Your interesting letter of the 31st ult. came yesterday day before yesterday, but I was unable to write it there and yesterday it was away; so this first opportunity. I am delighted to hear that Lathrop and Saunders are coming to see me. Both will be very, very welcome and I will do all I can to make their stay pleasant and profitable. I wish I could ask them to my house

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I infer from what you say that Saunders is sure of coming here. But if you know his address I would like it as I can then drop him a line. I am sorry he feels aggrieved about the papers but a copy of my Gulf paper, done up and endorsed with his name simply, has been lying on my table than two months waiting until I could get his address.

I know he either had come, or was coming, to America but did not feel sure how to reach him here. As to my other papers I am sure that he has had extras of all that I have distributed. Of my articles in the Bulletin and Auk I rarely have over twenty-five extras and these are seldom sent to anyone who sees the journal itself.

I am sorry that I cannot let you have another copy of the Gulf paper but my extras were exhausted long ago. I will see what I can do at the Society's however.

Cory writes that he has about decided not to attend the A. O. U. meeting.

I have exhausted all my papers & am consequently very sorry that I can't let you have one of them. Both of these are welcome wall & they profit I could look at it. Let's see if I can find a specimen

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I have received all your papers and will read them with great pleasure. I shall look for a letter from you the day before you start for Washington. It will be a great pleasure to me to see you and your wife. Cambridge, Sept. 5th, 84

My dear Merriam:—

Your interesting letter of the 31st ult. came yesterday but I was too busy to answer it then and yesterday was away; to this first opportunity.

I am delighted to hear that Lawrence and Saunders are coming to see me. Both will be very, very welcome and I will do all I can to make their stay pleasant and profitable. I wish I could ask them to my

Cambridge –
Sept. 12th, 1884.

My dear Mercie:–

Glad to get your letter. It's a wonder the heat didn't finish you. It has been simply terrible here.

Seebohm has not been heard from and to-morrow is the 13th. Sorry not to see him. Saunders arrives to-morrow per Baltimore Thursday. The heat drove him out of Washington, he writes.

Your cars, trays etc. were all down nearly ten days ago but then

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has been some hitch on the part of the japanning Company. They notified me last week that they could not do this cans @ 50¢ each as it was a small lot (I had fifty done at Owen last year). I could not communicate with you, not knowing how to reach you, but took the responsibility of telling them to go ahead. The extra cost will probably not amount to much. but they declined positively to bind themselves to any price. They are a reputable firm, however, & will not take advantage of an "open bargain".

Cory starts for Montana

to-morrow so I will see
to write to him.

Tell Prof. Hyatt that
the next time he wishes
to scold me for a neglected
duty I wish he would
do so <u>directly</u>, and not
through a third person,
even if the latter <u>is</u> one
of my very best friends.
As to the others they were
sent to all but two
of the "Arethusa" party.
These two copies were
wrapped at the same
time as the others but
so far I have been
unable to get the exact
address of either. So they
lie still on my table.

Allen is here looking

well and healthy. We
agree to start for Boston
from the night of the
19th so you may look
for us the morning of
the 20th without further
notice.

Sorry Packard has
not printed your review
yet. I shall look for
it impatiently.

The Adirondack "Vistas"
goes to you with this.
I hope you will pardon
the delay in sending it.

Yours truly
William Brewster

Cambridge, Nov. 11, 1884.

My dear Merriam:-

I have read the Invernisan's Warbler article and I don't believe it troubled me half as much as it did you. I am getting used to such things. It was a simple breach of faith on the part of Wayne who solemnly assured me in a letter dated Nov. 1 that he has never told a soul besides me of the number of the Warblers that he has taken. The fellow is a consummate liar, by the way, and I should like to see him prove several statements in his article besides the one that he has taken "fifty or sixty specimens" this year.

As for Dr. Coues' share in the transaction it is easy

to see through that. I told
him in New York about
getting the Warblers, about
the large number Wayne
had sent me, and that I
was preparing an exhaustive
article on the ~~[illegible]~~ subject.

Now as to my action
in postponing publication: I
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waiting most of the season
until I should have in
"all the returns"; partly
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for the past six months I have looked at ornithology with deepening disgust. I don't like the outlook as regards nomenclature for one thing, and for another I detest all this selfish crowding and grasping for plumes. I have never made any very close search of my discoveries & have lost some things by chance, but never until lately by designing fraud or malice. The whole present atmosphere of ornithology disgusts and depresses me and I seem to care little whether I ever write another line for publication or not.

All this is weakness on my part, I do not doubt, but nevertheless I cannot help it. Somehow I feel that I am passing

through a transitory state
and may shortly merge into
some new condition. At all
events I have been good
for nothing, mentally, for the
past six months.

To return to Swainson's Warbler!
Wagner's article has really hurt
me very little after all. It
contains almost nothing new
except the central fact that
the bird has been found
near Charleston in numbers.
Coues has either ~~copied~~
drawn largely on his imagina-
tion or Wagner has, and both
have omitted most of the
salient points in the picture.
Just wait until I publish
my article on the subject
and then compare the two
and tell me which has
the most merit. When
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My reasons for not publishing the Canada Jay matter you already know. I hope to get all Frazar's notes in the end for he has some other good things. He may publish himself, politely after all, will be just as well suit me. I think he has some idea of keeping his locality secret for the present, as he wishes to control it for awhile.

It is odd how differently different people look at the political situation. Here everyone is cheerful and pleased, most of the Blaine men, even, admitting that Cleveland will make a good president, and not a few, of my personal acquaintance,

actually confessing that they are glad that Blaine was defeated. I am heartily glad of it myself for I regard him as by all odds the most dangerous and unprincipled man who has ever been for the Office, but on the other hand I cannot say I just much trust in Cleveland. In short the political situation looks pretty black to my mind. One thing I do hope and that is that Blaine will not sanction any counter out game or even try to contest the result. If he does he will not have the support of his own party here and he will be sure to make trouble for the country.

However let us not waste our time talking politics, I agree with you that the situation is dark and depressing. As ever yours

William Brewster

Cambridge –
Nov. 19th, 1884

My dear Mariani:–

If I dared promise that I would write the article on Irving's Faustus in time for the January "Auk" I would accept your kind offer of the note on the occurrence of the bird at Key West. As it is however, I feel I have no right to do this so you had better send it to Mr. Allen.

I have just had a letter from Hayes expressing deep contrition for his act and offering the most extraordinary explanation which I have not time to tell you now. He is a singular fellow, and, I fear, a bad lot, but he is so wretchedly poor and friendless that I cannot help pitying him and I shall probably be weak enough to forgive him. After all he

has earned what laurels he is likely to get from his article for he gave nearly the whole season to the pursuit of Swainson's Warbler and risked his life daily among the snake-infested and fever vitiated swamps. I blame Coues chiefly, after all, for he, as I now find, importuned Wayne for these notes. Moreover he knew perfectly well that I had the matter in hand.

Write me when you return from New York. And by the way! when you send the birds I left at Doctor Green please enclose with them those specimens of Sirica palustris which I pressed there.

As ever Yours
William Brewster.

Cambridge, ~~Dec~~ 4/84

My dear Miriam:-

Sorry I gave you an idea I was in a hurry for those skins; I did not mean to. Take your time, my dear fellow, and if it is not convenient let them lie where they are until I visit you again.

It is a shame your mission in New York has produced no results. If Allen must leave here I want to see him there. I do not want him to go to Washington. Moreover there are Mrs. in the place for him and he there more for the place.

What a bomb-shell! - you sailing for Germany so soon. I am glad for your sake, selfy for my own - Germany is a good bit off as Saunders would say. However, one thing is certain as my wife

and I again and that is that you will give mortal offence to the Brewster family if you do not make them a visit before you sail. Come any time & stay as long as you possibly can. You must come. Choose your own time.

I am sending you with this some eggs that Saunders (W. S. of Ottawa) sent me. Please consign them with your Ornithologist Philadelphia, with him the results, and return the eggs to him. "Set in a short tuft of grass in swamp" is about all he told me.

Yours heartily

William Brewster.

My article on Swainson's Warbler will appear in Jany "Auk". I think it as well for you to publish your note separately & I will refer to it.

Cambridge, Dec. 14th, 1884

My dear Marcia:—

I have considering your most generous proposition very carefully and have decided to accept it with the following conditions. (1) That if Lovisy does not like us, quarrels with our other servants, or for any other similar reasons decides to leave us, I shall not be responsible for any subsequent course that she may choose to follow. (2) That I shall not keep her, at the latest, after May 1st.

If you agree to these terms I will take her most thankfully, give her a small, but sunny and attractively-furnished room to herself, and treat her as kindly and considerately as I know how. She will be under, rather than over, worked for we already have three servants

I had to talk all this out to the Yankee, etc.

a copy intended for home use

Mrs. Bowditch

and Mrs. Brewster is not likely
to require her and except on
special occasions, such as when
we have a dinner-party. She
will have to take her meals
in the kitchen but most if
not all of her work for me
can be done either in her own
room or in one of mine. Our
present cook, a French woman,
is rather ugly and our two
other "majesties" complain a little
of her tyranny but Irving will
be little subject to it I should
think. My chief fear is that
she may get homesick and
want to go away. What shall
I do in such a case? I may
say (who perhaps should not)
that Mrs. Brewster is very kind
to her servants and that
they nearly always become
deeply attached to her. Thus
the chances would seem
to be as good here as in any

equally strange place.

If we were not already so well equipped with servants (we have a coachman in addition to those first named) I should insist on paying Daisy regular wages in addition to her board. As it is I do not feel that I can well afford it so I will simply take you at your word and assume that by simply keeping Daisy only for the time that you wish to have her safely stored away I am making some return, however small, for the very great help you offer to me in her.

Your type writer will be most acceptable of course – in fact indispensable; and I promise to take good care of it as well as keep it moderately employed.

My dear fellow, how can I ever thank you for the wholesale generosity of these offers! I

can only, I fear, do my very best to see that your confidence in me is not ill-judged.

By the Gods of War! did I say Saunders instead of Scott? Confounded these Canadians, I always get them mixed. I only hope the eggs will get home safely in the end.

Your review of Bangilla is simply perfect. Allen and I are both in raptures over it. There is not one word that I do not heartily endorse except, perhaps, your dig at K's religious bent. That may give offence in several quarters & it seems to me you would be wise to state it less broadly, at least.

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Yours sincerely,
Heathcote Williams Pomeroy

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Cambridge –
3rd Jany, 1885.

Dear Merriam –

I have just sent Allen my article on "Migrating Birds and Lighthouses." He will criticise it and then forward it to you. I should like your criticisms and suggestions very fully and frankly expressed. As far as I can now see I have developed a theory which ought to stand for it is based on long observation and study and is not a mere evolution of the imagination.

If you think it sound I want to get it into print

at the earliest possible moment for there are too many others at work in the same field to make delay safe.

My plan is this: To submit it to you by formal letter as a contribution to the Migration Committee of the Union and to have it published as one of the regular publications of this Union. Committee. But if there must be any delay, even of a few weeks, I should like your ~~formal~~ official permission to have it printed and issued by the Suttall Chm. Club, at their expense, but with a heading which will stamp it as a publication of the Migration Committee of the Union.

The N. O. C. Club will unquestionably

consent to this if you will consent for the other institution. If this plan strikes you favorably please make out an appropriate heading and I will submit it to the N. O. C.

Excuse the atrocious composition of the above which is written in hot haste. Ex

Yours truly.

William Brewster.

UNITED STATES

POSTAL CARD

Nothing but the address to be on this side.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.
Department of Agriculture.
Washington.
D. C.

Cambridge Jan. 4/95.

I forgot to say that the article on Mig. is not complete. I have several pp. more to add, and shall probably work out underlying causes more.

In haste,

W. B.

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Cambridge - July 11th 1885.

My dear Mirriam:-

I do not like to think of you on the ocean to-day making all haste to leave us so far behind, but I trust the winter will pass quickly and profitably for us both and early Spring find you back again when I can at least feel that you are within reach, in case of an emergency.

Lizzie is getting along capitally and seems as well as ever. I give her from half-an-hour to an hour at Stenography every morning and this lightens my daily task at letter-writing amazingly. Besides this she is making those little

pamphlets, tying labels on specimens, and doing various little odd jobs.

That infernal type-writer is a terrible vexation. It came yesterday but in such a condition that it could not be used for the Broadway people had neglected to replace an essential screw (which they probably took out when they cleaned the thing) and the spacing bar will not work at all. Of course I sent them a blast (Lossie who wrote it says it is mild in comparison with one of yours but it was my best effort) and to-morrow I shall try to get a screw at the agency in Boston.

You are a wretch to send me that check and I have half a mind to

return it. At all events I shall not draw it until I hear from you for the doctor's bill cannot exceed five dollars. and do you wish me to give Lizzie fifteen? She really will not need any money to speak of here. If she does I will see that she does not lack it.

Your news about the appropriation chances is most hopeful. I really did not expect any success. I suppose one $5000. will do much to put the negotiations work in shape for publication.

Have just had a letter from Henshaw which gives me some fear that Allen will go to Washington instead of N. Y. It would be a great shame for Comes has a bad influence over him and they would necessarily see much of each other there.

By the way! Allen has forced Comes to apologize to me for stealing the Swainson's W. data. He (Comes) claims to have forgotten that I told him anything about the matter in New York but Allen fortunately was present during the conversation. As he has sent me a very full and handsome apology I cannot choose but accept it. So please consider anything I made have said to you or others withdrawn.

Good bye, old fellow and good wishes.

from Yours

William Brewster.

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Cambridge - Jan'y 18th 1885.

My dear Merriam:-

Everything flows smoothly
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that I knew she must
be an overhauling my notes
covering twenty years of observations,
scattered through nearly two
thousand closely-written pages
and absolutely un-indexed.
I read them word by word
and dictate everything that is
worth preserving, condensing as
much as possible. She takes
them down either in short-
hand or directly on the
type-writer and then the
sheets are cut up and
re-arranged in systematic
order. When I have finished
this task I shall have all
the notes relating to each

I trust there will be no occasion to remember the type-writer

My dear Dr. Merriam! My services if
Dr. Hart is dead in possession

species brought together and
recopied in permanent form
It will take about two months
I think.

She also makes pamphlets
and does all manner of little
odd things besides. I never
let her exceed big hours
per day on the type-writer
and she says it is not
half as hard work when
she writes by dictation, as
by copy.

That box of specimens
came safely. Did I not tell
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to you for all your trouble.
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I think Foster's index check - bit a good scheme but Allen does not build on it. He seems to think it a needless "frill". But then he is not directly in sympathy with the needs of the "amateurs."

Are you Chamberlain's Brannan? (See Jan'y O. & O.)

My eyes have gone back on me so seriously that I have to be very careful and am working on half time. I find it utterly impossible to attend to the duties of chairman of

the Committee on Bird Protection and have made up my mind to resign. I did not want to take it, as you will remember; in fact did take it under protest. I have done nothing and now that my eyes have broken down can do nothing even with b's help. It needs some energetic head who can give lots of time and hard work and who has the faculty of push — which I never had.

I shall hope to hear from you regularly and will do my best to write you at least once a month.

Yours as ever,

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Cambridge. Feb. 8th 1885.

My dear Merriam:—

Your letter mailed at Southampton was almost as good as a sight at your own cheery self and dispelled all anxiety regarding your safety. Sorry you had such a rough passage but if any one ever was made to stand pounding it is yourself. I am only too glad my brittle bones were not subjected to such a severe test.

Everything here moves on quietly. Daisy seems to be perfectly contented and I manage to keep her busy enough what with labeling birds and type-writing. She

has copied nearly half of
my notes and I hope to
finish with them this month.
She has also copied about
seventy pages of the A.O.U.
"Code" relating to Nomenclature etc.
I have had the latter
mimeographed to the extent
of two copies so that Allen
may have one and R.R.
another. Under such an
arrangement it is impossible
that both can be burned
or lost & all our work
destroyed. I have not
practised law much at
short-hand lately for my
time has been too closely
given to the notes etc. &
my letters so fear that
I could easily overcome

them myself. Please write
me if you wish to have
her practice short-hand
regularly every day. I have
forgotten if you told me
about this.

Can you form any accurate
idea yet of the date on
which you will be ready
to have her back again?
I ask because it will affect
my plans somewhat. I shall
be very glad to keep her
until May 1st but she
shall go back to you whenever
you want her of course.

Allen will, I think, get
the position we hoped. He
has probably written you
about this so I will not
go into details.

I am having a serious

correspondence with F. H.
Carpenter. He has found
out that we destroyed his
records and is simply
furious. How it will turn
out I cannot say but
I begin to think the fellow
is insane. Please do not
say anything about what
I told you - or now tell
you - regarding him.
I am going to see him
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Cambridge Feb. 15. 1885.

My dear Merriam:-

I write on a half sheet of paper because I have little to say and because also I wish to enclose a copy of Bryant's "black list" which I have found helpful and which you may like to see. It explains itself and, with the exception of two or three words which I have checked, has the support of the best authorities on good English. Doubtless you learned long ago to avoid most of these objectionable words and expressions which it includes but perhaps a few of them may be new to you as they were to

me.

Lovey is apparently well and happy. I questioned her closely as to her health yesterday and she says she feels decidedly better than when she left Boston. I hope she will continue to gain as long as she is with us.

One note-copying steadily means its end. Another work will be the end of the first copy and then she will attack the revision.

Allen's contract with the New York people is settled & he goes to the Am. Museum about May 1.

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Boston, Mass. March, 1885.

My dear Phillips,

All welcome
Yours truly. Come
to Cambridge
on Tuesday if you
object to Boston
Yours truly and
Phillips Brooks

Boston, March 1st 1885.

My dear Phillips,

Of exceedingly interesting letter
of March 1st has just come
and I answer at once.

Your account of the people,
country, birds etc. gives me
a more vivid idea of these
scenes you describe than
anything I have ever read.

Next to going myself I
feel it is the best substitute.
and I thank you for what
has given me so much
pleasure. Still more am I
glad to hear from you
and to to know that you
are profitably and
pleasantly employed.

I have not much

to tell you in return for little has happened that will interest you. Let me see what I can muster for news!

In the first place Allen has decided to call a meeting of the Council in Washington about April 20th to 25th. He has postponed it to the last possible moment for the sake of getting you, and you positively must be there. I expect to go but am not quite sure of it. We have a Nom. Com. meeting at the same time, the last I believe and hope.

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the first place my time has been very fully taken up with other things; then, too, I have hesitated a little to make what will be a rather scathing assault on Cosmos so soon after the Swainson's Warbler episode, for I fear many would think it was simply done in revenge. However, that consideration alone will not stay my hand.

As to F. H. C. I think I did tell you he was insane (not "two years ago", though, you forgetful being but last September.) but it was second-hand information as I knew nothing about him, personally, then. Since corresponding with him I have had this information confirmed by experience and that is what I meant to imply. I wish you could see his letters. They are confused, rambling, and contradictory to the last degree. I really do not

think the poor fellow is mentally responsible but what to do with him! He is by no means suppressed but vows vengeance against all the "Doctors" as he calls us. He got to abusive and incoherent finally that I had to stop for it was only a waste of time.

Lizzy is well and apparently happy. She is going through the second copy of my notes like smoke. I think she writes fully twice as fast as when she came here but I fear she has not gained in any other way. The fact is the notes proved such a gigantic undertaking that there has been no time for anything else. I have practised but only a very little at short-hand or the other things you wanted me to. I am sorry for this and feel that you have a right to blame me but I have been anxious to finish the notes and feared there would not be time. Of one thing I can assure you and that is that her health has not suffered. Indeed she says she feels much stronger and better than when she left Boston.

I am very glad that I may keep her through April. And now that the time has been extended I think

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I am very glad that I may keep her through April. And now that the time has been extended I think I can promise to practise her at short-hand with good hope. Good bye, Uncle Boy, all old fellows.

Page and Plimpton joining hands, we shake all welcome words most heartily. Come on to Cambridge as soon as you feel inclined to be happy.

Yours affectionately
Alexander Graham Bell

Washington, D.C.
18th March, 1885.

My dear Uncle Boy and
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13 Iowa Circle
Washington, D.C.
16th April, 1885

My dear Merriam:-

Welcome back again, old fellow! As you will see by this I am already in Washington having come out with Allen to attend the meeting of the Committee on Nomenclature which began yesterday. We shall have at least five days in all, I think, and then one or two days of Council meetings. Of course you will come directly here upon landing. It is most important that you should get here

by the 21st at latest.
But of all this Allen
will have written you so
I pass on.

I left Cambridge on
Tuesday, the 14th. We were
obliged to arrange for
Elisabeth's departure the
following Friday (to-morrow)
as Mrs. Brewster is to close
the house for the summer
and will either join me
here or go to a friend's
for a visit. I shall not
see Cambridge again before
some time in June.
From here I continue
southward having selected
the mountains of North Carolina
for my collecting ground
this spring. I shall get

as high up as possible and make as thorough an exploration as my limited physical powers will permit. Young Bangs will probably accompany me. It will be a rough trip but I trust a profitable one. It is high time we knew what those mountains have to offer for bird life.

Having finished copying my bird notes but it was a tight squeeze and there was time for almost nothing else. I did not even get a chance to show here about walking and wrapping bird skins. The fact is, what with my preparations for this trip and the innumerable

"last things" that one always has to attend to I was driven most crazy at the last of it and to cap the climax she was laid up with her monthly turn the last day so things generally went crooked.

The type-writer is at the Boston agency for a thorough overhauling, after which they are to send it to Locust Grove. It will be there long before you are if they keep their promises.

How about your coming on here! If you arrive during the day you will be sure to find us all at the Smithsonian. If in the evening you will be pretty sure of Henshaw & me at the above address. Unfortunately

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I fear there will be no chance to get you in at this house but rooms can undoubtedly be had in the vicinity. I will make some provisional arrangement of this sort – if possible, for it will be far jollier and more satisfactory to have you as near as possible. Perhaps, however, you are engaged elsewhere, as at Goode's for instance!

I am very anxious to know to whom you refer in your last letter when you speak

of one of my friends who has turned out base. I cannot imagine whom you have in mind but trust it is no one very near to me. Such shocks to one's confidence are very disheartening and I want no more of them.

Everyone here is asking about you and you will receive a warm welcome but from no one a more heartfelt one than from Yours as ever.

William Brewster

Charleston.
17th May, 1885.

Dear Merriam:-

It is most difficult writing letters in this enervating climate especially when every minute is valuable for collecting and preserving specimens to say nothing of keeping notes etc. But I do not mean to neglect you, whatever happens.

When I came here I expected to stay only about ten days but I have already exceeded that time and cannot say

Addd. in at Asheville, North Carolina.

well get away for another week. One reason for this is that I have been very successful in collecting beaders which abound on the outer beaches within easy reach of the city; another that the season, especially in the mountains, is so cold and backward that it would probably be useless for me to look the higher country at present. The worst of it is that I must return before June 10th as my time in the

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South Carolina mountains is likely to be so curtailed that I shall not be able to make a thorough exploration.

I have been shooting Junco caniceps, J. alpina cinerea, Calidris, Squatarola, Erunetes, Aegialitis wilsonius et semipalmata, Sterna regia and S. cantiaca all in the most perfect breeding plumage. It is slow work skinning them greasy birds but I have something over one hundred specimens and I can assure you they are a beautiful lot. As my collection has been badly

deficient in their leaders I am gratified at getting them at last.

Swainson's Warblers are exceedingly scarce. Wayne has only five (three taken before my arrival) and I have heard but two more. He (Wayne) thinks he killed them all last year and it really seems probable. We have scoured the swamps for miles in every direction in vain. The first day we shot three and I heard three all big, a treat I assure you.

Very glad the denim to Allen turned out so happily.

Yours as ever.
William Brewster

Edd. m at Jacksonville, Florida, North Carolina.

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Cambridge 17th June

My dear Merriam.

Although I have been at home a week this will be one of the first letters that I have attempted. In the first place I found such an appalling mail awaiting me that I have not yet summoned courage to attack it; in the second my time has been very fully taken up with other duties chief among which has been the removal to the Boston Society of the

do not want the contents to get about before I am ready to publish. Wish I could write you more fully, old fellow, but as it is I have treated you better than I have been able to treat anyone else so far.

Yours
William Brewster

Review of E. G. Hill unwritten. When I shall get at it no one can predict.

collection of the late
Dr. S. Cabot - some 4000
birds in all, nearly one
quarter of them mounted.
The necessity of attending
to this valuable gift
called me back from
the South nearly two
weeks before the appointed
time. As my visit to
the mountains was
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I traveled by wagon and on horseback taking attitudes and shooting birds by the way and always hiring my own team and a driver, or if I took a saddle animal, having a man to go along to hold my horse while I chased a bird or searched for a nest. Thus I was perfectly independent and could spend my time as I chose.

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My dear Merriam. — Cambridge 17th June

Thank you for your letter of the 10th. I shall be over as soon as I can. Yours

Hallowell Brewster

Merriam. E. G. Hill

Write when you get it so we can publish.

it has three distinct fauna
each of which is separated
from its neighbor by only
a few hundred feet of
altitude. The greater part
of the country is a plateau,
rolling, broken, well-timbered,
and intersected by innumerable
rivers. It varies in altitude
from 2000 to 2500 ft.
Its fauna is Carolinian
with a sprinkling of
Alleghanian forms. On
the mountain sides between
3000 and 5000 ft. one
finds a nearly pure
Alleghanian fauna which
includes nearly all of our
Mass. birds and mammals;
At 5000 ft begins a solid

butt of balsams and spruces (*A. fraseri* and *A. nigra*) which extend to the summits of the highest peaks or to nearly 7000 ft. This superb forest is precisely similar in every way to our Maine woods and as we have always suspected, but as no one has previously known, its fauna is pure Canadian. Thus at about 5000 ft. I found breeding abundantly *Parus atricapillus* (not a typical Canadian form of course) *Regulus satrapa*, *Anorthura hiemalis*, *Sitta canadensis*, *Certhia familiaris americana*, *Junco hiemalis*, *Myiodioctes canadensis*, &c.

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On the upper edge of the Alleghanian belt Dendroica blackburniae, D. caerulescens, Contopus borealis and Empidonax minimus fairly swarmed. Among mammals Tamias striatus, Sciurus hudsonicus and Lepus americanus are all numerous above 5000 ft. I found no new species although I think I have new races of several just mentioned. Among them are the two squirrels of which I had time to secure only one specimen of each. Then I shall send you in a few days with the hope that you will feel justified in separating and describing them. I

have nothing to compare
them with but they look
different from anything
that I have ever seen
before. Both are perfectly
typical of the form peculiar
to the region in question.
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packed inside with the
stuffing. I also took the
skull of the Tamias but
fear it has been mislaid.
If I find it in time I
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Cambridge —
3rd July, 1885.

My dear Messrs. —

Your decision in regard to the Squirrels is a little disappointing but of course I regard it as final and thank you for taking so much trouble. I hope you will succeed in getting satisfactory proof of the distinctness of the southern chipmunk for I fully believe it will hold as a valid sub-species. I saw upwards of fifty in North Carolina and they are very different — looking from our northern

animal. In fact in most lights they look uniform dark chocolate when alive and until I shot one I could not believe that they were striped at all. I think, however, that they are fully as large as New England specimens, although this is only an impression.

I am exceedingly sorry about the skull but it seems to be permanently lost. I think I must have destroyed it after unpacking with a lot of cotton which I burned. At all events I cannot find it although I distinctly remember packing it when I left Asheville.

Look out for something interesting next Tuesday & Friday. I am sorry

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Look out for something interesting in night hawks & flycatchers. I am sorry to have it spoken against in the "Auk" but did not dare write.

Yours as ever,

William Brewster.

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Cambridge -
18th July, 1885.

My dear Merriam. -

Thanks for your advice which shall be followed.

I don't know what to think about Hopie. He writes like an honest man and I really believe that he is honest but how can we explain the Blackbird affair and his strange story about Brewer losing the Bachman's Warblers. The latter is

simply incredible for had Dr. Brewer ever had them specimens of *H. bachmani* she would have surely told some of us here if not published it.

The point about the *Agelaeus* is just what you say, viz. that you cannot make an *A. gubernator* by pulling out the feathers of a common Red-wing. The specimen in question is *not* a *gubernator* but simply an *A. phoeniceus* with the yellow feathers missing. Maynard had the bird and came to this conclusion without knowing that any one else had

you seen it. It is of course possible that the bird lost these feathers in some accidental way and I shall hold this opinion until H. is either ~~ag~~ acquitted or convicted of fraud in other directions. The worst thing against him is the general improbability of a large number of his orders. Throwing the "Sea Islands" at I do I don't believe half of what he has published. But all the same he may be honest - if densely ignorant of ornithology.

Yours as ever.

William Brewster.

Congratulate A. K. from me! But don't he rather overwhelmed by this last blessing?

Cambridge -
27th July, 1885.

My dear Merriam. -

With regard to the letter which you inclose I can only say that it is utterly impossible for me to do anything at present. I agree with you, of course, in thinking the subject of real importance and I will bear it in mind, for, as you say, we must discuss it at the next meeting of the Union. We can probably settle on something, then, and get various of our members to agitate the matter in their different states. Suppose

we have it until then.'

Now about Ragsdale. I have had many dealings with him and they have rarely been satisfactory. He is a sharp fellow, always on the lookout to get some advantage, wholly wanting in generosity and courtesy, but, as far as I know, always keeping within the bounds of what I should call business honor and honesty.

I am sorry to hear you suffer so from heat. Here it glorious weather, the thermometer rarely below 80° and the sun blazing with warmth and comfort for all who know how to appreciate a tropical climate.

Sincerely. W. B.

Cambridge –
4th Oct., 1885.

Dear Merriam. –

The extra long 22 cal. shells will not be of very much value to me for I am using my 32 cal. pistol almost entirely now. Hmmm I dare say I can pop off a thousand to advantage and if it will help you out I will take that number.

Point Lepreaux proved a poor collecting ground but I picked up two hundred & fifty skins there, mostly common birds. The light-house was the chief destroying agent and furnished nearly half of my spoils. Such specimens

too! Thomas, the light-keeper, sometimes picks up a thousand small birds in a morning — and gives them to his pig! The flight was poor this year and one hundred in a night the best result.

Yes! I was wretched when I wrote that point. I am better now but still far from well. Some day I shall break down entirely from nervous prostration if I don't look out. As it is I cannot do half the work I ought to. All my North Carolina are still in the rough and

they have offered me a fine in this ark.

I am going to Mulberry this week on my annual Duck hunt. The best brace are

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Yes! I was wretched when I wrote to the Point. I am better now but still far from well. Some day I shall break down entirely from nervous prostration if I don't look out. As it is I cannot do half the work I ought to. All my North Carolina are still in the rough and they should have gone off in this cold. I am going to Washington this week on my annual Duck hunt. That brace me up. When anything else, Henry is still here and we have had normal days in the woods.

Express health & children are to me. Your ever faithfully William Brewster.

I was wrongly given Phillips to miss during your father's called this days for my return.

Cambridge —
1st Nov., 1885.

My dear Merriam.

Just back from Umbagog with ills and ails cured or at least temporarily patched over.

I "went for" Thomas on the irrigation matter and he firmly and positively declined to do anything. He said "I am not paid to sit up all night to watch for the first Robin and until I am I shall simply turn up any blanks the Union may send me" He is a good fellow but rather too conceited and

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Yours hastily.
William Brewster.

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Cambridge —
26th Nov., 1885.

My dear Mariana. —
Thanks for your prompt and very satisfactory response. I have the illustrated catalogue and from it get a fairly clear idea of the invention. But I cannot find any mention of pamphlet files nor any description of files that are wide enough to use for pamphlets unless one were to adopt the drawers, laying the pamphlets

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standing them up. This
plan seems to me less
satisfactory than the one
you have adopted.

I shall probably wait
until I visit Washington
and then order after
seeing and trying the
various styles.

I have written Fisher
about the Osprey's colors
I trust will not go into
the Smithsonian.

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Yours as ever.
William Brewster

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Cambridge -
18th Dec., 1885.

My dear Merriam. -

You are extremely kind to take so much trouble about the pamphlet cases and I appreciate it.

Chadbourne and I together will take one hundred and forty of the 8vo size and eighteen of the 4to. He should the 8vo kind of 1/4, 3/8, and 1/2 thickness, about an equal number of each.

If you are ordering manilla covers also I should like about two hundred.

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William Brewster.

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Cambridge –
31st Dec. 1885.

My dear Merriam. –

Thanks for the sample of your proposed note binder. I hardly know what to say about its merits. Of course it is a firm and simple arrangement for binding loose sheets but all the same I don't like it after having used what is practically the same thing for over a year for binding the O. & C., Forest & Stream, & similar thin serials.

My chief objection is that it is a great bother to punch the holes and very difficult to get them in the right place. Of course

this objection is removed if you have your sheets punched but in that case I fail to see why our method of binding punched sheets with paper fastener is not simpler, cheaper and equally effective. I wish I could send you a sample of the latest wrinkle in this device but unfortunately I have none. We have made great improvements, however, on the tape-bound thing I showed you in New York, and I can probably get you a sample soon.

Yours as ever,

William Brewster.

Cambridge —
13th Jan. 1886.

My dear Merriam. —

I cannot use the inclosed in its present form or rather I cannot work it into my own description without spoiling the latter. The thing savors too much of a government paper and moreover it is not perfectly accurate. It contains one or two valuable items which I wish to incorporate but if comes to a choice between it and my own description I prefer the latter. What I would like is a literal quotation of the government data and this I will insert under quotation marks as a foot-note. May I ask you to send me this quotation or loan me the circular from which you took these data.

Yours sincerely.
William Brewster.

The lighthouse at which my observations were made stands on the extremity of Point Lepreaux. This point or cape is situated on the west shore of the Bay of Fundy near its mouth, in lat. 45° 3' 40" N., and long. 66° 27' 39" W. There are two lights in the tower, both in the same vertical plane. The upper or principal light is 81 feet, and the lower 53 feet, above high water mark. The former is a fixed white light visible 15 miles in clear weather, and between the bearings W.N.W. around by S. to E. by N. The lights belong to the class known as 'catoptric'--extended by metallic reflectors. There is a fog whistly which gives each minute two blasts of 5 seconds duration with an interval of five (5) seconds between.

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JAN 15 1886
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Cambridge
11th January, 1885.

My dear Merriam.—

I am very sorry that I did not write you more fully about the U. S. for you have entirely misconceived my purpose in sending it to you. What you saw was merely a rough copy of an unpaged, unfinished, and to some extent unarranged article which was submitted to you in an undigested condition expressly for the purpose of getting your criticisms at a stage when they could be made use of to the best advantage. I expected you to find many errors of fact or reasoning and I am chiefly surprised that you have found so little fault. On the other hand I hoped that many of the pages would pass ~~your~~ muster just as they

would have been inserted either at the beginning or end of the article had you not said a word about it. Your comments in this connection are, however, of much value for they enable me to make the explanation more intelligently than I could otherwise have done.

I must confess however that I am surprised at what you say about Allen's "Scribner" article. I have often discussed it with him and always understood him to claim originality for his ideas then expressed. Moreover he has just passed my reference to them without a word of comment. In view of what you tell me I shall of course modify, if not entirely suppress, my allusions to this paper.

I am truly sorry to learn that I shall anticipate you in respect to the fact that the young of our species migrate in company with the old of other species but I can truly say that I do not remember hearing you, or indeed any one, advance such a theory. On the contrary I have dug it out for myself, as I have most of the things in this paper, without knowing that anyone else had ever discovered it.

You ask: "Why should the young of our species, when migrating in company with the adults of another, suddenly drop to the ground and there remain while their companions pass on?" I frankly confess I do not know and I

stood; and then I intended to use it without recopying. But that the whole was ~~only~~ in a finished state, ready for the printer, I did not for one moment dream.

You have done me a great favor by your frank, full criticisms which are exactly what I wanted and which I know must have cost you much valuable time. You have, however, credited me with an amount of carelessness and ignorance which is somewhat in excess of the large amount really my due for while I have never seen the works and papers on migration to which you refer I know of the existence of most of them and supposed that much of my ground had been already covered by abler writers. I had also intended to meet this fact by an explanation such as you suggest. and it

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repeat this admission in the proper connection if an explanation does not occur to me in the mean time. I am surprised that I overlooked it for the fact was very striking at Pt. Reyes and I speculated on it frequently but always without getting the clue. I do not see, however, that it militates in the least against the general truth of my theory.

You think that the fact, which I admit, that the closing flights are composed, in some cases at least, of young birds negatives my general theory in spite of my explanation. I cannot see why. These closing flights are the <u>sweepings</u>. They are made up of birds that have lingered, ~~and~~ by the way or wandered, but which may have <u>roosted</u> in company with old birds.

do believe, as I say distinctly, that some birds have such an instinct but I do not believe that all birds have it and my theory is simply intended to show that they need not have it. I will say however, if I cannot make my meaning clear in this article for if you misunderstood it others may do the same.

Now about the old birds migrating first. I cannot enlarge much on this point for when I say that during an experience of over twenty years active field collecting I have failed to find any proof that the young of a single species migrate before the adults it seems to me that I cover the whole ground as far as my own experience goes. From the fact, which I know perfectly well, that everyone is against me on this point I cannot quote from the records of other observers. But I cannot believe that my personal experience has really been peculiar and the fact that your experience supports it to a large extent gives me added confidence. The trouble is that few really intelligent collectors have had an extended experience in one locality. Theorists as a rule are men of limited field experience. Men like Bicknell have had the experience and they also have the brains, but they do not kill birds freely enough. However, I care little for criticism on this point for there is no one thing in my whole article that I feel sores about and time will show that I am right. Nevertheless I shall follow your kind advice and bring to bear all the evidence that I can command.

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as I assert it is doubtful
if they they ~~also~~ ever reach their
destination, unless fortuitously.
Some of them perhaps join
flights of later migrants with
which they do not habitually
travel. I ~~think~~ believe I have notes
bearing on this point and I
will think it over.

With regard to "instinct" versus
"force of example" you either
misunderstood me or did not
read carefully. I say "It [instinct
prompting migration] may be
so [inherited] with many [species] and
probably is so with some." Just
before this I say: "It is not
however equally clear that it
[instinct of migration] is inborn,
at least with all birds." This
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"don't believe in any inherent impulse
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in claiming that it has been assumed that birds migrate either singly or in flocks & independently. Allen has plainly stated such an opinion and so has many one other with whom I have talked on the subject. The assumption may not be as widespread as I supposed and perhaps I had better qualify my statement a little.

Your offer of a desk in your office and the use of the light-house data is both kind and tempting but at present I am unable even to leave Cambridge for Boston. My father was is very ill & probably dying of progressive paralysis and I am constantly called to the house and very busily engaged with his business affairs. On this account it will be even difficult for me to get this paper ready for the printer and if it is to be printed soon I must abandon my intention of developing it much further &

content myself with following out your suggestions and a few similar ones which have been offered by other friends here, In any case it is not likely that I can give it to the printer for a week or two, In the meantime I will send you the formal letter I spoke of and I should like one from you in return authorising me to have it printed here.

If I add anything of importance to the article you shall see it of course and I shall probably send you the proofs also if you will kindly look over them for me.

Thanking you once more for ~~all~~ your invaluable assistance I remain,

Yours sincerely,

William Brewster

American Ornithologists' Union.
Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

Cambridge.
21st Jan. 1886.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.
Chairman A. O. U. Committee on Migration.

Dear Sir:-

I have sent you a paper on the migration of birds which I trust you will find worth publishing. Of course I should like to have it appear very soon and if there will be any difficulty about this ~~at Washington~~ I think the Nuttall Ornithological Club of Cambridge will agree to issue it as a special memoir. In any case I should wish it to appear as a publication authorized by your committee, to which I now formally present it.

Yours very truly.
William Brewster.

Rcd. & Ansd. Jan. 26, 1886.

Cambridge -
21st January, 1886

My dear Miriam. -

As you have probably heard father died a week ago yesterday. Since then I have hardly had time to open a letter, much less answer one, for all the details of the funeral arrangements etc. fell on my shoulders and after that was over I found myself one of three executors of a large and somewhat complicated estate which will require a long time to settle. The greater portion of it is put in trust and I am also one of the trustees. If I accept it means a life long position of much responsibility, involving some hard work, and bearing, probably, a rather handsome salary. What I shall finally do is not yet settled. But for the present, at least, I shall have to nearly, if not quite, give up all

systematic scientific work.

Now about this paper on bird migration. A meeting of the N. O. C. has been called for the purpose of considering it and I do not doubt that I shall get a vote authorizing me to publish at the Club's expense. As you have practically given your consent also nothing remains but to arrange the formalities. I accordingly include what seems to me an appropriate beginning in this line.

I have backed up the adult over young matter by three or four pages of evidence which seems to me sufficient to at least warrant the position I have taken. I will send you a copy for your criticisms.

Thank you very much for the light-house document which I return with this. The date (1884) of its publication explains the inaccuracies to which I have already alluded. Pt. Lepreaux light-house

same number would identify it.

Of course the ultimate destination of every card would be in the systematic catalogue which would bear the name of the species on the cover. A cover with its numerous pockets could be reserved for each species or, in the case of several rare birds in the same genus, a page or half-page would be enough for each and the names of all could go on the outside.

Please show the thing to Henry and let me know his, as well as your, opinion. Of course the cards are made out at random and bear imaginary data. Several of them are experiments and a good many relate to sets of eggs. I shall keep these cards in the regular pamphlet file.

I think of nothing more now so good-bye!

Yours as ever,

William Brewster.

I should like the file returned sometime.

intend to improve on it.

I send you another invention of mine which seems to me (as well as to everyone here) to entirely remove all your and Henshaw's objections to my high-card catalogue system. You will observe that the essential data are kept on the first line where they can be seen without touching the card, that they can be read in vertical columns as in your system, that they are interchangable, and, in short, that this system combines all the advantages of both your and my previous systems.

Moreover these books can be used either as ~~a~~ systematic or as running catalogues. I have marked the right hand page to indicate its use as a field catalogue in which you must, of course, imagine a running list of numbers. I shall not necessarily write the name of the species on each card. The marginal reference will fix it in the field catalogue and in case of confusion each card can be easily verified by consulting its duplicate number among the specimens. That is, the bird bearing the

was practically rebuilt in the summer of 1884 and this schedule was made up in Dec. 1883. The lantern has been supplied with new and more powerful lights since then and many other things changed. Of course I cannot use the old diagrams and I fear I cannot get a new official one in time but I will write to Thomas and try.

"Hereditary habit" does not satisfy me. In fact I don't believe in it as a theory while I do not see how it can be proved to be a fact. I shall drop the matter altogether or, possibly, speak of it incidentally as a thing "that we fellows can find out."

Rec'd in full Jan 26/86.

Thanks for the manila covers which come O.K. I also have your endorsement for Dr. Bryman's bill which I will settle. The deduction was entirely right of course.

My scheme for a binder is as yet only illustrated by a rough model which Chadbourne has and which is in constant use. It has some objections and we

American Ornithologists' Union.
Founded, New York, Sept. 26, 1883.

Cambridge -
27th Jan. 1886.

My dear Merriam. -

Your letter with inclosures just received - about ten hours too late for the N. O. C. meeting. I am sorry, however, that you wrote at all, feeling as you do. You will break down altogether if you don't take better care of yourself.

Now about this paper. The N. O. C. will publish it with an introductory letter such as you have just sent me but they are not willing to adopt any heading or title similar to the one you inclose, or which in any way implies that the publication is directed or dictated by the A. O. U. Committee. The firm attitude taken by the members was rather a surprise to me. I said I did not believe you would consent to the omission of a heading and they replied "well then, let the 'Auk' have the paper." That is exactly what it comes to. The fact is there is, and long has been, a feeling among some of the N. O. Cs that the A. O. U. had not properly recognized and honored the N. O. C. Of course I do not share in any such nonsense which is probably partly due to jealousy.

As to what shall be done with my paper you must decide. If you are willing

to omit all mention of the A. O. U. in the heading and insert merely your formal letter to explain that the paper comes from the A. O. U. Committee the thing can go to the printer at once. In deciding do not consider my interests at all. I should like to publish as soon as possible, of course. But any likely the April Auk will do well enough.

I have ~~all~~ the English Migration reports and read them, rather hastily, before writing my last addition about old birds migrating first. I distrust all such evidence and, to be frank, I distrust much of the data that our own committee is accumulating. "Errors of observation" cover "a multitude of sins" that have passed unsuspected. Light-house and casual bird observers are not to trusted to determine such matters as age and sex. There are not twenty men in this country whose evidence on any point of importance is, in my opinion, reliable and I dareday it is very much the same in Europe. When you get such men as Henshaw, Ridgway, Brown, Bicknell, Scott, Fisher, and Stejneger for observers your data will be worth something. You have one or two good men, of course, such as Ridmann, but you do not get the

best men as a rule. They are busy about something else.

I do not like to suppress the paragraph about the Conn. Warbler for it is a typical case which actually exists and which must be dealt with somehow. My explanation seems to me difficult to disprove. I do not care a rush whether it seems to weaken my previous generalization or not. If exceptions exist they must be acknowledged sooner or later. If they can be shown to be only apparent exceptions I cannot see the harm. I will, however, cancel the closing sentence disparaging the English evidence, which, however, I do not for one moment believe in.

Your suggestion about dividing the article is a good one and I will adopt it if I can do so without too many changes. I cannot however accept your title, for a "treatise" on bird migration is just what I explicitly disclaim, in my closing paragraph already submitted to you.

You and H. W. H. are simply a pair of unregenerate cusses not to see the beauty of my card system. If you prefer the expense and risk of error of having your data copied by an assistant every year why you are quite hopeless

and I wash my hands of you — in respect to this one matter I mean, for in other directions both you and H. W. H. have some good qualities.

I think I see the drift of your hints about the "radical move" you would like me to make. I appreciate your kind intentions and to be near you and H. W. would make life a different thing. But there are so many obstacles — aside from financial ones — to my regularly spending even a portion of the year in Washington that it is simply out of the question.

I don't mind telling you exactly how my father's death leaves me. I get $50,000. outright and an income of $10,000. a year additional during my life. The trusteeship is worth perhaps $2000 a year more and then I have my own property besides. Altogether I may count on $16,000 to $18,000 per year. Of course I shall be able to enlarge my field of work very considerably. But it will be some time — perhaps two years — before the estate will be settled and I cannot count on an increase of income until then.

Yours sincerely,
William Brewster

Please return the M.S. I sent you, when you write again.

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To Dr C Hart Merriam
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Feb 5

William Brewster
61 Sparks St. Camb

Cambridge.
3rd Feb., 1886.

My dear Merriam.—

In writing Allen the other day I mentioned incidentally that a friend who had looked over my M.S. had told me that his (Allen's) Scribner article was apparently "purely a compilation" and was not intended to be taken as anything else being merely a popular article which presented ~~the~~ a sort of resume of the general subject of migration. I wrote thus because I knew he would notice my elimination of the complimentary allusion to his paper and that the truth would have to come out sooner or later.

I enclose his reply which is a great surprise to me although as I wrote you

before I had suspected that he did claim originality, at least to some extent.

I have just written him again telling him that the criticism came from a true friend and admirer of his but of course withholding your name and carefully avoiding any allusion that could give him any clue to your identity.

I am sincerely sorry that the thing has happened and I trust I have done nothing unwise or unfriendly to you but I really cannot see how a full explanation all around could have been avoided. I trust you will write Allen and convince him that he has no cause to feel injured. He evidently suspects Comes of being his critic. If you wish him to remain in ignorance

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on this point my lips shall be sealed forever but I think an open course the wisest and tightest one and I hope you will adopt it. I fear my hasty and perhaps slightly inaccurate summary of your views respecting his article gave him a wrong impression. In the letter which I have just sent him I have explained them fully and fairly and have assured him that there was not a shade of malice or misunderstanding in what you wrote you about him.

Your telegram came this morning but I shall await your letter before taking any decided steps. The N. O. C. met last night. They are perfectly willing to print your formal letter but they wish to use the following heading:

Memoirs of the Nuttall Ornithological Club
No 1

This issue is to be the first of a series the numbers of which will appear irregularly. The idea is to publish long articles or monographs which cannot be issued elsewhere. As the Auk is already overcrowded I think the idea a good one. These memoirs will not, of course interfere in any way with the Auk.

Yours sincerely
William Brewster.

P.S. On second thoughts I have decided that I have no right to send you Allen's letter without his consent. It will answer equally well perhaps for me to say that he is very indignant that any one should charge that his Scribner article was not original. "The paper was wholly written out without looking at anything that anyone had written on the subject. x x x A large part of it, as you will see, bears internal evidence of originality not only as regards controverted points, but as regards hypotheses and conclusions. x x x In fact, I looked upon it at the time as containing so many original features that I was greatly distressed over the long interval which elapsed after it was sent to the publishers before it appeared."

He admits that a small portion of the paper was intended as a resume of previously published facts & theories. W. B.

Cambridge, 6th Feb, 1886

My dear Merriam.-

Thanks for your letter & telegram. My paper goes to the printer to-day and it will be out within two weeks. I am not consulting my own wishes in the matter of the heading but am simply obliged to yield something to the N. O. C. However the matter promises to take a shape which should please all parties concerned. I have drafted the following heading which I think expresses the case accurately and gives your Committee at least a share of whatever credit there may be.

"Memoirs N. O. C. Number 1.

Bird Migration

by William Brewster

(Contributed by A. O. U. Com. on Mig. etc.)

Part I Observations on Nocturnal Bird Flights at Pt. Lepreaux Lighthouse etc

Part II. Some Facts and Theories respecting the General Subject of Migration.

Published by N. O. C. etc."

Then follows an introduction to the first Member of our "Memoirs"

with an explanation of the circumstances under which my paper has been removed by the N. O. C. After this comes your letter. Then the paper draft. This plan will doubtless be accepted by the N. O. C.

I enclose a letter from Allen which seems to set the other matter right. I am very sorry I got you into such a mess. But Allen need never know that you were concerned and I think now you had better not write him.

I am utterly broken down and good for nothing, the strain of the last few weeks having completely wrecked my nervous system. Still it looks as if I must stay here. My executorship is worth exactly $13,333.33 in hand cash and that is too much to lose by running off.

Yours sincerely.
William Brewster

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Cambridge -
10th Feb. 1886.

My dear Mussey.

I feel so very badly about the matter that I have no fault to find with you rather from letter of the 8th except that I wish you had shown yourself more angry and less grieved. My dear fellow, do you suppose I got you into this scrape deliberately and with malice aforethought? If you do you are greatly mistaken. Moreover my own share of the worry and annoyance is by no means trifling for in my present nervous condition every trifle matter weighs on me terribly.

As to the final outcome of the affair I am not at all anxious for Allen's second letter showed that I had misconstrued the meaning of my first and he

is sure to take your criticism kindly when he knows from whom it came and in what spirit it was offered. In fact he has already expressed himself as satisfied that no injustice or cruelty was intended. The only thing to regret is that you should have been put to so much trouble and worry and for that I am sincerely sorry. Nevertheless I still fail to see how I could have printed my article and omitted the complimentary allusion to Allen's Scribner article without an explanation all around.

Despite what you say about my "grievances" Allen did not suspect you. I know now - at least as my sure - whom he did suspect and it was neither you nor E. C. That is was not you I am positive. I have shown my article to a number of persons besides you and E. C.

I hope my second letter enclosing Allen's reached you in time to prevent your writing to Allen. But it will come out all right even if you have written him.

Whaler is setting up this navigation article which has made so much trouble and I shall send you proofs in a few days. Return them undelayed if you cannot spare the time to read them. I have made your work enough already. The title-page is a compromise for the N. O. C. objected to everything (or at least one or two columns deal). I trust however, that the final outcome will be satisfactory to you. It was the very best I could do for you and I had to fight hard for it.

Yours as ever

Milton Brasher

Since finishing the above your letter enclosing copy of one to Allen has come. It is exactly right in every way and is sure to elicit an entirely friendly reply from J. A. But my heart bulges when I look at it and think of the work it must have caused you. Thank you for sending me a copy.

By the way, I have received a copy for 1885 of that Bright House report thanks to your kindness. It agrees with the 1884 one respecting Pt. Lepreau &c. letter from Thomas backs up both. Nevertheless the height of the light is wrongly given as I will somewhere explain to you.

Cambridge, 17th Feb/86.

My dear Miriam:-

It is a relief to know that the Miriam-Allen-Brewster row has ended so pleasantly and I thank you for sending me the letter. I shall try not to get you into any such scrape again.

With this I send uncorrected proof of the imagination article. You will notice that I have acted on some of your suggestions and ignored others. I trust the whole will be reasonably satisfactory to you. Please give me all the further criticisms that you can. Also ask Henry to read the paper and give me the benefit of his advice. You

Aug. 21/86.

will notice what I say about the height of the light. I am sure it is given wrongly in the Gov. Rep. but as I took no measurements I cannot prove it. An evidence of carelessness on the part of whoever made the tables in the report is afforded by the fact that the alleged height of the lights and their distance apart do not add and subtract in accordance with the figures given.

Thomas's horse fell over the cliff nearly abeast of the light when we were there and was not even lamed. The distance which she fell was not set at more than thirty feet by any one, Thomas included. Yet she stood in nearly a foot of water when discovered at high tide.

Yours as ever

W. B.

Cambridge -
7th March, 1886.

My dear Miriam. -
You will think me
a ungracious wretch for not
acknowledging the receipt of
the covers before this but
really I have been worked
beyond my powers of
endurance and for over
a week I have been obliged
to simply let my correspondence
slide.

The covers came in
fine condition and I
am delighted with them.
I enclose $7.74 and thank
you very warmly for all
your kindness and trouble.

Yours sincerely.
William Brewster.

No hope of visiting W. this Spring.

Cambridge -
8th March, 1886.

My dear Merriam. -

Yes! I'm the "gentleman" but how in thunder did you guess it? I did not ask Hoxie to send Stomachs to you nor do I care for miscrocopical determinations. I simply asked him to note the contents in a general way as "seeds," "beetles," "diptera," "mice", etc. He is going to collect a lot of birds for me and some of my friends here.

The Migration paper will be out this week.

Yours as ever.

William Brewster.

Ansd. March 31/86.

Cambridge –
25th March, 1886.

My dear Merriam. –

Your protest seems to me a reasonable one. I am amazed at the omission of a proper acknowledgment of Dr. Steiger's invaluable services. I did not see the introduction in the proof, nor do I think it was seen by either Ridgway or Henshaw. I do not doubt that the omission was accidental but that hardly mitigates the wrong. I shall await Allen's explanation with much interest.

The copy of your other letter is returned with this last.

I had filed it, supposing that you meant me to keep it.

No hope of my seeing Washington this Spring. I cannot spare even a day away at present. The life of an executor & trustee is not a happy one".

Yours sincerely.

William Brewster

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Cambridge, 1st April, 1886.

My dear Miriam.–

Thanks for your letter with its inclosure which I return.

Yes! I fully agree with you that a great wrong has been done Stejneger and that it must be righted at all costs. I have written Allen already to the effect that I indorse every word in Hershaw's letter to him which you have seen of course. It seemed to me so very good – so much better than any anything I could write myself that I felt satisfied to adopt it as the expression of my own mind.

I do not remember to have seen proof of that introduction but if Allen says so of course I did. It makes little difference. The point is, the omission did not attract my notice. If it had I should have protested at once.

Allen's point is certainly not well taken. The unity business does not include any persons outside the Committee.

I feel very strongly about this matter and you may count on me with perfect confidence. I cannot write much, however, for I am tired and generally good-for-nothing.

As ever Yours. William Brewster

I hope in all this you shall hear only truth – fire effigies of Migratorius

Cambridge Apr. 25 - 1886.

My dear Marian:-

Inclosed please find my circular filled out. I trust the replies will prove of value. You will see that I know something about sea planting even if I am not a planter.

Yes! I am going to "choke myself in the Coward Rim" for the next six months beginning May 1st. The loss of my usual Spring collecting trip is a sad affair but it could not be helped. There is absolutely no chance of my seeing Washington this year. My Executor duties consume nearly all my time. When our affairs become settled I expect to be nearly as free as ever.

Yours truly.

William Brewster.

How many more undescribed N. A. Squirrels are there?

Recd & ackd. Sept. 2/86.

Concord, Mass.
31st Aug. 1886.

My dear Merriam:-

Thanks for the information. On the whole I think I will let Newcomb's case lapse, as you say, he has no chance.

I am getting interested in this question of Capen's book. I too have seen only one copy but the plates in that have excited the admiration of every one to whom I have shown them. I read the text as carefully as I read most such works and it seemed to me very well suited to the plan of the work and unusually free from errors. My praise, as expressed in the quotation you sent, was entirely sincere. Moreover you are the very first person who has ~~spoke~~ expressed to me an unfavorable opinion of the work as a whole.

Is it not possible that the institution have an unusually bad copy? It may be, also, that I have an unusually good one. If this is not to my judgment does not agree with yours and Bendire's. I should rank the plates fully equal to those of Brewer's Oology and miles above Gentry's wretched daubs.

Now let me give you a

bit of friendly advice. Don't, on any account, spend a night on a rice plantation. Make your headquarters in Charleston or some place entirely surrounded by sea-water and return to it each evening before dark, as all the planters do. You will thus escape all serious risk. No possible duty can make it right for you to commit the suicidal act of sleeping in or near one of those malaria-infested rice swamps.

Yours truly.

William Brewster

Amer. Lept. 17/86.

Concord, Mass.
15th Sept. 1886.

My dear Merriam.

Allen has just told me that Coues is hard at work on a "Manual of N. A. Mammals" which will be published very soon. I thought you might like to know this but perhaps you had better not let any one know I told you although Allen said nothing about its being a secret.

You may also like to know that Maynard has (or had a few weeks since) a very good specimen of the new Florida Musk-rat, Neofiber, I think the genus is.

Hope you have escaped the malaria and made a successful trip.

Yours sincerely.
William Brewster.

Doubtless the Neofiber is for sale. Shall I try to get it for you?

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Dr. C. Hart. Merriam.
Department of Agriculture.
Washington.
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Ansd. Sept. 21/86.
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Concord, Mass.
17th Sept. 1886.

My dear Merriam:

Learning to-day that Coues had called on Maynard and asked him for the loan of the Neofiber I at once went to Boston and bought the specimen, securing not only the skin - a well-made one - but also the entire body and head in alcohol. For the whole thing I paid just eight dollars which seems reasonable enough considering the present rarity of the animal. Of course I bought it for you but if you do not want it I shall be very willing to turn it over to the Cambridge Museum. Coues wanted to use it in connection with his forthcoming work on mammals & Maynard promised to lend it to him in case it was not sold. So you see I had to act promptly. Had I known, however, that it could be bought so low I should have taken it long ago.

Yours sincerely.

William Brewster.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

INVESTIGATIONS IN ECONOMIC ORNITHOLOGY.

CIRCULAR TO RICE GROWERS.

The Department of Agriculture desires the co-operation of Rice Growers in its attempt to secure trustworthy information concerning the extent of the injury annually done the rice crop by certain birds, chiefly the Bobolink or Rice-bird and the Red-winged Black-bird; and in devising some measure or measures, consistent with reasonable economy, for the diminution if not the prevention of this loss.

Information in reply to the following questions is solicited:

1. Are you a rice planter? No!
2. If so, how many acres have you under cultivation? None!
3. What is the average yield of rice per acre? Don't know
4. What do you consider a fair estimate of the average annual loss per acre occasioned by birds? Very slight
5. Please cite a few extreme cases. Too much trouble.
6. What percentage of this loss is due directly to the value of the rice consumed, and what indirectly to the cost of gathering and thrashing the worthless grain? What do you take me for?
7. What is the average annual cost per acre of measures employed for the prevention or diminution of this loss? $000,000,000,00
8. In addition to the use of firearms and whips, what measures, if any, are employed for this purpose? Cuss words.
9. How many 'Bird Minders' are employed annually upon your plantation during the fall invasion of Rice-birds? Several
10. How many pounds of gunpowder are consumed annually during this period? Several kegs yes! dust shot
11. Is shot now used on your plantation? If so, in what quantity?
12. What kind or kinds of birds are most destructive to rice? ———
13. At what time of the year and for how long a period are these birds present? ———
14. What is the greatest number of Rice-birds that you have known to be killed in a single season? ———
15. Does the rice crop on your plantation sustain a loss from the depredations of birds at the time of planting in spring? If so, what is the average loss per acre at this time? ———

Any information relating to the subject, though not covered by the above questions, will be thankfully received.

DR. C. HART MERRIAM,
Ornithologist.

N. B.

Sept. 28/86.

Concord, Mass.
23 Sept, 1886.

My dear Merriam:

Your instructions and envelope forwarded to Maynard who will doubtless send you the specimens in a day or two. Postal order safely received, thanks!

By Jove! you are the very man we want to complete the trio. Why did I not think of it before? Just pack your gripsack and come on to as to reach here next Monday or Tuesday, and we three can and will have a glorious time. If you want an excuse there is rice (wild rice) on this river and you can pick up lots of information about the damage the Bobolinks did to it! But come anyway. Yours W. B.

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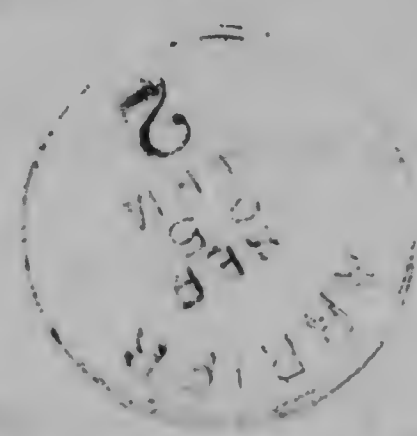

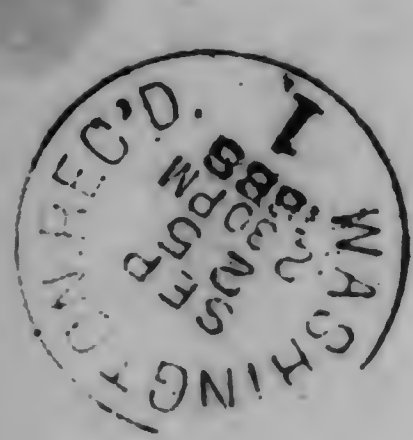

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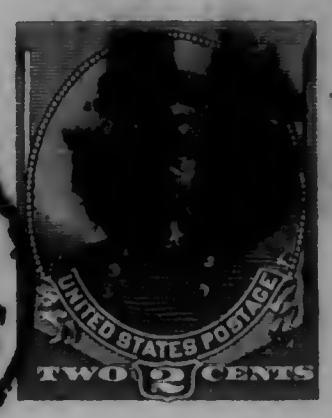

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Cambridge, 25th Nov. 1886

My dear Merriam.

Thanks for your friendly hint. I have just engaged a man to go to Down Col. the coming winter for me and am after another to assist him. I shall also take up Mexico at once if I can secure a third collector to send there. I hardly fear Goss; at all events he will not be likely to get sufficiently large series to compete with me. He usually takes a pair of birds for mounting & stops there.

If not too much trouble will you kindly find out for me what your two largest cabinets of files can be made for in mahogany!

With kind regards to Mrs. Merriam, I remain

Sincerely

W. B.

Ansd. Dec. 6/86.

Cambridge —
3rd Dec., 1886.

My dear Miriam. —

The file-maker's offer is so very tempting that I have waited two days before making up my mind to decline it which I do for two reasons: (1) Because I have no room for the file cases in my present study which is now crowded to overflowing; (2) Because I suspect I do not really need the document and letter file at all, having adopted another arrangement which works sufficiently well for my present purposes at least.

The pamphlet file I do need and I have just one place for it — on the top of my new roll-top desk. This spaces measures exactly 52 × 13 inches and if the base of the pamphlet-file case does not exceed that size, or could be made so as not to exceed it, I should like to get one. Perhaps on the whole, however, I had better wait until my museum is finished, then I can tell exactly what

to order. Thank you all the same, and most heartily, for your kindness and trouble.

Frazar is my man and he will start for Lower Cal^a before January 1st. Are you at liberty to disclose the name of the other collector who is going there? If not can you tell me in a general way whether he is collecting for sale or private purposes and if he is an able man?

Sincerely

William Brewster.

On talking with Frazar I am convinced that it will not pay me to go into Mammals at the prices you named. I shall, however, instruct F. to get all that he can without too much loss of time and shall turn them over to you gratis.

Ansd. Dec. 13/86.

Cambridge -
9th Dec. 1886.

My dear Merriam,

N. S. Goss, in reply to my direct question, writes positively that he is going to Belize, British Hon., and not to Lower California. Stephens will invade the Peninsula by land, from the North, and will not get more than half-way to Cape San Lucas. I have engaged all his birds or, at least, the first chance at all of them.

This leaves Lemitt, your fair unknown, and Messrs. Forrmann and Jenkins. If Lemitt can be eliminated I do not care much about the others. Please let me know all that you know about Lemitt's plans.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

My dear Merriam. –

Top of desk 50 ¼ inches

above floor of room.

Thanks for the

address.

Sincerely

William Brewster.

Cambridge –

10 III Dec, 1886.

Cambridge —
14th Dec., 1886.

My dear Newman. —

A bad mistake on that resolution, certainly. I had my information from what should have been a reliable source.

Very sorry indeed to hear of that fire. Such wholesale destruction of property seems dreadful indeed.

Sincerely.
William Brewster.

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Ansd. Jan. 27/87.

Cambridge - Jan. 24 - 1887.

My dear Mariam:

The file case has just come. It seems to be well made and exactly fits the top of my desk. The only fault I have to find with it is that it was very badly scarred in transit, so badly, in fact, that I had a great mind to refuse to receive it. I shall have to get some one to polish out the bruises and practically refinish the whole exterior. If you think it worth while to make a claim on Wise for this damage I am satisfied to let it go. The repairs will not probably exceed one or two dollars. The case came packed in an open crate the top of which had been torn off before my expressman got it.

I do not know the price agreed upon between you and Wise for this case for you will remember that I at first talked about having two cases and then positively decided to give up the larger and more expensive one. The only price I remember getting was

for the large & small case together.
about $100, if I remember rightly, for the two.
Will you please get Weir to send me
his bill at once. Perhaps you had
better inspect it first to make sure
it is all right.

I am heartily obliged to you
for all your kind trouble in
this matter.

Sincerely

William Brewster.

Ansd. Mar. 13/87.

Cambridge
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My dear Merriam.

Thank you very much for the loan of the Poor - will which I return with this. I will say nothing about them in print. They are both, I think, the same as some I have from Texas on which I have just based a new Ant-Aperis nitidus.

Sincerely.
William Brewster.

Cambridge, 16th March,
(1887?)

My dear Merriam,

Thanks for your kindness but 'tis too late to insert anything about Mr. Anthony's opinion now especially as I took no notes regarding it. It is a typical nitidus.

Glad to know you are building a house. My museum is still only "on paper".

I shall try to show Henshaw & Fisher

how to collect birds
about Washington
sometime next month.

Sincerely
William Brewster

Good thing, that
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Greeley, if it was
made by one
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Ansd. Apr. 12/87. | Cambridge -
10th apr. '87.

My dear Merriam:

Farrar writes that he is told of black hares on the island of Espiritu Santo Lower Calif. Do you know of any such beast?

He also wishes you to send him at once a copy of your directions for making mammal skins as

he has lost the
case you saw him,
He has a few
mammals for you
already. but find
them very scarce.
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Sincerely.
William Brewster

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Ansd. June 25/87.

Concord, Mass.
15th June, 1887.

My dear Museum:-

Your request comes at a bad time for I am not likely to see the Museum for several weeks. As soon as possible, however, I will pick out the specimens you want and have them sent to you.

I am badly used up by overwork in looking after my business interests and intend, next week, to bury myself in the woods beyond the reach

of letters and telegrams. I was all ready to start this morning when a letter came from my lawyer calling me down to testify in court. If I can cast off the yoke again I shall be a happy man.

Please say to Henry that nothing in this world would induce me to take the editorship of the Ink if it should be offered me. My idea is that Batchelder is the man, with proper support and advice from a few of the older heads he would do excellently.

Sincerely William Brewster.

Ansd. June 25/87.

Concord, Mass.
23rd June, 1887.

My dear Merriam:-

Spent one an hour this morning searching the Camb. Mus. collections for specimens of Diplopoma. Could find only two, both mounted. Mounted specimens are not allowed to be sent away for any purpose. Sorry, old fellow!

Sincerely.
W. B.

Frazar can find no trace of your mysterious collecting friend in Bonne Cala. Did he really go there? Please answer this as soon as possible.

Concord, Mass.
30th June, 1887.

My dear Miriam:—

It is possible that we have a series of Dipodomys but they are certainly not in their proper systematic place in our collection of skins.

As to the Auk I positively cannot even consider taking it. If it must fail—or go into E. C's hands which is about as bad— I cannot help it. I am utterly unable to attempt any literary work at present and doubt if I ever shall be again. It will certainly be as much as I can do for the next year to write technical papers on new

species. My nervous system seems to be almost totally wrecked and my only hope is in out-door exercise and complete abstention from all brain work that is not absolutely necessary.

Sincerely

William Brewster.

Concord, Mass.
10th Aug., 1887.

Dear Miss Merriam:—

After puzzling my brains over your bird notes for several days and trying everything I could think of I am forced to give them up, viz toto. Nevertheless it is almost certain that I should have recognized the authors at once had I been

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This statement may seem to reflect on your skill in rendering the notes but, frankly, I do not believe it is possible to put them down on paper in that way so that they can be identified with any certainty.

It is difficult to describe them intelligibly in any way but I like best the comparation and suggestion method - followed usually by Burroughs for example -

One question in your letter I am relieved to

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fried I can answer viz. that relating to Wilson's Thrush. The bleating note is common to all regions where the bird is found. At least I have heard it from the Mountains of North Carolina to Maine & Labrador. I have always taken it, however, for a note common to both sexes and not a song.

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of Audubon Magazine containing your interesting articles. I am glad to see you have been reading Thoreau. Why not extract the various little bits of bird lore from his scattered writings and republish them with comments of your own! It would be well worth doing. Ingersoll started on it once but it is as well, probably, that he did not put it through.

Sincerely

William Brewster

IF NOT CALLED FOR IN TEN DAYS POSTMASTER WILL PLEASE RETURN TO

UNITED STATES

LETTER SHEET

ENVELOPE.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

Department Agriculture

Washington.

D. C.

U. S. PATENT, JULY 1. 1879.

Ansd. Nov. 6 | 87.

The mammals:
2 Lemiscus harrisii
2 Thomomys umbrinus

Cambridge —
4th Nov. 1887.

My dear Merriam.

With this I mail four mammals collected by Frazar. I trust they will prove of some interest to you. If either is new I should be very much gratified if you will name it for Frazar, for the poor fellow is having a hard time (he has been very ill with fever lately) and will care what honors he gets.

Very sincerely
William Brewster

I hope Mrs. Merriam has entirely recovered. My regards to her, please.

Cambridge -
17th Jan., 1888.

My dear Miss Merriam: -

I was on the point of writing to thank you for your late kind attentions in the matter of copies of the Audubon when your letter of the 15th appeared.

You will be able to compile a list - and a fairly exhaustive one

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'Birds in the Bush'. If
you do not already own
the book by all means
add a copy to your
library. Torrey is a
capital observer and
a pleasing writer.

I am sorry you
will not take up the
Thoreau matter and, while

The Torrey article is the first of the series of articles about Boston Common birds to appear in the Atlantic. I can

your reasons for not caring to undertake the task do you infinite credit, I must still believe that they are not valid. It would not be necessary to comment on all his notes, or even any many of them, and you could easily get someone to correct his mistakes which are very few. The main thing would be to bring the observations on birds together so that they can be readily consulted. Pray reconsider your decision.

I have enjoyed your sketches in "Hints to Audubon Students" extremely and congratulate you on your success both as an agreeable writer and accurate observer. Your description of the Wilson's Thrushes seems to me especially good.

Please give my kindest regards to both your mother and father & accept my best wishes for a pleasant & profitable journey.

Sincerely. William Brewster.

Cambridge—
11th March, 1888.

My dear Morrison:—

Dean wishes to get the address of the man who made those pamphlet covers I bought of you last year. I mean the heavy ones with cloth binding strips for fat pamphlets. Can you give it to me?

Thank you for all you did for me last week.

Sincerely
William Brewster

Cambridge, 23rd March, '88

My dear Merriam,

With this I send (by express, prepaid,) the map of Sonora that I spoke to you about, trusting that you will find it useful. It does not, as I thought, include Lower Calª. that being on another very similar map which I have but of which I have no duplicate. As I ordered this map from San Francisco I did not discover the omission until it arrived. It is a better map of Sonora, however, than the other more comprehensive one.

Sincerely,

William Brewster

Cambridge
1st Apr. 1888.

My dear C. H.

Barton's "Fragments"
I have long wanted
& twas very kind
of you to give me
this chance of
getting a copy. Of
course I have
written Foote for it.

Thank you
also for getting

me into the
Geographical. I have
had my initiation
of election and
paid my dues
which I suppose
ends the matter
for the present.
My regards to
your father if he
is still with you.
Sincerely
W. B.

Ansd. May 8/88.

My dear Merriam:-

I am on my way to Michigan for a few weeks collecting. Jno. Dwight Jr. goes with me. We intend to spend a week or two in the middle of the state & then go to the Straits of Mackinac to pick up dead Warblers under the light & study migration phenomena. If you can send me a line officially recommending me to the people at the lighthouse it will be of service & I shall appreciate the favor. Our first halting place will be

Cardillac, Michigan and a letter addressed to me there will reach me promptly.

Yours sincerely

William Bowler.

If I can do anything for you, command me.

Ans'd. July 24/88.

Cambridge, 22nd July 1888.

My dear Merriam:-

You can do me a favor if you will. I have just received notice from the Custom House at El Paso, Texas, that they are holding a box of bird skins containing about 1100 specimens sent from Pinos Altos, Chihuahua, Mexico, by M. A. Frazar, and addressed to me here. They want affidavits etc. that these skins are for scientific use and not for sale. Now it would take some time to get affidavits to them by mail & time is precious, chiefly because all lots of skins from Mexico are infested with Dermestes and if delayed are likely to be seriously injured.

Of course I need not assure you

that all these skins are for scientific use. The Smithsonian will get a series of the duplicates, the Cambridge Museum another series, the New York Museum a third series.

What I want you to do is to get someone in authority at Washington - perhaps Goode but you can decide best about this - to telegraph the Customs Officials at El Paso to forward the boy to me without further delay.

If you will do this, my dear fellow, I shall be very greatly indebted to you.

Sincerely.

William Brewster.

I shall wish, of course, to refund the cost of telegraphing etc.

Cambridge, 26th July, 1888.

My dear Merriam:-

You are a trump and I am infinitely obliged for all the kind trouble you took about those birds at Jonesboro. It lifts a load of anxiety off my mind.

I thank you heartily, also, for the offer of the eggs of Phaethon. I have not one so of course shall be only too glad of them.

Sincerely,

William Brewster.

Cambridge –
30th July, 1888.

My dear Merriam. –

Tombstone is one of the largest of the border towns in Arizona & an important place of entry for goods etc. from Western Mexico. The birds, however, were stranded at El Paso, Texas. I wrote "Tombstone" in my second letter by inadvertance, probably because I had just had a letter from a man there & was thinking about it.

Very glad to sign enclosure, both are capital nominations. Have you seen Trumbull's book? If not get it at once. It is a very sound and valuable piece of work.

Yours.

W. B.

Cambridge -
31st Oct., 1888.

Dear Merriam:-

My large zinc cases were made by a carpenter whom I employed for the purpose all last winter. He used various gauges, forms, moulds etc. to insure accuracy & uniformity of fittings without which the running gear for the trays would have

been more or less unsatisfactory
In fact the first two
cases he made were
practically failures, for
this reason.

Upon getting your
letter I at once set to
work to find this man
but thus far I have
been unable to learn
where he is. He is
a "journeyman" carpenter,
namely, and has no
fixed place of abode
working for anyone
who will employ him

Recd. Nov. 21/

and hence shifting from place to place. Of course I could have at once set some one else to work to copy one of my cases but I did not like to risk it, for the chances are it would have proved a failure, I am still hoping to find the man who made mine. Shall I try some one else if he cannot be found?

I am exceedingly sorry to be unable to supply your need at once but I think you will see from the above how impossible it has been to do so. Cannot you use some other means of protecting your treasures until I can get the case ready? I should have written before but I have expected each day to get track of the man & to be able to promise something more definite & satisfactory than the above. Sincerely. William Brewster

Ans'd. Nov. 17/88.

Cambridge, 13th Nov., 1888.

My dear William:—

It seems there is more trouble about my birds at the El Paso custom house. The box referred to should have reached me a month or more ago. Would it be possible to obtain the permanent order mentioned in the enclosed? If not will you please do what you can to have them free and forward this lot. I suppose the Domestics are chewing away at them. If the Secretary of the Treasury can telegraph it will of course save valuable time.

How and to what address shall I send your big box? It will be ready by the time I get your answer, probably. Yours heartily — William Brewster.

Rec'd. Dec. 18/88.

Cambridge - Dec. 8th, 1888.

My dear Merriam:-

I will look up my series of Pyrrhuloxia to-morrow and let you know what they indicate in re C. S. peninsulæ.

On returning from Washington I examined my Florida specimen of the Mangrove Cuckoo and found it a perfectly typical specimen of C. s. maynardi Ridg. Accordingly this form has an indisputable claim to a place in our list.

I also examined my specimens of Chordeiles from Florida. I have breeding birds (taken in June) from Clearwater & Indian River. They are not smaller (as has been claimed) than northern specimens and I fail to see how they can be separated. My specimens (only four or five in number) may be exceptional of course.

I protest most emphatically against the admission of Buteo borealis sulphurensis to our list. In the first place it was not regularly passed upon by the Committee. In the second place the sub-specific name is not distinctive for it is well known that the air is always thoroughly impregnated with sulphur whenever H. W. H. & A. H. miss a shot at a Hawk as they did at the type of this supposed

form. I even doubt if they have any much bird knowing, as I do, the character of their collecting trips into Sea.

The type and paper strike me as very good indeed.

On my return I hunted up my carpenter & found him sick in bed. He had begun the Box but only partially finished it. He promised to get at it at once. Since then I have made him frequent visits and at last it is finished and ready to ship. I am heartily ashamed of the delay but I really did the best I could.

I shall be glad to get the Phaëtons but there is no ~~hurry~~ need of hurry and I know well how busy you are.

Yours sincerely.

William Brewster.

Cambridge —
12th Dec., 1888.

Rec'd. Dec. 18/88.

My dear Merriam:—

I am shocked at the enclosed bill which is just double what the corresponding work in my cans cost but the carpenter refuses to take off anything and as it was impossible to get any one to do the thing by contract I suppose we are in his power. In fact I really

believe that from his standpoint it is a fair bill. The trouble is that the work was new to him and he could doubtless make a second one a good deal cheaper. He is a good man and has done several thousand dollars worth of work for me so I do not think he would try to overcharge me especially as I told him I should very likely want a

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number more of these cases if he made this one cheaply and well.

The bill for covering the can with zinc has yet to come but that part of the work was fortunately by contract and by the same tinman who did mine. It will be exactly fifteen dollars more, making the total ~~cost~~ cost thirty-two dollars. I am awfully sorry, old fellow, but I did the best I could and hope you will not be disgusted.

The can carefully crated left Sail this morning. It was sent via Boston & Baltimore Str. & will be transhipped at Norfolk I suppose.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

Ansd. May 14/89.

Port Etches
is in Chugach or
Prince Wms Sound
SE Alaska

Cambridge
8th May/89

My dear Merriam -

If you see
Dall will you please
ask him where Port Etches?
Point Echo,
Alaska, is. I am working
out a new subspecies
of Fiudus aonalaschka and
cannot carry the matter
further until I know
about the locality first
mentioned, from which
I have an important
specimen collected by

Dall himself.

Sincerely

William Brewster.

I sent you a

Flying Squirrel (♀) from

Stoneham, Mass) a

few days ago. What

is it that is, what

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Cambridge -
24th May, 1889.

My dear Merriam: -

The big Tropic Birds have just been sent to me by Ridgway. They are brightly perfect skins and as I had only one before - a poor, immature bird at that - I am exceedingly glad to get them.

Thanking you for the generous gift, I remain -

Sincerely,
William Brewster.

Ackd. Dec. 1, 1890.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge.

25th Nov. 1890.

My dear Hart:-

I have just read with some care that part of No. 3 of "N. A. Fauna" which relates to your proposed re-arrangement of faunal areas. Your paper as a whole strikes me as by far the ablest and most important contribution to this department of N. A. zoology which has appeared since Allen's Birds & Mammals of Florida and it cannot fail to bring you the lasting honor

and distinction of a place in the foremost ranks of philosophic naturalists. Let it easily, I should say, then carry best and highest prize of work that you have ever done and you have every reason to be proud of it and your friends to be proud of you for it. As one of your oldest and I trust warmest friends I take this occasion to congratulate you most heartily on this splendid piece of work.

As regards your plan of rearrangement of canal areas I like it as a whole and believe it will stand.

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with possibly some modifications of minor details? Certainly it is far better and more satisfactory than anything we have had before and he who attempts to rear further structures must certainly build on your foundations, not on the old ones that have served their time and are now obviously obsolete. I wish I had read the paper before I went to Washington for I would have called to discuss it with you when there but perhaps we shall have an opportunity later.

Now about another matter! We have a new Nuttall Club member, Geo. H. Mackay (of 218 Commonwealth Ave, Boston), who is taking a great interest in birds and has had an article or two in the Auk. He wishes to get all the publications of your sub-department past and future and I told him I would ask you for them. He is a capital fellow and you may be sure he will make good use of anything you send him. With warm regards believe me as ever Yours William Brewster

Cambridge -
3rd Dec., 1890.

My dear Merriam: -

It is a shame that your essay on the Sofa Jones has been received with such apparent indifference for that is often harder to bear than adverse criticism. But those who have treated it in silence either do not know a good thing when they see it or they cannot have read it with the care that it deserves. I fancy that the latter may be true of a good many of our amateur sociologists for the literature of these times is so voluminous that one can hardly do more than skim a good deal of it and your essay was certainly not issued in

the most conspicuous form. In fact, as I told you, I overlooked it myself although I glanced through the number in which it is contained before I went to Washington.

Thank you for putting Mackay on your lists and also for sending me your lecture on migration. I am having some extracts made from the latter and will return it as soon as I can. It is such an able and important resume of the subject that I think you ought to print and circulate it.

I hear that you and Henry have signed the Sharpe memorial. I cannot bring myself to do so although Coues has just written offering me a "last chance".

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William Brewster

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Ansd. Feb. 15/91.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge.

Feb. 8, 1891.

Dear Mirriam:-

I shall try hard to get to Washington before you start but the chances are not good. After several years of distractions and disappointments I have at length got into a working vein and am going ahead so swimmingly that I dare not lay down my tasks even for a few days lest I may not easily grasp the threads again. You know how it is after coming in from a month or two in the woods! Our's brain

seems made of mud and close application to writing absolutely repulsive while. Even if one conquers this disinclination the results of his work are apt to worthless. Still, this has been my chronic condition for four years and it has not only pained but frightened me. I feared I should never be able to do anything useful again. But after a mighty and protracted struggle I have conquered and for the past four weeks I have averaged nine hours writing per day. It is now not only easy but actually delightful and I find myself able to compare with a tenth of the mental effort that it

Arrd. Feb. 15

has cost me in past years. Consequently I am once encouraged and loth to risk the loss of ~~the~~ even a part of the facility that I have gained.

The story of Butler's Stricken does not surprise me. I have had a deep rooted dislike for, and distrust of, the fellow ever since he first appeared above the ornithological horizon.

Please give my kindest regards to the good wife and believe me

Sincerely

William Brewster

Ans'd March 3, 1891

Cambridge -
22nd Feb. 1891.

Dear Merriam:-

Your invitation is most tempting and there is perhaps a ghost of a chance that I may be able to accept it but I have determined to finish all my most pressing work before I leave home again. Could I join you about May 1st and spend the month of May? Or would that be too late? Where shall you be then?

As soon as I finish with Down California I must take up Mexico and the latter is an uncertain quantity although

I ought to do it in a month.

Will you please let me know the day you leave for the West! If I can manage it I want to see you for a couple of hours to lay before you some ideas connected with Lower Cala. and get your advice.

They are briefly these:

(1) How shall the fauna which you have called "Lower California" be limited geographically. Bryants explorations have shown that comparatively few of the so-called "Cape species" are really confined to the so-called "Cape Region". In other words most of these gouge considerably north of La Paz. Nevertheless a

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few are found only south of La Paz in the region colored dark orange on your map. I am at present disposed to extend what you call the Lower Californian sub-region to about the latitude of Commondu.

(2) Is it most probable that such Lower Californian birds as Protophaga sulcirostris, Pincaia boucardi and Colymbus dominicus were originally derived from Mexico or did they reach the Cape Region via Arizona and thence down the whole length of the Peninsula? They are not found north of La Paz as far as known but all three are common in Western Mexico.

Don't take any of your valuable time to write about these matters but briefly let me know how much longer you are to be in Washington.

Sincerely

William Brewster.

Cambridge.
March 8th, 1891.

Dear Merriam,

It was kind of you to take so much of your valuable time for writing to me. I had hoped to go to Washington the latter part of last week for a talk with you but could not seem to manage it. If possible I shall go this week and take my chances of catching you for an hour or two at the last moment. Your advice in re Dover Colo. matters will be simply invaluable; in fact I do not see how I can write my introduction without first first talking with you. It is exceedingly difficult,

however, for me to get away.
If I do not see you before
you leave will you please
give me your address in
the West. It is impossible
for me now to decide about
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you there and it is even
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sure I shall go. I have
always wanted to see that
part of the country and
it is not likely that I
shall ever again have a
chance to make a trip
under such delightful
auspices.

Sincerely
William Brewster

Concord —
22nd Nov. 1891.

Dear Merriam:-

Thank you very much for the card which I am glad to get.

I have not been "Chamberlain's Pulpit" but believe, from what I know of the work that he has put into it, that it is a good and useful book.

As to that question

of interbreeding between species had we not better have it settled we can spend an evening together "talk to a finish."

Of course what you say would be true if all closely allied forms met, and ~~crossed~~ interbred at the point of meeting. In the case of Colaptes the hybrid stock is, I believe, actually spreading and will eventually eliminate ~~both~~ or rather replace both ~~the~~ cafer and auratus everywhere.

Sincerely
William Brewster

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Concord —
10th Nov., 1892.

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My dear Merriam:—

If I were well I should not longer oppose any wish which my friends may have to present my name as a candidate for the Presidency of the A. O. U. But the fact is I am so far from well that I have given up all hope of attending the coming meeting and that fact will settle my fitness as a candidate, I should think, for of course the President should

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of it here and more than
once have climbed the hill
of recovery nearly to the top
but only to slip down again.
Thus far the longest journey
I have made in over a year
has been to Cambridge &
back. Of ultimate recovery
I have no fears but the
progress is very slow. I am
comfortable enough until I
undertake to ride or write
when trouble is nearly sure
to follow. I spend the greater
part of every day in the

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woods or on the rivers and have made many interesting observations on the habits of birds & mammals during my exile.

Henshaw seems to be better but not so yet well. He writes that he will return to Washington before long.

With kind remembrances to all the A. O. U. members who may enquire for me and sincere regards to your own good self, I remain—

Very truly
William Brewster.

Recd. Nov. 30/92.

Concord

19th Nov. 1892.

My dear Merriam:—

You were a trump to send me such a full account of the A. O. U. meeting. It is practically all that I have heard thus far and of course was most interesting to me.

I am delighted to hear that you would come president for in spite of his many faults I think he deserves such recognition.

the English anti-theologists said a good deal to me last year about our neglect of him (Comte) and all of them thought he ought to have been made President of the A. O. U. long ago.

That "Caveat" was certainly a strange & I should say wholly uncalled-for innovation. I rejoice with you over the final abolition of that absurd "Committee on Avian Anatomy". The elections to Active Membership seem to

wise although I doubt
if I should have voted
for Stone. He is a
promising fellow but young
and likely enough to
drop ornithology for
something else. However
I am not sorry that
he is in.
There is little chance
that I shall get to
Washington this winter
much as I want to
see you all. Your balloons
aren't able there would
be no difficulty but I
cannot as yet ride on
wheels of any kind

without bringing on a painful attack of the shoulder trouble that has plagued me so long. I am all right if I do not ride and can walk or row as far in a day as I am could do my condition is by no means as bad as it might be.

I shall be interested to hear how the discussion of paper "no 7" turned out.

With regards to all the Worthington and Millbrook and kindest remembrances to Mrs. Nourse & yourself, I remain

Sincerely William Nourse

Arch. Nov. 30

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge.

3rd Dec., 1892.

My dear Merriam:-

It is an infinite shame that such work as your report on the Death Valley expedition should be so long delayed by that Scott business. How can you say the Cutter must come to an end sometime. We shall not quarrel about Wilson Stone for I like him thoroughly and am glad, on the whole, that he was elected although, as I said before, I probably should not have

voted for him. On the other hand I certainly should not have worked against him. What you say about the influence which his position carries has certainly much weight & I confess it did not occur to me before reading your last letter.

I am trying to pick up the dropped threads and resume some of my old tasks & habits but it comes hard & I have to go very slowly. My report on the Bonne Coln. collections made by Fraser was practically finished when I went to England in June 1891 ~~but~~ and I should probably take that

in hand first and get it ready for the printer but it has "grown cold" & I seem to have lost all my interest in it.

When is Henry Henshaw? He wrote me last from some place in California nearly two months ago & said, if I remember rightly, that he should return to Washington before winter set in.

I am very glad the A. O. U. meeting for 1893 is to be held here for we have a large number of young men in or near Cambridge who will be sure to take advantage of the opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Spencer Baird.

Recd. Jan. 26/93.

45 Brattle Street,
Cambridge.

Jan. 18th 1893.

My dear Mr. Thomas:

Allen's paper strikes me very much as it does you and on first reading it I was impressed with the feeling that it cannot have been written chiefly because he wanted to "keep in the swim" and not because he had much novel matter to announce. From his standpoint as a past authority on the subject a review of all that you have more recently published with a statement of the points on which he differed with

To Prof. Thomas and I do hope you will have time to make any changes any suggestions of this sort. It may be a month ago and I have been able only to read it hurriedly in the midst of other work

you and suggestions for changes in the limitation of, or names for, certain regions, provinces etc. would have been perfectly proper and very helpful to us all. But anything of the kind should have been avowedly based on, and supplementary to, the general scheme which you have worked out with so much care and labor and which, so far as I know, has been generally approved and adopted by zoölogists the world over. On the other hand it would have been equally proper to elaborate & offer a wholly different plan based on deductions and conclusions more or less opposed to those which you

have announced. But as I
understand the case Allen
has quietly appropriated all of
your best thunder, pounded out
and corrected down of the false
notes in its reverberations, and
manufactured a few extra
claps of his own. In other
words I do not think that
his arrangement is sufficiently
original to be presented, as
it seems to be, as chiefly his
own. As the trite old saying
goes "that part of it which
is new is not [always] good
and that part which is good
is not new".

You may be sure, however,
that these facts will shatter
all those naturalists of whose
good opinion you care for most
without your calling the pains
to point them out and I

advise you most earnestly not
to review the paper. Wait
until the opportunity to which
you refer occurs and then
deal with the matter frankly
and naturally. I can see
that you feel strongly at this
moment and it would be
strange if you did not. Wait
until all that has gone by
and you will follow the
wisest course, I am very sure.
I congratulate you heartily on
the prospect completion?
the Death [illegible] report. It
must be a great satisfaction
to feel that it will be out
of your way for good.
I wish I could [illegible] equally
encouraging prospects with my
own [illegible] but my record
for the weeks since I last wrote
you has been [illegible] of a [illegible]

Before then I shall be in a position to offer my book to you.

I have been and I have been advised only to withhold my book for a month or so and then send it off. I changed my plan, since you saw it. I feel the force of your remarks upon the matter. I have been in the habit of reviewing my own books, but this seems a good deal more on the

Recd. Jan. 26/93.

45 Brattle Street,
Cambridge.

Jan. 18, 1893.

My dear Mr. Stedman:

Allen's paper strikes me very much as it does you and on first reading it I was impressed with the feeling that it cannot have been written chiefly because he wanted to "keep in the swim" and not because he had much novel matter to announce. From his standpoint as a past authority on the subject a review of all that you have more recently published with a statement of the points on which he differed with you seems the only thing to write about. I have been at work on a book dealing with the subject myself and shall not be able to write in the next six months. I shall be very glad to see the paper when it comes, if you care to send it. I cannot have been so fortunate as to have had the time to study your book as I should like to do, but I have read it with great interest and am glad to have it in my library. I shall be very glad to see the paper when it comes, if you care to send it.

Yours truly,
Arthur Fiske

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in good health & have
time to study.

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charged with a certain
sympathy with the mass
of mankind and this
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I congratulate you heartily on
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to feel that it will be out
of your way so soon.

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Cambridge -
Jan. 23 - 1883.

My dear Marion :-

Can you help me about getting a copy of this? If it cannot be had of the Dept., are any of the Washington book sellers likely to have it? I am somewhat interested in poultry just now.

Sincerely
W. B.

Cambridge,
Jan. 28 - 1893.

My dear Norman:-

Thank you very much for sending me the papers on poetry. I have never been the Concordance edition of Hughes' work and if you can buy it for me I shall be greatly obliged to you. I will think over that matter of formal address and write you about it later.

Sincerely
William Brewster

Recd. Feb. 15, 1893.

Cambridge -
Feb. 5 - 1893.

My dear Merriam:-

I have given a good deal of thought to your problem of names for the three faunal zones and have also consulted Farlow on the subject. We can think of nothing better than "Boreal", Central and "Austral". There may be objections which do not occur to us to using the second name but it harmonizes well in sound, length and derivation (ie from the Latin) with the other two and as a

description term its usual
meaning seems to apply
nicely. It was my idea
and Tyson at first objected
to it on the ground that
it might be confused with
"American" by foreigners and
thus prevent his leading but
I finally convinced him
that this objection was
not valid for if so confused
confusion could be avoided
easily by writing "the Central
Form of American (or N. American)"
instead of "the Central American"
Form which he proposed.
His suggestion was "Intermediate"
but in the end he withdrew
it and favored Central
strongly.

Pamphlets on "Forestry"

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have been arriving from
Washington almost daily
of late towards the same
kind intervention. no doubt.

Do you know anything
about the new Studio's
book which the publishers
so kindly offer to G. O. U.
members at half price?
I suppose it is merely a
reprint of the old observations!

Yours sincerely
William Brewster.

Cambridge
Feb. 6th, 1893.

My dear Merriam:

The Cincinnati edition of Hough's "Forestry" has come by this morning's mail. It is a pretty little book & I am glad to get it. Will you please tell me whom I am to pay for it & what the price was. No bill has come with it.

Thanking you for having it sent me I remain Sincerely William Brewster.

Ackd. Mar. 8/93.

Cambridge -

March 4 - 1893

My dear Harrison:-

The manuals at hand safely. I have not wondered there is the delay has made no difference.

May I bother you some more about Hough's Forestry books! His Report for 1878 is vol. II and in the preface I find mention of vol. I, a Report for 1877. This I lack. Can it be had & if so how?

I haven't had a chance to discuss formal Zones with Parson since your last

letter come but I shall
see him next week & will
remember to bring the matter
up. Personally I can think
of nothing better than the
terms already suggested — unless
"Medical" might be worth
considering if not already
in use for something else.

Sincerely
Gilbert Barstow

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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Feb. 11, 1894.

Dear Merriam:-

For the past week I have been straining every nerve to complete the revision of Minot and have had to let all letters go hang. Now I am trying to atone for these misdeeds.

First let me thank you for your very acceptable gift of the Tropic Birds' eggs which came to my collection and which I am delighted to now add.

As to the Desert Flycatchers I have just looked them over carefully without arriving at any very definite results. Your Texas bird has a deeper bill than any specimen

in my collection but the Dakota skin does not seem to me to be in any respect peculiar. I have for western material only one skin from Texas (Rio Grande City) one from Montana (F.T. Shaw) one from Sonora, Mexico, and two from Colorado. One of the two last named is exceedingly pallid in general coloration and very probably represents some unnamed desert form but I have never been able to get another bird like it. Your Penn. specimen has an abnormally narrow bill which looks as if it had been squeezed out of shape by being too tightly bound by the ingrown thread through the nostrils.

I am off for the W. Indies & Trinidad next Saturday. Good bye!

Sincerely
Wilbur Brewster

Rec'd. Aug. 21/94

Cambridge.
Aug. 15th 1894.

Dear Merriam --
While on Trinidad
& among the West Indies
last winter I tried my
hand (for the first time)
at photographing with a
regular camera & glass plates
I now send you some of
the results trusting that
they may interest you.
I have a package for
Henry Henshaw, also. Can
you give me his present
address & also tell me
how he is.
Sincerely William Brewster

Weather intro

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Aug. 23rd 1894.

Dear Merriam:—

I am glad to know that you like the photos. and much encouraged by what you say in their praise. I bought the Camera only a few days before I started South & had used nothing but a Kodak before. It was indeed fascinating work photographing that tropical vegetation & I only wish I had had more plates & more time.

Your proposed trip to

Arizona sounds most attractive & I thank you heartily for asking me to go with you but it is impossible for two reasons: (1) I have asked several people to camp with me at B. Umbagog through September & I start to-morrow morning to get things ready for them. Miss Simmons, Jno. Bemister, James Hubbard (a brother of Gardiner G. Hub.[bard] a very different kind of man) and Spelman are to be with me. I shall take photos this year & do but little shooting.

(2) My old (bladder) trouble is still far from well. & I find about two hundred miles my limit for car travel at

our stage. I doubt if I could get to Arizona at all but if I think it I should go only one day's journey at a time & rest two or three days before starting on again. It is an infernal nuisance but I hope to get over it somehow.

Isn't it rather a low trick to send a fellow an Empidonax without a label? I have no hesitation, however, in pronouncing your bird to be typical fuscilus. It is matched most closely (& almost exactly) by specimens in my collection from Arizona. While examining it I have gone over my other birds again & I feel satisfied that

they should be called *fuscatus* although some of them are so pale & brownish as your bird. I think I shall write a few lines on the subject for the Auk when I return from Maine as the supposed presence of *Scaltrix* in the Ohio valley in the breeding season is a nasty stumbling block to those who have to deal with faunal areas. I have also some other points about E. U.S. Sparrows to bring out.

Wishing you a pleasant & profitable trip I remain

Sincerely

William Brewster.

Skin returned with this.

Wisconsin

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Ans'd Dec 30/94.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 22nd 1894.

Dear Merriam:

I suppose you are cursing me heartily but although your birds came a week or more ago I have not found time to even look at them yet. I hope to do so to-morrow, however.

I am sending you to-day, with a very merry Christmas, three of my photos. which were entirely your. The enlargement was made from the wrong negative (by a mistake of the stupid professional to whom I gave the order) but it is too late to have another made.

The small pictures are of a Muskrat house on Concord River

and of them Drumlins (*V. a. pacifica*) taken at a distance of eight feet on the Balla Umbagog marshes.

Sincerely

William Brewster.

Ansd. Dec 31

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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

April 1st 1895.

Recd. April 3/95

Dear Merriam:-

Lest you may wonder why I have not sent you a copy of the new edition of Minot I write to tell you that Dr. C. S. Minot particularly requested me not to do so as he wished to have that pleasure himself. I should not have consented had it not been that the number of copies which I had for personal distribution was only fifty!

I have heard all sorts of reports as to your physical condition but I trust that the latest, which represents you as getting on well after the operation, are the correct ones.

I am pretty badly used

up after the winter's work and our
spending most of our time at
Cornwood when I get plenty of
out-of-door exercise.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

Rec'd. April 3/95

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Ans'd. Nov. 22/95

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Nov. 17th, 1895.

Dear Merriam:-

I reached home last night but little if at all the worse for the journey or the strain of the meeting, a result which gives me great encouragement.

On the way Sage & I spent several hours talking over that amendment relating the action but to twenty-five. He is opposed to it and I am now inclined to feel that it would be a mistake for us carefully considering the names which would be eligible I can think of only three or four in all. Of course we need not elect more than this number but with twenty-five places to fill the persons to put in new men of doubtful worth would be strong.

Between us we have elaborated an alternative plan which seems to us to have several marked advantages over the other. Please consider it carefully, submit it to all the Washington members and let me have an informal expression of your & their opinion regarding it. I will then send it to New York & see what they think of it there.

The plan is as follows: To separate Leg members from active members by adding to Article I a new section (Section 3) to read something as follows:

"Leg members (or shall be chosen from) shall be Active members in good standing for five years who have either paid one hundred dollars or who have served as Presidents of the Union".

Change Sec. 6 of Art. V to read:

"Leg members shall be exempt from all further fees & assessments but they shall retain all the rights & privileges of active members and shall be held to possess equal rank (or standing) ~~limit~~

Under this plan the ~~number~~ of active members would remain at fifty but ten or twelve vacancies would be at once created by the removal

of the life members to a separate class. This would provide handsomely for the ex Presidents by relieving them from assessments and placing them in a class equal in every respect to that of Active Members but distinguished from that class by a single title to which no one can take objection. It would further provide for as much expansion in the way of promoting active & deserving young workers to our foremost ranks as we are likely to need in the next ten or fifteen years. Moreover it would be to some extent elastic inasmuch as the process of expansion would continue slowly as fresh life memberships were bought or vacated to the retiring Presidents. It might be well to guard against undue expansion of this kind by providing that the acceptance of the sum of $100. for each life membership or the gift of such membership to a retiring President must be authorized by a vote of either the full Union or of its Council. With such a safeguard it would not be necessary to limit the number of members of this proposed new class. This plan does not of course affect the amendment under which it is proposed to make ex Presidents ex-officio members of the Council. That can be considered as a separate matter. If the plan meets with general favor it can be formally submitted to the Union in the shape of a proposed amendment at the next meeting. It cannot be acted upon of course until this is 1897 but with our great leadership.

Sincerely,

Kilbourne Brewster.

Of course I shall not expect you to circulate the above scheme unless it meets at least some measure of your approval - or I trust will be the case. Perhaps, after all, it will be best for you to write to me before showing it to anyone else or before showing it to many persons. If you like it I can put it into better & more compact form & have it type written. Or you might do this at your office & return it to me with any changes which seem to you desirable.

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Recd. & ans'd.
April 1/96

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 30th, 1896.

Dear Merriam:—

Rather curiously your letter & a long one from Hershow came together to-day. I hear from him now about once a month but he usually writes very briefly as he thinks it is bad for him. He is still at Hilo, Hawaii and likely to remain there through this year I fancy although he has thought seriously of returning to California or of taking a sea-voyage & has repeatedly written me that he should leave the Islands in a week or ten days. In his last two letters, however, he says nothing about any such change. He has fallen into the hands of some local physician who thinks

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that his illness is due, at least in part, to astigmatism & is treating him on that theory with apparently good results for he is now better than he has been for a long time.

I do not think that he has given any one a power of attorney but you can get rid of that $900. easily & safely enough by depositing it to his credit in the Metropolitan National Bank of Washington (or the National Metropolitan Bank I am not sure which - Henshaw calls it the latter in his letters) when he ~~keeps the~~ keeps cash on which he draws for his current expenses. If you are in no hurry, however, the better way, of course, would be to write to him & await his instructions. I address my letters simply Hilo, Hawaii, Sandwich Islands & he gets them all & answers them fairly promptly. I was awfully busy to have to give

up my plan of visiting Washington in February but I have been tied down more closely the past three months than I ever was before in my life. After Denton's departure I made a careful examination of my collections & found them in bad shape. Many of the cases were infested with bugs & in others the specimens were terribly crowded. A good many birds had been put in either without labels or with erroneous names on the labels & in the wrong places. In short everything was "higgledy piggledy". I went to work with the idea that I could straighten out things in a week or two but it has taken a good four months. During this time I have had a taxidermist & two carpenters helping me. I have put a gallery around my little museum & thus have secured nearly double my original wall space with room for future expansion; I have made a number of new cases and have had hundreds of birds cleaned or made over & have corrected innumerable faulty

or erroneous entries on labels & in catalogues & I have carried have among the bugs. It was exasperating to have to give so much time to such work but it had to be done & done promptly. I translated Denton too implicitly as I now know for the first time.

Yours sincerely

William Brewster.

I enclose Hazebrouck's last letter. Please return it at your leisure.

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Rec'd & Ans'd
Oct. 8/96

Cambridge -
October 7th, 1896.

Dear Miriam: -

I too am just back from the woods and Cambridge, like Washington, seems to have been hard hit since I left it. Several of my friends & neighbors (including ex-Governor Russell) have died or been killed by accidents, one has shot & killed his guide, and one has been arrested for forgery!

As to affairs at Washington I share your anxiety fully & heartily wish with you that Hanshaw was there & in his old-time condition. It would be a great chance for him and what a pleasure & satisfaction it would be to work for his interests in

every possible way! But an equally good man to fill Poor Goode's place is there and his name may be sufficiently indicated by the initials C. H. M. I am sure that there can be only one opinion as to his being the only man available who has the ability and scientific standing necessary to fill such a high position. The only doubts are (1) whether he would consider it to his best interests to accept this place if it were offered him and (2) whether he could bring himself to accept any place under such a man as Langley. Perhaps you can answer these questions. If in the affirmative just count on W. B. to exert every grain of influence that he possesses in your favor.

I am terribly sorry to hear that Pendrie is looking so badly & has been so ill. It would be a terrible thing to have anything happen to him before his finishes his really great work. I trust

Rec'd + Ans'd. Oct. 8/96

however, that now that he has begun to mend the improvement will go on.

As to reviewing Bendix's book I should like to do it and either I or someone equally friendly to him and equally appreciative of the high value & merit of the work ought to do it in the Ark. But whether or not I can do it is another question & one that I cannot answer just yet. I have come home in pretty good condition but even if I am able to think to my desk through the winter there is no hope that I can finish half the tasks that I ought to finish before spring and I certainly ought not to undertake anything new unless it is a duty that cannot be avoided.

Yours sincerely
William Beardsley

Rec'd + Ackd. Oct. 12/96

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

October 9th 1896.

Dear Merriam:-

On receiving your letter this morning I at once started on the rounds both and during the forenoon saw all the scientific men in this vicinity who were at home and likely to be of service to us. The results are very encouraging for most of them will help me more or less, directly or indirectly, and several of them were opposed to Pine's appointment before I talked to them about it. The main thing is to get Mr. Agassiz interested in the matter but he is at Newport and I cannot see him before next Wednesday although I shall write him to-day. If he will help me I shall have strong hopes of accomplishing something. I find a strong feeling here in favor of Jordan. I shall not try to

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Comfort this vigorously for of course he would fill the position admirably and you have expressed your admirable approval of him but I shall state my personal preference for you whenever the occasion offers. The main thing, of course, is to prevent Frue's appointment and this I am sure can be done if only sufficient time remains to us. I go to Concord this afternoon to stay until Tuesday.

Sincerely

William Brewster

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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

October 13th, 1896.

Dear Harrison:-

I have just heard from Mr. Agassiz. I wrote him explaining the danger there was that Jesse would be appointed & urging him to take immediate steps to oppose it. This he promises to do and I think his influence will be most potent. Probably he would not care to have the fact generally known: at least I should not wish it to get out through me. Jesup, I know says nothing about it at present.

Whether I can enlist Mr. Agassiz's support of your candidacy or not remains to be seen. I have made an appointment with him at the Museum for to-morrow when

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I shall talk over the matter with him. I wrote a strong letter to Gardiner G. Hubbard yesterday urging him to offer Tuve & endorsing you as my first choice & Jordan as my second.

Mr. Saml. Scudder, with whom I had a short talk on Saturday, considers Tuve an unfit person for the place and authorizes me to quote his opinion to that effect.

Yours hastily.

Arthur Brewster

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43 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

October 19th, 1895.

My dear Sir:—

I have not written you more of late than my efforts to help defeat your appointment because I felt that it would be worse or less a breach of confidence to tell you just what such men as Agassiz, Goodale, Sewall, and others whom I have seen, have said and still mean to do. It is, as I think you will understand, a rather delicate matter for some of them to interfere at all. However I can assure you in a general way that the result of my efforts has been, on the whole, very satisfactory and that some powerful influence has been already

brought to bear when it will do the most good.

I may say further that the sentiment here is unanimously against Pierce. As to the other candidates the choice lies between you and Jordan with the best (ie the most influential) opinion in your favor. I am told on good authority that Jordan will certainly refuse to consider an offer of the position.

I have assumed confidently that you will consider it if it is offered you on suitable terms & if the opportunity occurs you will have some strong backing from this quarter. No one of the notorious boomers will admit that anyone besides yourself & Jordan is a suitable candidate.

I wish I could tell you more but I do not feel at liberty to do so. I have ~~[illegible]~~ Joachim & Hubbard & have received a very encouraging reply. I write in

haste

Yours &c

Benj. Harrison

P.S. I have just returned from Indianapolis & have consulted carefully with my friends there. The sentiment of Hoosierdom is that Grover is the strongest man we can put forward & that we will not be able to carry Indiana without his aid. Yours &c

Benj. Harrison

115 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

October 19th, 1896.

My dear Brooks:—

I have not written you more explicitly about the results of my efforts to help defeat Fuller's appointment because I felt that it would be more or less a breach of confidence to tell you just what such men as Agassiz, Goodale, Sewall, and others whom I have seen, have said and still mean to do. It is, as I think you will understand, a rather delicate matter for some of them to interfere at all. However I can assure you in a general way that the result of my efforts has been, on the whole, very satisfactory and that some powerful influence has been already brought to bear where it will do the most good.

I may say further that the sentiment here is unanimously against Fuller. As to the other candidates the choice lies between you and Jordan with the best (i.e. the most influential) opinion in your favor. I am told on good authority that Jordan will certainly refuse to consider our offer of the position. I have assured everyone that you will consider it if it be offered you on suitable terms & if the opportunity occurs you will have some strong backing from this quarter. No one of the notable scientists hereabouts will admit to anyone besides you & Jordan is a suitable candidate. I wish I could tell you more but I do not feel at liberty to do so. I have written Goodale & Hubbard & have received a very encouraging reply. I write in just hurry & just before leaving home for a week's rest. Remember me kindly to your wife & believe me

Sincerely yours
[illegible]

Concord -
Oct. 27th 1886

Dear Simmons: -

I am very certain that I have told Mrs. Hubbard that Mrs. Agassiz approves strongly of your appointment but to make sure I have just written to Mrs. Agassiz suggesting that she send a line or two to Mr. Hubbard or some other of the Regents endorsing you. When I last saw him he expressed himself warmly in your favor & promised to speak a word for you if an opportunity should arise

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in relation to this appointment
and I am more than satisfied
with the present prospects. Every Zoölogist
whose opinion & influence are
worth anything seems to think
that you are the one & only
man for the place now that
Gordon is out of the race.
The trouble is to get this
consensus of opinion before the
Regents but you may rest
assured that your friends are
all doing their best. As for
my share in it, whatever it
may be worth, I would have
offered myself to the utmost
had you and I not been
on speaking terms instead
of warm friends of our
twenty years standing. In

other words I have not worked for you because you are my friend or because your personal advancement will be grateful to me but simply (1) because from the very first I have realized the importance of getting the best man possible for this high position and (2) because I regard you as by far the best qualified man for the place. You would be gratified, I know, if you could hear the many strong expressions of appreciation of your abilities that come to me from every hand. If you are appointed, as I now feel nearly sure you will be, the news will be received everywhere in Republican circles with hearty approval & satisfaction.

You will strengthen my hand materially by keeping me as fully informed as possible regarding the situation at Washington and what particular dangers, if any, are in prospect. What you have already written has been of the greatest service. If the affair is not settled before the 5th now, we can talk it over then. I am delighted to know that you are coming to the meeting.

Sincerely

Melville Bissell

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[illegible] Ave
Oakland Cal
Dec 1st 1896

Mr Chas Hutchinson
Care of Mr Chas Hutchinson
San Francisco
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My dear Mr Hutchinson

I have just received your letter of Nov 24th and I am very glad to hear from you. I feel very much like a stranger to you, although I have heard your name mentioned many times by my cousin Mr Chas Hutchinson of Minneapolis.

I am very fond of flowers & have had quite a number of them in my yard this summer. I shall be delighted to receive

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Ansd Dec 1/96

Dear Dr Merriam —
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Mrs.
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Merriam
to take so much
trouble about the
Birds. I had not
the slightest idea
of asking you to

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Yours very truly
Caroline H. Brewster
Providence
November 3rd -96

Balls Hill, Concord, ~~145 Brattle Street~~, ~~Cambridge~~, Mass.

Nov. 20th, 1896.

Dear Mamma:-

Yours of the 17th reached me here this morning. I am glad you enjoyed your hunt, but it was tough luck that it was rainy & the woods full of snow. As I predicted the warm weather returned on Monday when the thermometer rose to above 70° Fahr. & I saw two species of Butterflies. Gardiner Hubbard called at our Cambridge house Tuesday evening about an hour after I had left for Concord. They sent a messenger up with a note early Wednesday morning and I went to Boston that afternoon & had an hour's talk with

Mr. Hubbard at his hotel. He
urges me to write to Sen. Morrill
which I shall do this week.
He does not think that Shaler
will have much weight with
any one at Washington. He had
heard from Mr. Agassiz who
wrote a short guarded letter to refused
to express any opinion! I feared
that he would do this as soon
as I heard that Mr. Hubbard
had asked him directly. He
does not like to be pressed about
such matters

I write to Mr. Malcolm if I
possibly can but Tuesday is
one of the worst days possible
for me, as I had made
arrangements to finish up my
work here on that day &
to return to Cambridge on
Wednesday for Thanksgiving.

Yes! I have not been Anna's notice of your sister's book. In what number of the Nation did it appear. Whatever he says the Book is a thoroughly good and attractive one & that will be the popular verdict, too.

I have not decided when I shall visit Washington but I will probably be early with month. Mrs. Bernstein & Miss Simmons have agreed to go with me and we shall stay there a few weeks. I shall take on not only the Dorm Cata, Mr. S. S. but a lot of tricks also and shall finish the whole thing there. Can you tell me of any good boarding place. It must be near the street cars and must not be an overheated house. Then too

there must be some place where I can smoke. We don't care for a fashionable place but of course good food and clean rooms are essential.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

I forgot to say that I called at Shaler's office on Tuesday & found that he had gone to Kentucky for two weeks!

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Nov. 27th, 1896.

Dear Mr. :-

Thank you very much for keeping me informed as to the status of affairs at Washington and especially for sending me the extracts from Prof. Gray's Report. As you say the separation of the Smithsonian from the National Museum and the administration of the offices of the Curator of a Director responsible only to the Board of Regents would unquestionably solve the whole difficulty: moreover it would obviously be a good thing for both institutions on every account. I earnestly hope that it will be done.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

Recd. Dec. 12/96

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 10th 1896.

Dear Merriam:-

Of course it is hard to be grossly misunderstood or misrepresented. But that is the inevitable lot of every man of real independence & strength of character who has anything to do with the public service. The wisest plan is to pay no attention to Prof. Langley's fulminations. They will not influence the impressions of your friends in the slightest and your enemies will simply remain enemies — as they would have remained in any case. As for the Regents, if they are men of sense & judgment they cannot fail to perceive the animus as well as the absurdity of the charges which you mention. If these charges were less extreme they would appear more probable

Washington & Lee University
Lexington, Virginia

and have would be more dangerous. I should say that Rev Bagley had launched a boomerang which was likely in the end to injure himself more than anyone else.

I had supposed that Mrs. Brewster had written you that we could not go to Washington before January, otherwise I should have explained the condition of things before this. If I were a free agent I would gladly start at once but there are committee duties that must be attended to before I can leave Cambridge for a month's absence. I was away practically the whole time from May 8th to November 5th and the union meeting broke up November badly. It will take the whole of this month to dispose of the various business and professional matters that demand my attention. I have a great many letters to answer, operations to identify, name and return, and certain important interests connected with my father's trust to look after. I don't believe that you know that I draw an annual salary of $25.00. as trustee of an estate of over a million dollars the greater part of the income of which is applied to

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running an Academy at Wolfeboro, N.H., of which I am also a trustee and which I have to visit & to look after in various ways. We have seven teachers and about one hundred & fifty pupils. I have also under my charge about twenty five houses, ~~and~~ an apartment hotel, and several stores, in Cambridge & Boston. Much of the clerical & routine work connected with the management of this real estate is taken off my hands by ~~the~~ business agent employed by the Trustees but the whole responsibility falls on the three Trustees and more of it rests on my shoulders. My Co-Trustees (there are three of us) are able and honest men and they are exceedingly kind to me and considerate of my outside interests but there are times when they cannot do wholly without me. I can always go to Concord for I am about as easily reached there, by mail, telegraph or messenger, as at Cambridge, but I cannot always go so far away as Bald Mountain or Washington. As one of the several and very different classes of interests and responsibilities which I have assumed is in itself very onerous but taken together they almost crush me at times. I have no leisure whatever for social calls or duties and I find it difficult to half read our daily paper while my correspondence is nearly always behindhand. I cannot even read the more important books & periods relating to North American ornithology with any thoroughness or regularity. When at home I work hard ten or twelve hours every day but at this end of the month I can seldom point to any one thing of ~~any~~ importance that has been fully accomplished.

In simpler phrase to myself I should have mentioned all this things when we had the talk in the cabin at Concord but I felt so keenly the truth of all that was said about my responsibility to the scientific world in the matter of writing a book on N. A. Birds that it did not seem to me to try to defend myself. It is doubtless true, moreover, - I fully realize the fact - that I lack ambition and do not always ~~act my~~ take advantage of my opportunities for scientific work. You or Coues, for instance, placed just as I am, would doubtless manage somehow to write the new England book. Nevertheless my opportunities are nothing like so numerous ~~as~~ favorable as you all suppose and my physical and nervous strength is not great or lasting. I break down frequently & badly & have to rest or go away into the woods.

I fully appreciate the seriousness of the situation and the importance of beginning soon if I am ever to do the thing at all. I will go to

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Washington for a month in January. Leave Cambridge just as present.

Rec'd. Dec. 15/96

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 12th, 1896.

Dear Merriam:-

Thank you for taking so much trouble to let me know about the action of the Committee. I am glad to hear that you accepted the Florida Cardinal & Redbird for I wished for the former here & was inclined to believe in the latter, also. After reading Canon 33 of our Code I think the Committee acted wisely in sustaining Operhalser on the Bryobates nuttallorum matter. I had not referred to the Code before & Mr. Allen's argument seemed to me sound but evidently it was not warranted by our rules. The only mistake the Committee made — so far as my present knowledge of their action goes — was in the case of the three

forms of the Downy Woodpecker. I
am glad that you now sustain
my position on this subject for
I feel its soundness so strongly that
I shall explain it in the Jany ank.
I suppose my letter did not arrive
in time to be laid before the
Committee. It is a pity that
action on this case could not
have been deferred, as I suggested.
I do not understand why my
letter was so delayed for it
was mailed on the evening of the
9th & nearly an hour before the
closing of the South-bound mails.
Did you not have Allen's memoranda
which accompanied it?

Yours truly
William Brewster.

Rec'd. Dec. 15th

I have just engaged rooms
at the "Cairo" for January 5th
& if nothing happens you will see
me there.

Ansd. Dec. 27/96

145 BRATTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dec. 15th, 1896.

My Dear Ridgway:-

I regard the letter that you have just sent me as one of the kindest and most helpful that I have ever received from any one and I shall try my best to profit by it by following your excellent advice. On one point only do I differ with you viz. that respecting my willingness to divide the work with someone else. If I could get Faxon to come in with me I would do it in a minute but he will not even consider it and I know of no one else, so you need give yourself no concern on this head.

Your enumeration of interruptions etc

entitled to much weight. Of course I can see that the canon in question is open to two constructions but I am now clear that only one & that the one recently adopted by Allen was intended. No time for more now. Good bye & thank you very heartily for your letter.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

from which your work suffers is
simply appalling & makes my hair
of similar operations look plain
indeed but nevertheless it does
not surprise me greatly for I
know before pretty well how many
~~you~~ difficulties you labor under
and how successfully you overcome
them. Whether or no I can ever learn
to work efficiently between times
remains to be seen.

Now about Committee matters! I
agree with you that our work is
not done as carefully or thoroughly
as it should be and that some
or later ~~it~~ ~~the~~ shortcomings in
this respect are likely to be
disclosed and our whole work
brought more or less into disrepute.
I like your proposed remedy, too,
but it does not seem to me
to go far enough. If in addition
to subdividing the work and
doing at least a part of it
before the meetings as you suggest

we could agree to have three meetings only over in five years instead of annually as at present I believe they would at once assume much greater importance in our own eyes as well as in those of our constituents. If they were held in Washington Allen and I would have to arrange long beforehand to go on prepared to spend several weeks. The meeting could be announced a year beforehand in the Ark and referred to in each subsequent number with a request that types or typical specimens of anything new be sent to the Smithsonian for our examination. There would be ample time for such points as those affecting the Downy Woodpeckers to be thought over & discussed both privately & in print before we should be called to act on them. In short I can see many advantages to such an arrangement & no serious disadvantages. Perhaps it would

be well to have each meeting of the Committee followed by a new edition of the Check List.

I have been reconsidering that question of Dryobates v. pinetorum and have changed back to my original views that Allen was right & Oberholser wrong. I do not now believe that Canon 33 of the Code was intended to apply to such a case unless (or until) the bird first named proved to be a valid form and had to be placed in the later-instituted genus under which the second bird was named. If the Committee's latest ruling be considered it will upset, according to Taylor, some of our long accepted names — Junco mcnultoni for example. As Allen truly contended it will be time enough to upset Dryobates v. pinetorum when Picus montanus is shown to be a valid form & a true Dryobates. The fact that the man (Allen) who practically compiled our Code has definitely stated that he understands its application thus is also, to my mind, much weighty. Of course I can see that the Committee has a perfect right to reconsider its decisions & change them as they see fit. The one recently adopted, that called for a change of the name of the Junco mcnultoni, was not, I feel, in accordance with the spirit of the Code.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 15th, 1896.

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My dear Mr. Robert's:

I regard the letter that you have just sent me as one of the kindest and most helpful that I have ever received from any one and I shall try my best to profit by it by following your excellent advice. On one point only do I differ with you viz. that respecting my willingness to divide the work with someone else. If I could get Hazen to come in with me I would do it in a minute but he will not even consider it and I know of no one else, so you need give yourself no concern on this head. Your enumeration of interruptions etc

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Yours very truly,
Chas. E. Bennett

Ansd. Dec. 27/96

145 BRATTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Dec. 20th 1896.

Dear Merriam:-

I doubt if it be profitable for us to discuss this question of synonymy further on paper but before leaving it I will explain briefly my interpretation of Canon XXXIII. I understand the phrase when it has been applied to some other species of the same genus" to refer to species or subspecies of accepted standing in the same genus to which the same name has as such been given, whether the earlier name was used in connection with the same generic name or not. Thus if Picus montanus Brehm was a valid species (or subspecies) ~~and~~ it would now become Dryobates montanus (Brehm) and thus would preoccupy the name montanus. When it has been" used previously in combination with the same generic name" I understand to apply to cases where both generic and specific names have been used in the same combination but for a bird which has been afterwards

Oh! about my joining the Cosmos! It hardly seems to me to be worth the while, I go to Washington so seldom. However, I will think it over carefully & if I change my mind will write.

reduced to another genus. For example:
If Brem's bird had been originally described under the name *Dryobates mondanus* and afterwards had been referred to *Picus* or *Colaptes* or what not — the name *Dryobates mondanus*, although no longer occupied, could not be used again for another species (or subspecies) of *Dryobates*.
Here you have the two distinct classes of cases of which you challenge a definition and ~~for~~ which, in my opinion, this Commission was intended or should now be intended, to cover.
Now let me ask what I think will be a "clincher". If, as is, I believe, generally admitted, *Picus mondanus* Brehm ~~[illegible]~~ is a pure synonym of *Picus major* how can it ever become *Dryobates mondanus* or be in any way referred to in this form or combination? Whether quoted in general text or cited in synonymy it must always stand as *Picus mondanus*. In other words you cannot transfer a mere name to another genus; there must be a bird behind it. If *Picus mondanus* should, from to a really distinct from *Dryobates* (*Picus* ~~[illegible]~~) *major* genus ~~[illegible]~~ Anthony's name would have to be replaced by another. But why try to cross such a bridge until you come to it?

Sincerely Hermann Bennitz.

Oh! about my jottings this morning to Coolidge! I will hardly have to make to Washington to Adelbert; I go to Atlanta, Ga. My change of address is Care Colin.

Ans'd. Jan. 4/97

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 2nd, 1897.

Dear Sir:—

I don't know what you will say when I tell you that our trip to Washington has been given up and that I telegraphed to the Cairo yesterday giving up our rooms and thereby forfeiting an advance of $25.00 which I had made to secure them.

Last November I gave to an Irishman who has worked for me five years at Concord and in whom I had great confidence the right to cut off and sell some badly burned woods of mine near Walden Pond. The Fitchburg Railroad started the fire and paid me $5.00. for the damage. As this covered the actual loss and as the Irishman was very poor I thought I could well afford to let him make what he could out of it. It was understood, however, that he was to cut only the trees that had been positively killed and that on a fair & valuable tract of

This signed Concord business has been turned over to a lumber firm.

large white pines when the fire had done
but actually he was to do no cutting
whatever, the trees having suffered no real
injury.

Three days ago I learned, quietly to my
surprise, that he had sold out his claim,
without my knowledge or permission, to
two men whom I did not know. I
went to Concord the next day (Thursday)
and found, as I feared would be the case,
that these men were working a claim jump
of every thing. They claimed every tree
on every part of the land that showed
the slightest traces of fire. They had,
of course, no legal claim to anything
but they had apparently ~~bought~~ made
the purchase in good faith and they
had ~~made~~ signed contracts to deliver railroad
shapers, posts, and cord wood in certain
quantities at various places at various times.
The Irishman had received his money
($100.) & had spent practically every
dollar of it. Altogether it was
a bad muddle & at first the only
way out of it seemed to be to
order the men to stop work & leave
my woods alone. As a matter of
fact I finally did this but when they
explained to me how they were

committed by their contracts & how much they would lose in various other ways I felt loath to deal summarily with them. He talked about it all day but came to no final agreement. They have proposed, however, what I think is the only fair & safe way out of the difficulty; viz. that I sell them the remainder of the woods & let them cut everything. They were willing to pay a fair price but we could not agree on many of the conditions, such as the time & manner of payment & the time which should be given them to cut & sell the wood on the unbarned portions. If you have had any experience in dealing with farmers in respect to such matters you will understand how much time & trouble it will require to finally settle everything. The case is now in my lawyer's hands but I must be here to instruct & advise him & I shall doubtless have to go to Concord several times more within the next few weeks. It is simply maddening to have such a complication arise now to interfere

with all my winter's work but of course I cannot possibly dodge the responsibility. I don't care so much about the money value involved (it amounts to about a thousand dollars in all) as I do for maintaining my rights & for either pursuing or disposing of my woods. I am very fond of them for they are very beautiful (especially the track of slightly burned white pines) but I have been trying to dispose of them for two years as they lie in a region that is visited almost annually by devastating fires & on the whole the possession of them has given me more anxiety than pleasure.

Please explain to all my good friends in Washington why I should not be able to carry out my plan of spending January there. Whether or not I can go later in the winter remains to be seen. I shall take up some definite work at once & give all the time possible to it through this winter.

Yours sincerely
Gifford Pinchot.

P.S. My best regards to all my friends in Washington, and particularly to Mr. Garfield & Mr. Ballinger. I would do. Plan of Harbord & Hunnewell. Hubbard & Hunnewell. I have given up the idea of the Lodge Commission & shall not be able to be of any use to the Commission.

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Yours sincerely

Sullivan Burnham.

Ans'd. Jan. 4/97

145 BRATTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

January 2nd, 1897.

This informal Concord business has taken, in our minds, about all my time for the past three days and I humbly beg you to excuse me from calling on Mr. Langley & Mrs. Hubbard if you happen to see him. I hope Hubbard will write to him within a few days & I cannot spare the time.

Dear Mr. Burnham:-

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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 7th, 1897.

Dear Mussiam:-

I cannot easily or briefly explain all the ramifications of the Concord entanglement & they would not interest you if I could. My lawyer is managing the whole affair as far as it is possible to do so but he has had to consult me over or twice a day for the past week. The men I am dealing with are about the sharpest fellows I ever met. I am now satisfied that they understood perfectly when they bought the wood of my Irishman that he had been given only the badly burned trees (he insists that he told them so and I now believe him) but that they

William Bennett.

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hoped to get all the others cut down before I found it out. They cannot touch them now, of course, but they are very anxious to buy the whole wood lot, land and all, & I am, almost equally anxious to sell it. The only difficulty is that we cannot agree as to terms. If they buy it that will end the difficulty as far as my relations with them are concerned but I shall still have to deal with the Dishmen whom I have paid for certain cords of wood & fence posts which they for have cut. Since delivered. If they do not buy it I must turn them out and make the best adjustment I can of the various claims involved. No one can possibly do all this for me and the matter can not be deferred. I would gladly think it if I could but that is out of the question. I have begun on a list of Brids found about Cambridge which I promised the Institute Aub a year ago I would put through as soon as possible. It will take about a month to finish

William Brewster.

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Committee in New York. I could a meeting of the Trustees for a day or two on Friday. Brewster.

Rec'd. Feb. 2/97.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 24th, 1897.

Dear Harrison:-

All hope of my being Washington this winter is now at an end for Estabrook, one of the Trustees of our estate, has decided to go to Europe early next month to be gone until May. This will oblige the other two Trustees to remain within easy call of the office for aside from the necessity of general supervision two names are required for all signatures & endorsements of cheques & other papers. It is most provoking to have had this obstacle suddenly arise just after the final settlement of the Concord muddle (I have sold & received payment for all the land, boarded & unboarded, at Green Pond) but my co-Trustees are so very generous & considerate of my wishes with respect to long absences that I cannot object when either

one of them asks a similar privilege.
I am jogging along hard at the
case of Cambridge birds but it progresses
slowly for I rarely succeed in
securing more than two hours a day
for this task & often cannot get even
that.

What are going to do about that
Committee to investigate Walter Raine?
A week ago Chamberlain agreed to
accompany me to Washington next
month & I supposed it would be
an easy matter to get four of us
together at Bendire's room & settle
the matter then & there. Since then
I have heard that Bendire is soon
about to start for Florida (I
had written him & sent all the written
evidence in my hands asking him to
suggest a date for the meeting & his
assistant has returned the papers with
the above sad news). I have just
sent a note to Chamberlain telling
him that I shall not be able to
leave Cambridge. I hardly think he
will come to go on alone. Cannot
the affair be settled by correspondence

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Dear Merriam. Yours.
Recd. 7th

On the House Boat
Baka Umbagog
(P.O. address Bakan'da, Coos Co
N. H.)
May 23rd, 1897.

Ans'd June 16/97

Dear Morrison.

Your letter has just reached me here. Your namesake correspondent is doubtless Montagu Chamberlain of the Lawrence Scientific School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. for to him, as you express it, I "sublet" the business of directing the Raine investigation. He was appointed on the Committee last November, as you will remember. I tried to do something in December & again in January by writing twice to poor Bendire but the first letter reached me

that Chamberlain is a man with 12 years of Mammalian experience, I feel sure he will be the best man we can find for the job.

response & the second was merely acknowledged by his Secretary who also explained that he was too ill to do anything.

The great difficulty was to bring about a meeting of a quorum of the Committee. But in January Chamberlain told me that he was going to Washington & would if I wished it get the Committee together. I asked him to do so as I could not go myself & I knew that Joe & Ridgeway could be counted on. The evidence was all in Washington as I understood the matter. Chamberlain afterwards gave up going & I had the worst siege of the grip that I have ever experienced. I was confined to the house for nearly two months & was left (& still am in a measure) a total wreck. In fact I have done no serious work since January. I therefore asked Chamberlain to do what he

that Twitchell, Joe Hendricks & myself "Chairman" of Finance Committee" a meeting (one friendly with 19 opp.) I was with me here. Chairman Twitchell, & Blaine was also present from me

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could by correspondence which he agreed to. I have heard nothing directly from him since.

It is a pity that our investigating committee should end in such fiasco. One thing I know & that is I will never again agree to serve on one if I be expelled from the Union in consequence. It simply isn't my forte to run one. The Merrill investigation came to naught under my direction.

I am living on my boat – boat which at present is anchored in a beautiful little cove surrounded on three sides by a wall of primitive forest with the open lake on the fourth side. Within 100 yds. of our anchorage, on a little wooded island, is a Black Duck's nest with 13 eggs which I have just photographed. I have two assistants who hunt up nests but thus far I have found more than both of them together. I cannot walk as hard as I did last year for I get fearfully used up by a half. day's tramp now but still I hope to add materially to my collection of pictures of new England nests & nesting birds of which you saw a selection last November.

I shall stay here until about June 20th & then return to Cambridge to sail for Holland on June 30th. Mrs. Brewster & Miss Simmons sail on Friday of this week & I join them at Antwerp about July 9th. We are going up into the Zuyder Zee region which, I am told, is a great place for water birds. I shall be back in Cambridge by August 20th. Thus, you see, my summer is already pretty well arranged for & it will be impossible for me to join your party in the west much as I should like to.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Merriam & your sister

I remain sincerely Ornithologically Brewster

On the House Boat
Dalla Umbagog
(P.O. address Bolanide, Coos Co N.H.)
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Rec'd June 16/97

Minutes (one finish typ.) of meeting with Chamberlain & Ridgway. I found on his desk when I was all from me. Thank you much. Clarence Cutler

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

October 13th, 1897.

Mr. Emerson:—

Thank you for your exceedingly kind & sympathetic letter. I was very ill in Holland and came home a perfect wreck. A month at Homburg has done me wonders of good and I am now able to work a little without my crutches but it will take some time yet to complete the cure. I shall go to the A.O.A. meeting if I possibly can but Dr. Wolcott shakes his head whenever I refer to it. I told him this morning how important I felt it to be that I later

Recd. Oct. 17/97

I endorse a hearty Amen to this invitation

Dear Sir

Yours Cordially

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part in that business meeting at least and he said that he would think it over and give me a definite opinion later. He wants me to go to the cabinet as soon as I can arrange my affairs here & I should probably do so by the 20th.

Mrs. Brewster sailed on the 9th & should land in New York on Saturday of this week. She has been ill (with inflammatory rheumatism) much of the time there she has been away.

John Burroughs & his wife are here for a few days.

Please give my kindest regards to Mrs. Harrison & believe me, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

William Brewster.

A fifteen page letter came from H. W. H. last week. He is still

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I confess a feeling of his critical condition, & his opponents hinting that perhaps he ought to resign.

Dr. Hollister of Cornell, who has been in Washington for a few days, comes to-morrow to consult Dr. Bliss.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

October 13th, 1897.

Recd. Oct. 17/97

Mr. Munroe:-

Thank you for your kind & sympathetic letter. I was very ill in Holland and came home a perfect wreck. A month at Homburg has done me world of good and I am now able to work a little without my crutches but it will take some time yet to complete the cure. I shall go to the A.O.A. meeting if I possibly can but Dr. Wolcott shakes his head whenever I refer to it. I told him this morning how important I felt it to be that I could

I endorse a portion of his action, namely the appointing of the Committee on Finance.

His & Dr. Wolcott's judgment is better than mine.

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John Bassett Moore & his wife are here for a few days.

Please give my kindest regards to Mrs. Munroe & believe me, as ever,

Yours sincerely
William Brewster.

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~~14, Brattle Street,~~
~~Cambridge, Mass.~~

Oct. 21st 1897.

Your second letter
just reached me here.
I appreciate fully the unusual
importance of the coming
meeting and the duty which
devolves upon the members of
the Union in an emergency of
such a nature. I should not
think of letting any ordinary
obstacle stand in my way
& I would gladly run any
ordinary risk of injury to
my health. But as I understand
Dr. Walcott there would be, in
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a risk but a certainty of
a bad breakdown. He has told
me most emphatically that
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standing as a horticulturist & that with that resolution
above they had the right to deal. As I view the matters at present
I should vote for expulsion, despite this precedent but I should also
insist on bringing the present discussion over at the meeting.
If we get uncomfortably in
two positions [illegible]
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the charts, [illegible]
this of the authority
of my friend
[illegible] Judge Allen
Sincerely,
William Brewster

and.

possible ~~that~~ I may venture to run out for the business meeting only, returning the next day.

It seems to me that you perhaps exaggerate the dangers & complications although they are certainly sufficiently grave. Of course, under the circumstances, you cannot take the chair when the Sheffield matter comes up. But I see no reason why the election of officers cannot be held first & a new President selected. In my opinion the man who should preside over the meeting of the 8th, whether as temporary or permanent chairman, is Allen. He has a cooler head than any of the rest who are available & he is more impartial. Of course we all hope & expect that Sheffield will be expelled but he must be given every chance to defend himself and he must be retained to vote only patriotically but courteously. I would rather see him triumph than have him and his friends (if he has any left) the slightest chance to claim that the case had been rushed through or in any way managed unfairly. It will be necessary to consider further & carefully whether, in case the charges are sustained, they are of such a character as to justify expulsion from a purely scientific society. That point should be raised at the ~~open~~ meeting & openly considered & discussed. There are precedents, I find, on Sheffield's side. Some years ago the Mass. Horticultural Society tried to expel a member who after undergoing an operation for poisoning his wife & child. The profligate acts attributed to Prince Lee of the worst charges were sustained but the Society (one of the most dignified & respectable in Boston) finally decided that the acts in question did not affect the morals

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my going to New York on the 8th.
The worst of it is that I cannot
help feeling that he is right. Indeed
I ran down so rapidly during
the two weeks I spent in Cambridge
that I lost a large part of all
that I had gained in the summer
although I had only the wear &
tear of my ordinary work at
the museum. I am confident
that I can get back my usual
health if I can only get another
month of this out-of-door life
But it will not do to count
on more than four weeks of
fine weather before winter sets in
& if I went to New York I should
at the best have to begin all over
again & the two weeks remaining would
not be enough. Accordingly it seems
to me to be my first duty to
follow Dr. Walcott's advice. If,
however, I should gain more
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alone they had the right to deal. As I view the matter at present
I should vote for expulsion despite this precedent but I should also
insist on having the fullest discussion [illegible] at the meeting.

~~147 Brattle Street,~~
Cambridge, Mass.

Oct. 21st 1897.

and.

Dear Mr. Sheldon:

I have just received your kind letter which I have read with great pleasure. I appreciate fully the unusual importance of the coming meeting and the duty which devolves upon the members of this Union in an emergency of such a nature. I should not think of letting any ordinary obstacle stand in my way. I would gladly run any ordinary risk of injury to my health. But as I understand Dr. Holcott's view, in my present condition, it is simply a risk but a certainty of a bad breakdown. He has told me most emphatically that I cant write you that under no circumstances will he sanction my going to New York on the 4th. The worst of it is that I cannot help feeling that he is right. Indeed I seem down so rapidly during the two weeks I spent in Cambridge that I lost a large part of all that I had gained in the Baker although I had only been a mere of my ordinary work at the museum. I am confident that I can get back my usual health if I can only get over this unwelcome. But it will not do to commit on more than four weeks of fair weather before winter sets in & if I want to know York I should at the best have to begin all over again & two weeks remaining would not be enough. Accordingly it seems to me to be my first duty to follow Dr. Holcott's advice. If, however, I should gain more rapidly than I anticipate it is

Thanking you again for your kind wishes & hoping that I may be able to do something for the Union

I should be very glad to hear from you when you have time.

Yours very truly,

Alex. Hall

Rec'd Dec. 24/97

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 14th 1897.

Dear Merriam:-

Your letter of the 12th came this morning. I will have a talk with Bolethedon as soon as possible and let you know the result. I had not heard before of the "Index Committee". If the Committee on Nomenclature can be brought together some time in January I can probably attend the meeting at Washington but it would be impossible for me to leave Cambridge at present.

I will suggest a plan for "forming out the work" if I can get a list of the cases that are to be dealt with. Who can furnish me with this data?

If Schofield could be placed on

a pedestal in one of the squares of your city he would make an enduring monument for he is evidently composed wholly of <u>brass</u>!

With kindest regards to you all I am, as ever,

Sincerely

William Bierstadt.

A long letter came from H. W. H. about a month ago. He is still at Hilo & likely to stay there, I fear.

Rec'd Dec. 24

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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 21st 1897.

Dear Miriam:-

Sage has just written me that the resolution reads as follows:

"Voted - That a Committee on Indexes be appointed by the Chair - said Committee to include the present Chairman [C. H. M.] and such other members of the Union as he may deem best." The "he" in Case him [redacted] Can refer, of course, to me or Prof. Gayley and hence the Committee should be appointed by you - in my opinion. I have talked the whole matter over with Bolderdyke and we agree on the following points:

(1) That the Committee should include, in the Beginning, all the members who, in your opinion, are likely

To render useful service either as planners & advisers or as actual workers on the Society. (2) That whether or no Allen seems to you to come within either of those classes it is fitting & not necessary to appoint him on the Committee because of the fact that he was editor of the Bulletin during all the years of its existence & apt the first and has been editor of the Auk since its beginning. (3) That the first thing the Committee should do should be, as you have suggested, to come together & "formulate a set of cast-iron rules". (4) That if the Society is to be a credit to the Union & of use to ornithologists generally it should be as full and complete as it is possible to make it. (5) That to insure accuracy it would be well to have each volume indexed in duplicate by different men. (we do not, of course, mean that the results should be published in duplicate). With respect to the Committee we think further that it should be given the power to add to its numbers by appointing associates.

Rec'd. Dec 24

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

The following seem to us to be desirable as members of the original Committee.

Allen
Batchelder - Will agree to serve only in advisory capacity
Brewster " " " " " " " "
Comes (Batchelder will "make no objection to this name"; I should strongly advise appointing him)

Dulebohn
Dwight
Farlow
Fisher
Merriam
Osgood (if you endorse him).
Palmer (J.S.)
? Richmond
Sage
Stone

The names underscored are, in our opinion, the most desirable ones.

Yours sincerely
William Bowditch

Recd. & Ansd. Jan. 14, 1898.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 12th, 1898.

Dear Merriam:-

Allen wishes to have the meeting of the Com. on Nomenclature begin Monday, Jan'y 24th. How would this date suit you?

I have been unable to get a list of the cases to be considered without making one myself but after all I doubt if much advantage would have accrued from dividing the work. at least at such short notice as must have been given.

Very truly
William Brewster.

Answ'd.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 19th, 1898.

Dear Mullion:-

My health has broken down again and it looks as if I might have to wholly cease work or any movement but I shall continue to do what I can as long as I can. It is no use thinking of a trip to Washington this month. My hip lameness has returned & although I am not yet reduced to crutches the walk from the house to the museum, twice daily, is about all I can compass. I have just heard, also, that Rodgers has departed to Florida. This leaves only three members of the Committee who are now available.

Poultry Breeders of this place & poultry breeders I highly

Answered.

approve of the suggestions made in your letter of the 14th & wish to have them considered by all the members of the Committee before anything further is done, I have just written Comrs & Allen & shall write Redpath as soon as his Florida address is known to me & urging these advisability of deferring the meeting. To all the members of the Committee I shall send a copy of the recommendations herewith enclosed. Please let me know how the "three years" amendment strikes you.

Thank you very much — & Mr. Otterbein also — for the list of cases to be considered. It was very kind of you to take this trouble. & I am glad to have the list even if it be not put in use at present.

Sincerely William Brooks.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

February 23rd, 1898.

Dear Miriam:—

Your letter gives me my first news of what was done (or not done) by the Committee last month. I did not even know before that the Committee had actually had a meeting. I am sorry nothing was accomplished. I shall probably serve my connection with this Committee before long. Inability to attend its meetings is quite as bad as incompetency to take part in them. The work is too important to be either slighted or neglected, and if I cannot perform my share of it I ought to make way for some one who can. I am so hampered by ill health and so tied

down by my duties & responsibilities as Trustee of my father's large estate that I am not free to do as I would like. I confess I would rather give up almost anything else than my position on this Committee but it begins to look to me as if I must give it up. So I certainly cannot hope to attend a meeting at Washington this year.

I am very much better than I was early in the winter but I have to take great care. The chief trouble now is with the hip. I find the walk to and from the museum tires a day about all I can manage. This, of course, does not give me sufficient exercise and I suffer in other ways in consequence. But as soon as the rains open I shall go to Concord where I can use a canoe.

Sincerely yours
Wilbur Cruttenden

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Rec'd. Nov. 10/88

~~145 BRATTLE STREET,~~
~~CAMBRIDGE,~~ MASS.

Concord, November 6th 1888.

Dear Mellissa: –

I am glad to hear that you had such a fine time at Shoals but that interesting mountain is as inaccessible to us as if it were on the moon. and the coming G. O. U. meeting seems nearly as far away. The fact is my days of rainbow travel appear to have come to an end and I doubt if I ever see Washington again. My consecutive hours in the cars are here to long ones for a week or more. I should not mind the pain & other discomforts were it not that all the doctors

whom and have consulted & who
know the full history of the
case advise me not to aggravate
the trouble more or oftener than
is absolutely necessary. There is, of
course, always a hope that the
trouble will eventually disappear
but as far as I can make out
the only thing I can do at
present is to resign myself to
living a sedentary life until the
time comes — if it ever does — when
~~there~~ I can travel about once
more without the present
inevitable suffering.
Though the greater part of the
summer I could neither drive
nor walk & I passed most
of July & August in my room.
In September I managed to get
to my cottage at Ventnor &
since I came here early in
October I have been getting steadily
I have not actually given up

Rec'd. Nov. 10/6

the hope of getting to Washington might work out
some terms to be a better prospect of it than I
have just written Sage requesting him to present
my resignation as a member of the Committee on
Class. & Nom. & to also express my wish that my
name be not again proposed for any official position
in the Union excepting that of a place in
the Council.

It has been very hard for me to take this
step for ever since the Union was founded its general
welfare and the success of its various undertakings
have been dearer to me than anything else in
life and I know perfectly well, too, how valuable
to me have been the privileges which it has bestowed
on all of us in the way of social intercourse and
the inspiration of such work as that on the
Committee on Class. & Nom. Then I must now
lose with the inevitable result that I shall get out of
touch with my fellow ornithologists & become in
every way lonely & antiquated. There seems to be
no hope for it, however, & at least I will for my
conscience from the thing of continuing to hold
positions which I cannot fill either to my own
satisfaction or that of anyone else.

I have directed Sage to call the Council meeting
at your house on the morning of the 14th.
Wishing you all a pleasant & successful meeting
I remain as ever Sincerely William Brewster.

Ans. Dec. 26/98

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dec. 4th, 1898.

Dear Madam:—

Thank you for your kind & interesting account of the meeting. I am delighted to know that it went off so well but it was rather a pity that R. W. S. did not give the union a chance to show what it really thinks of the Cuban. Dewey writes that an Aetian numbers had agreed to go out when he began his proper. I had hoped that this would be done but of course I could not suggest it as long as I was President. The founding Fathers was formed to

treat him not only fairly but courteously but as one else was under any such obligation, at least so far as remaining in the room during the reading of the paper was concerned I think it would have been a richly deserved rebuke had the curtain auditorium gone out.

Everyone seems to be enthusiastic about Dwight's & Palmer's papers. I wish I could have heard them but of course they will appear in the Ark.

Thank you, also, for sending me the minutes of the Com. on Class. & Norm. which I have just read with absorbing interest. So far as I can judge by the data at my command the Committee has

done a tremendously clean & thorough piece of work this time & several of the buildings place me especially which there are a few, of course, with which I do not altogether agree. I shall be very glad to have carefully into the cases which have been referred to me but I doubt if I have material enough to settle my mind about all of them. Has it proposed to send me the material which was before the Committee? If so shall I write to R. R. about it or will he send it on when he is ready?

I think the Committee decided wisely with respect to Barry's and Frank's exceptions. The Bald Eagle which seems to me one of the best of them all.

I am back for the winter & mean to do a lot of work if my strength holds out. The

Last two weeks at Concord did me more good than all the rest of my life put together & am feeling strong & full of courage again. I shall probably drop everything else & try to make a beginning on the New England book although it is hard to definitely abandon all hope of completing the Lewis & Clark report & the material gathered by Frost & Coburn in Mexico.

I see, by the way, that you referred my magician Schinck book to Mr. Nicholson & I do not doubt that you were right. In fact I ~~have~~ came very near adopting the same conclusion several years ago.

Sincerely
William Beinecke.

Rec'd Dec. 3

BRATTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

terribly done this time. Allen also asked me to speak on any material that I had that bears on the points to be considered but I was to do this without knowing just what the Committee can & consider get at. Thus I felt bound to help them by my evidence. If there is anything especially that I can do I shall be very glad to do it.

Boston
Saturday
Nov 15

Your letter came just after this was written. Thank you very much for letting me know that anything I am delighted to know I was wanted to write. The Committee has certainly done wonders to

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Pulpit of Christ Church Boston. Rev. Phillips Brooks, President. Rev. Arthur Ridgway, Secretary.

Dear Mr. Cox. I am sorry that I was not able to get

to the working units you
(where is it to be, by the way?).
At least I hope so. My physical
trouble, according to those of our
best physicians here (including
Dr. Jim Putnam of Boston) is
certainly not there in the Pendleton
but is apparently largely nervous
or neuralgic. This, of course, makes
it all the more difficult to
deal with and the only hope
seems to be that it may somehow
disappear of its own accord — at
least to my medical advisers say.
At Alan's suggestion I wrote to Barry,
Anthony, Rice & Rose. Says Anna
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on types &c. of their new kinds
for accommodation by the Committee.
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115 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

November 24 1915

Dear Mr. Ridgway:

Thank you very much for your letter. Yes, I am quite
sure this is the best thing to do. I also agree with you that
the Committee should be kept down to a small number.
I had thought of this myself but I was afraid it might look
as if I were trying to do everything myself.

Allen showed me the minutes of the
Washington meeting and especially
the glowing accounts of the
reception of President. It
seems very fortunate for us that
our honors should be richly
deserved and which, we don't
be fully appreciated.

I think you made a mistake
in keeping me on the Committee
on Cross & Nose. But if any
such thing would really have
weaned you, also, I am content
to have matters remain as they
are.

Perhaps I shall be able to get

decision of practically the whole of that big
bottle of cases in <u>four days</u>! I should fear
that the work might have been hurried through
too hastily were it not that you seem to be
satisfied. I should be glad of course to have
full details of what was done and will
give the matters referred to me prompt
attention.

W. B.

Ans'd. March 12/99

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 7th 1899.

Dear Mr. Higginson:-

Mrs. Henry B. Higginson, a sister of Alexander Agassiz and the wife of one of our richest and most respected Boston men, has just called to consult me about her son. He was graduated from Harvard in 1897 and is now taking a post graduate course in the Scientific School. He is making a collection of birds and appears to be much interested in them. He is hardy, vigorous, high spirited, a good shot, an experienced and daring rider, used to hardship and fond of anything in the woods, in winter as well as summer. He is an excellent scholar, writes an exceptionally fair

necessary. Indeed the trouble has been that he has mastered his tasks too easily and has ceased to be interested in most of them.. All this on the mother's authority; I have never met the boy.

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Can you make a place for him on any of your expeditions? If so, you will win the deep gratitude of Mrs Higginson as well as my dear Agassiz, on their & behalf, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness to a fellow creature.

Recd. March 12/99

145 BRATTLE STREET,
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

March 7th 1899.

Dear Merriam:—

Mrs. Henry L. Higginson, a sister of Alexander Agassiz and the wife of one of our richest and most respected Boston men, has just called to consult me about her son. He was graduated from Harvard in 1897 and is now taking a post graduate course in the Scientific School. He is making a collection of birds and appears to be much interested in them. He is hardy, vigorous, high spirited, a good shot, an experienced and daring rider, used to hardship and fond of everything in the woods, in winter as well as summer. He is an excellent scholar, writes an exceptionally fair

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Can you make a place for him on any of your expeditions? If so, you will win the deep gratitude of the Higginsons as well, no doubt, as that of Alexander Agassiz.

I trust you are much better than when I last heard from you. I have had a poor winter.

Sincerely,
William Brewster

Please let me hear as soon as convenient.

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remarks.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 14th, 1899

Dear Mamma:—

Thank you for your kind letter. I think the Higginsons will accept your proposal. The expense will certainly be not considered. They are not only very rich but very generous. I have asked them to communicate directly with you if they wish to do anything about the matter.

The "Sparrows war" is on again here & all Boston is excited over it. I think to keep out of it but was finally forced to write something which I will send you later. I have tried to stem the cour

unfortunately & I think I have succeeded. The feeling in behalf of the Spectator is surprisingly strong & general.

Sincerely

William Brewster.

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Cambridge,
July 4th 1896

Rec'd. July 6, 1896

Mr. Harrison's
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Christian man
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on the
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subject of
the relation of
religion to
science, which is
perhaps
the most
important
thinking
of our
time.

I fear I have written
at all inadequately
expressed my
deep gratitude for
your kindness in
asking me to
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and with enthusiasm but he has just had another
breakdown. Yours sincerely William Benedict

willing to endure almost any
reasonable amount of discomfort but
are the doctors in Constantinople to
whom I have consulted
persuade me that I ought
not to approach the tropics or
that if lodging in the cars brings
in one I ought not to attempt
any journeys of more than a
few hours. Dr. Holcombe is
especially emphatic on this
point. He is never an alarmist.
He positively refused to sanction
my going to New York two
years ago although I was most
anxious to attend the A. O. U.
meeting at that time, and would
have gone in a minute had
he said that I might do so
safely. Had you been with me
in Holland two years ago and
witnessed the effect of an
attempt that I made to
travel a little in spite of
the fever that increased from
day to day you would not

be so sceptical as to my weakness. Dr. Prescott says we either I recovered or continue in a perfect wreck. It is not the pain I mind but the either nervous & physical collapse that follows it & that means the loss of months of valuable time. Of course you know be right & the other doctors wrong but I don't like to take back many chances even for such an ideal trip as that which Mr. Harrison has planned. Please say to him how much I appreciate his kindness and how deeply I regret my inability to go. I expect to be here for a month or two but I intend spending at least half of each day working. I am now three half through a piece of work that I began in January & that I mean to finish by midsummer.

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Dear Mr. Brooks, Dawson

Rec'd April 6, 1899.

Concord,
April 4th 1899.

My dear Mr. Harriman:

I have received your most kind invitation to join Mr. Harriman's party on the Alaska trip. I realize fully that such an opportunity is not likely to present itself to me again or to others than once in a lifetime. I do not know when I have been so heavily burdened but it is really one of those questions for me to think of going. I had to delay coming here — a journey of only twenty miles — for nearly a week because of an attack of pain which for two or three days prevented me from either walking or driving. How then, could I get across the continent? I shrink at

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Nathaniel Shaler Shaler

~~145 BRATTLE STREET,~~
Concord, ~~CAMBRIDGE~~, MASS.

April 23rd 1899.

Dear Mr. Minot: -

It seems to me that the only thing you can do in the hurry is to postpone the whole affair until some time next winter. You and Batchelder are the most important members of the Committee and neither of you is likely to be able to touch the work before November or the coming. Your plan of procedure, as outlined in typewritten sheets, seems to me of excellence as a whole. But there are some points I might criticise. What is the use of running it. of planning them now? The Committee must get together to discuss them before it begins its work & I see no good in attempting to do anything to bring before this meeting.

Fortunately the Barnacles is of a kind that can wait. It must wait or other men must be found. There is all time is to do.

Bartholomew has had a very serious accident. It has happened greatly but he will probably come out all right in time. He is not likely to have his best for several weeks yet.

I am on the cabin very busy with the spring work but working a little almost every day. If I can get the Cambridge lot off my hands this summer I shall attack the greater work in the autumn. I don't mean to let anything get out of proportion this time. There is nothing I hate more a mistake in the first.

I do not doubt that your advice is good as to the matter of depending "publishing" until the book is ready to go on it.

Sincerely
William Bennett.

Your [illegible] ultimate
Barnacle.

Brewster, William, 1851-1919

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I have just received the letter & its enclosure. The list is an appalling one, is it not? Of course you are joking when you ask me to make out a list of the cases which I wish again to tackle. Separated as I am from my collection and with no library of scientific books within reach I can do absolutely nothing here. I shall not get back to Cambridge before March 1st & I shall require two weeks to put my business affairs in order there before going to Washington on the 15th.

Neither do I see how I can

Birds of Cambridge which is making good progress. I devote three hours each day to out-of-door exercise (regardless of weather) and the Doctor's treatment takes up three hours more. About the only fun I have is half an hour after breakfast & my evenings. It is good discipline & just what I need. The hours for literary work are to be increased gradually until the limits of my endurance are reached. I began with only fifteen minutes daily of this kind of work.

Yours sincerely
William Brewster

12th 1900.

suggest anything of value with respect to apportioning the work among the other members of the Committee. The only practical plan seems to me to be to circulate the list among them & let each man choose as many subjects as he thinks he can look up & get ready in time for the meeting of the full Committee. The Washington members might easily get together informally & divide them among themselves. I am truly sorry that I cannot take any part in the work this time but I think you will see how I am situated.

I am living a most carefully systematized life with almost no time at my own disposal. I have to work two hours each day at some serious literary task & am very anxious to work more. I have chosen to put in this time on a list of the

1 Binding of Committee's reports & minutes
2 Report of Committee on Bibliography
3 Report of Committee on Cataloguing

Bedford, Mass.
Feby 12th 1900.

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Yours sincerely,
William Brewster

Answ. Feb. 7/1900

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 25th 1900.

Dear Newman;

I have just written Baker accepting non-resident membership in the Washington Academy of Sciences. I have also asked him if there is any way in which I can get tot. I of the Proceedings. Perhaps you can help about this!

I am feeling pretty hard & thinking for a man of my age & infirmities but thus far I have not got beyond clearing up the tantalizing work that

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accumulated through the summer & autumn. Hope soon I hope to attack the paper on Cambridge Birds which I left half-finished when I went away last Spring. I should enjoy a trip to Harlington exceedingly but I have too much to do here to think of such a luxury.

With kindest regards to all my friends there I remain

Sincerely
William Brewster.

I shall miss poor Coues sadly. Despite his faults I always liked and trusted him. I am glad to know that he had finished his work on the Hay before it was too late. What a worker he was!

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BETHEL,
OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE,
January 7 1901.

Dear Minnie;

Glad to hear from you as well as from my little friend Dorothy who sent me a charming letter last week & to whom I send my best love, please.

I am working my plans to go to Washington about March 15th & to stay as long as the Committee need me. Dr. Gehring promises to get through with me by March 1st but of course I shall want a week or two at Cambridge after my return. The results of the Doctor's treatment thus

for our most encouraging. In
fact I am obviously better &
stronger in every way than I
have ever been before in my
whole life. The bladder trouble
has wholly disappeared, the
hip is so nearly well that
I can walk miles on a stretch,
and I am full of energy
and courage for the future.
I have very little time to
myself, nearly every hour of the
day being devoted to some
kind of literary work. I
write, read, write letters &
work on manuscript for
publication as fast as strength
permits. In short I am living
by the water & it is good
for me. Two hours of exercise

day on Hunt in the woods where I saw many interesting & beautiful things, but was very tired, the climate is severe & we have observed hard 22° below zero.

The Doctor's treatment is very case complete Cryofy of "deep tissue massage". I am literally mauled, pummeled & pounded over every inch of my limbs & body. at first it hurt terribly, but now I positively enjoy it. Then I have hot & cold shower baths daily & two treatments of hypnotic suggestion.

The Doctor joins me in kindest regards & adds "tell Dr. Mariano that when I get through with Blanche he

will be a well worn study
to undertake any reasonable
amount of literary work.

Yours sincerely
William Burnett.

BETHEL,
OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE,
January 24 1901

Dear Mission;

I can answer your letter more intelligently and definitely after I have talked the matter over with Mrs. Brewster who is coming here on the 28th to spend a week with me. I think, however, that we can probably go to Washington on April 8th as well as earlier. Her charge will give me better acquaintance at home

for I should simply have
to do the better half of March
the things I had intended
to do the first half of April
but I will certainly try
to work up some of the
crosses on your list.
I enclose a blue print which
shows the view westward
from the windows of my
room here. I get the
full benefit of all the
sunsets.

Yours sincerely
William Benedict

BETHEL,
OXFORD COUNTY, MAINE,

March 4 1901.

Dear Madam;

I am deeply pained to hear of poor Ridgway's bereavement and have just written him to express my profound sympathy. I do not know of anything more dreadful than for a man of his age to lose his only child. I can almost come back such a heart wound & even that option fails — as it has in the case of my neighbor & friend Samuel Swedler whose only son & child died one about Condudom Ridgway's age for a lit years ago. The father, as you know, has never recovered from the shock & never will

recent work. Ridgway is of a
more responsible & longevous temperament
& these characters are better in
his case but nevertheless I feel
for him. I have always had
a strong appreciation for him &
I cannot bear to think of his
receiving such a terrible blow
in his declining years.

Yours sincerely
Florence Beaumont.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

April 7th 1901.

Dear Mr. Swain;

Mrs. Brewster & I start for Washington on the 10th and you will find me at the Smithsonian Bureau early (in for Washington) Thursday morning. I fear that I should miss you if I delay until then so I have written up a work. The case assigned to me with so much thoroughness as the undersigned at hand allowed & am ready to report on most of them. I should take on a trunk full of specimens. Good bye until I see you.

Sincerely
Jonathan Brewster

Lancaster, Mass.
May 15th 1901.

Dear Madam,

I have read that Crippen book & consider it worth a place in Boston; but I have sent your letter to my uncle Gilbert & have asked him to give you the information on over. Know about Mr Dearborn of Dearborn. My acquaintance with him is of the Highest — I have seen him only twice —

but his personality has impressed
me strongly and favorably, and
I have heard Dr. Hinckley
(the President of the Dartmouth
College) speak of him in terms
of high praise. He strikes me
as exceptionally intelligent,
very energetic and with that
directness and simplicity of
purpose & manner that always
inspires confidence. He is, in
short, one of those men who
seem to be thoroughly in
earnest & to have no time
of agitations or extremes
about them. That is about
all I know of copying
that he has Cons. Cotton form

unknown birds on Dunham
among them a Bell's Vireo &
a Bennett's Warbler, of which
I have seen, as to his
experience in working these
I am wholly ignorant. But
I suspect it is not great at
present; there he would
need some training before he
could have wonders as the
correct pass examiner. There
really good collection. There
he could be easily made into
one I can scarcely doubt.
I think there he might
refer to me but without
there what I could say
in his favor would be
at the most very
there enough to warrant

you to investigate the man
further & perhaps give him
a chance to try if he could
be of any use to you. If I
was urgently looking for a good
reliable man for finish work
and did not require one
fully trained to my hand I
know of no one whom I
would rather take on trial
than Dearborn. He is about
twenty years of age apparently
& seems to have had a rather
good education.

Sincerely
Arthur Brewster

Hubbard Harris's art of Varnish. Birds
just received. It is the best thing
he has done, thanks to Tarbox & Allen.

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Lancaster,
June 4th 1901.

Dear Mission;

Your offer to show me the Sussex under such pleasant auspices is very very tempting indeed but I must stay quietly here all summer if I am to finish the "Cambridge Birds" and that I am determined to do without further delays. I have lost so much time — practically very valuable time — there last four years that I must stick to my work through this year at least. Forbidding you the pleasanter & more profitable trip possible and with hearty thanks

for your kindness in asking
me to join you I
remain
Sincerely
William Brewster

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

February 9th, 1902.

Dear Miriam;

Your letter came last evening & I shall look for the map to-morrow (or do not get the Sunday word); thank you for both.

I don't want to worry myself about that nomenclature a miscarriage working but I wish the exact data worked out fixed on them. Mrs. Brewster wants to ask some people here to stay about a week in April & she also wishes to go to Washington with me. What is to be the date of beginning (& also of closing) of the academy meeting? Knowledge of that will help

no somewhat.

Chapman spent two days with me last week. I never saw him in better health & spirits.

Do you know of any distinctive name for the range of mountains south of Fa Pan, some call them the Cape? Belding called "Pretoria Mountains" on his papers but Frazar tells me this name is not in use in the Cape Region. Perhaps I shall find them named on the maps you send. If not & if you know of one name I am thinking of calling them the Hamilton mountains on my paper. Belding's name seems to me unfitted for the reason that it is in common use in Sonora Cab. for a range which lies about 100 miles north of Fa Pan.

Sincerely William Brewster

Cambridge,
December 18th 1902.

Dear Newton;

Chapman has evidently been "tiring" you out but I am infinitely obliged to you both for showing so much friendly interest in my work. I heartily wish I could think the manuscript book but it is impossible to do so at least from my standpoint. The matter is already practically settled. They are going to print a third edition from the stereotyped plates; some of the matter, forwarded for the first edition has become obsolete & I made a few straight revolutions & corrections. What I am now

applicant to do is merely to change
ten or a dozen of my own footnotes
and to add two or three pages
to my original chapter on the
opponent. It will not take me
long to do this. It must be
done by someone and I cannot
afford to have called in to
make capital against me out
of the job. I should personally
absolutely decline to edit a
new book for anyone but this
is not a new book and is a
work in is my own book.
Thanking you once more for
your kind interest

Sincerely

Millbourn Brewster.

I am hard at work on the
Cambridge Birds now.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

January 28th, 1903.

Dear William;

I have delayed answering your letter of last week because I really did not know what to say to our sweet questions & suggestions, which it contained. Although my uncertainty of mind continues unabated I feel that I can no longer put your sending you some kind of an answer. The situation is, briefly, as follows: Mrs. Simmons has had four attacks of asthmatic bronchitis within the past two years. After her fourth & last attack, which happened about two months ago, the doctors said that she could not possibly live more than a week. She is still alive and even improving slowly, but there is, in our belief, no possibility of her living until next summer. To add to the sharpness which her illness has put on her daughter, her sister, Mrs. Thayer, who lives with her, has just passed the crisis of a severe attack of pneumonia. Miss Simmons, as you know, is a lifelong friend of Mrs. Brewster's and a very dear friend of mine, also. She is already completely broken down both physically & mentally and Mrs. Brewster & I both

feel that after her mother dies she will need a complete rest and change of scene, and that the best thing to do will be to take her to Europe for two or three months. When she and Mrs. Brewster will go and whether I shall go with them are or not — problems which make me uncertain about everything else.

I want to go with you all to California, to my work and I feel that I ought to be committed wholly to it without I said about it on Washington's birthday. But I have strongly to reconsider that, give it up. Should I go with you I do not see how I could possibly also spare the time to meet with the Committee in April for reconsideration. The two things combined ~~would break~~ with the preliminary work on opinions etc. which you are now arranging would break up most of the Spring. Should I not go to California and should Mrs. Brewster & Miss Simmons decide not to go to Europe before June (or May, rather) I could of course meet with the Committee in April and also do my fair share of the preliminary

Have many times wondered why the California trip might not be feasible, which seemed so delightful to Mrs Simmons and to me, but I have realized it would be too much for Anna & Harry. As all

work. But just at present I really do not see how I can promise anything. It is not possible, even, for me to undertake a part of the preliminary Committee work for this would be useless unless I felt reasonably sure of attending the Committee meeting. It is highly probable that I shall attend that meeting but very doubtful if I go to California. If I do go to California it will be alone and any old berth, provided it be a lower one, will satisfy me. I am truly sorry to be so very unsatisfactory but I trust you will understand & appreciate the situation in which I find myself placed.

Sincerely
William Brewster.

I am jogging away incessantly at the introduction to my Cambridge Birds & making fair progress, too.

You may wonder why the California trip might not be just the thing for Miss Simmons but it really would not answer at all. There will be too many in the party & too much excitement & hurry.

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I want to go with you all to California and for my health and I feel that I ought to go in order to carry out the plan I made above in Washington. Last November that I decided to give it up. Should I go with you I do not see how I could possibly also have the time to meet with the Committee in April for the two things combined ~~would break~~ with the preliminary work on opinions etc. which you are now working would break up most of the Spring. Should I not go to California and should Mrs. Brewster & Miss Simmons decide not to go to Europe before June (or May, rather) I could of course meet with the Committee in April and also do my fair share of the preliminary work. But just at present I really do not see how I can promise anything. It is not possible, even, for me to undertake a part of the preliminary Committee work for this would be useless unless I felt reasonably sure of attending the Committee meeting. It is highly probable that I shall attend that meeting, but very doubtful if I go to California. If I do go to California it will be alone and any old health, provided it be a tolerable one, will satisfy me. I am truly sorry to be so very unsatisfactory but I trust you will understand & appreciate the hesitation in which I find myself placed.

Sincerely

Hugo Münsterberg.

I am hoping [illegible] to my Cambridge at the introduction to my Books & working four hours, too.

Have many wonder why the Univ. Miss Simmons by the Have will in the Univ. Calif. family.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 8th 1903.

Dear Mariana;

The conditions under which I last wrote you. Mrs. Simmons is about the same. There is no hope of her getting much better and she is not likely to survive the next attack of apoplexy. It may come any moment or it may be deferred for months. Her daughter is getting more & more worn out and Mr. Brewster who shares her sorrow in large measure is also far from well. I cannot possibly leave home while things are as they are & there is so very little hope of my being able to go to

Dr. Gulliver with Sparks with his card as you know.
Hammond for just

California in May that I think I had better say now that I will not go. Such a decision will make me free to attend the Committee meeting in April & to do some of the preliminary work before then. I suppose you have already allotted many of the cases to others! Suppose you assign a reasonable number of the remaining cases to me. Or do you prefer to know me selected them myself from the lists you send me? I am sorry to have these you on this hopelessly unwanted in these Harriman business. Your own work, it seems to me, is much more important not only to yourself but also to all the rest of us.

Sincerely
Abraham Berkowitz

Dr. Gehrmann
Honolulu

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

April 1st 1903.

Dear Miriam;

Thank you for your telegram and letter. The latter reaches me to later than I from I can do but little of the astronomer work. I have arranged to spend three weeks of night work on Cassiopeia & I cannot well give up this plan for I have engaged Donald now to work at selling out an orchard of fruit trees & to do a number of other things, all of which will need my personal supervision. I will of course take to Worthington first Denis of observations of all the new forms which I have myself discovered & explain their characteristics etc. If I had time

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devote the next three days to
working up as many of the
other unassigned cases as possible
but there is not time to bring
it together now & after my return
from Concord I shall have only
two days or more before starting
for Northampton. I am very
sorry that it has happened so
but I hope to do my share
of the general work.

With my kindest regards to
both my & love to
you. Hawthorne & love to
Dorothy & Zenaida, I remain

Sincerely
Nathaniel Hawthorne

Bartlett's Atlantic article has
made a great stir here. Nearly
everybody seems to have read it
& the opinion is very generally
against the author who is considered
to have been needlessly severe
to Mrs Hawthorne & Lathrop.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

April 13th, 1903.

Dear Miriam;

It is always the unexpected that happens, Mrs. Simmons has been gaining steadily & is likely to live through the summer although in constant danger of another attack but my cousin John B. Forrester has just been taken seriously ill with brain trouble and it is doubtful if he ever recovers. Most of the heavy responsibilities which he has carried will fall on my shoulders for the present and with the sun down very closely for months to come. He has for years taken the most important part in the management of my father's large trust estate

and he is the very soul of our free school at Wolfeboro to the support of which most of the income of the trust is devoted. Not only has he taken the larger share in both these matters but he has also helped me very materially in the management of my own business affairs. Had I agreed to go on the California trip I should now have to abandon it. It is even very doubtful if I can attend the Committee meeting at Washington this week. I shall not know definitely until to-morrow when there is to be a consultation of doctors. If I find I cannot go I will send you my Bride's also telegraph or write. If I do go it will be for an absence of not over a week.

Sincerely yours
William Brewster.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Nov. 27th 1902.

Dear Merriam:—

Sanford Plimpton's most intimate friend in this region was Purdie whom I saw to-day. He told me he has just visited the Plimpton family on N. Newton. They informed him that Plimpton had left a will bequeathing his collection of books to a museum in (Purdie) thought at San Diego or at least somewhere in California although he was not sure as to its exact or even approximate location. As to the other matter I will send for Pinsley to-morrow & ask him to edit the M.S. according to your suggestions.

I will also inquire as to his views about Dolly etc. If I can do anything more about the bookcase matter let me know. Purdie will inquire further about it as soon as he has the opportunity.
I hand a few lines on Phila.

& get back all right.

Sincerely
William Brewster

It was most kind of you to send me those seeds of Carpenteria. I will plant them next spring & do my best to make them thrive & consequently blossom. It will be a great source of pleasure to me if I succeed

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Dec. 30, 1903

BOSTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
EXETER STREET

December 27th/1903.

Dear Mission:-

While you have given the welcomed notes to Dorothy & Lucinda. I trust they will not think that I have forgotten them this year. but the fact is I have made no pretense to

any one being so intoxicated
that I could not well,
do it. Mrs. Brewster
improved steadily through
last month but about
two months ago she had
a fit of eclampsia and
has not been able
to leave her room.
She has suffered frightful
pain during the whole
of this period but
Dr. Goldthwaite says that
it will pass away as
soon as she is convalescing
recover. Nevertheless I

have been & feel our
very anxious about her.
I have taken a room
near her in town
& should stay there
until the determination
becomes more hopeful.
I get out to Cambridge
for a few hours every
day, however, and
have not wholly
discontinued my work
there.
I think there, from &
journals are well and

that you have all
had a merry Christmas.
Wishing you a happy
new year, also,

Sincerely
William Brewster.

How does Mr Farley
weather come on? I had
to delegate it to Dream
when I believe work to
both you & Farley. I
trust his editorial work
has proved satisfactory
to you & that you got
back the M.S. in time.

~~145 BRATTLE STREET,~~
Concord, ~~CAMBRIDGE~~, MASS.

April 5th 1905.

Dear Merriam:-

I have delayed answering your letter because I was tired when it came & after a hard winter's work and on the point of coming here for a week's rest. Alas! I cannot go with you on the western trip, much as I should like to. The chief obstacle is my Cambridge book paper. I have finished it but I must get it through the press & then will take the western trip. Another obstacle is the need

Trustee difficulty. There are
times of us it is true but
our (my cousin) is a broken
down old man both to die
at any moment which anything
has Brighton deserves and is obliged
to be carrying most of the burden.
Practically the whole work & the
responsibility of managing an
estate of over a million dollars
have fallen to my lot of late
& will continue to do so. I
can under about Christmas obtain
any leave but it will not
do for me to get beyond
easy reach of our Boston
office. Here it was for the
"Cambridge Birds" I might
perhaps reply an absence of
a month but, you
know, our author must

for his own proofs.

It was good of you to ask me to go out. I really cannot. I shall see you in Washington on the 21st, I trust.

Sincerely
Walbrook Brooks.

Cambridge,
January 10th 1906

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Your "Indian Population of California" interests me deeply, not so much because of the valuable statistics which the paper contains as because of the effection and very thinking way in which you have given the dead story.

Thanking you, I am
Sincerely yours,
Frederick Hodge

I suppose to be one Mrs. Bolkin by Monday respect.

~~145 BRATTLE STREET,~~
Concord, ~~CAMBRIDGE~~, MASS. Sept. 13, 1906

Dear Norman:-

You are very good to think of me in so pleasant a way and then trip you purpose is as alluring as anything could be but my wings have been clipped for several years now and are an incapable of distant flights as ever. In other words I am to tied down by my duties as Trustee to allow myself to go beyond twenty-four hours reach of the office. Of course nearly the whole work & responsibility

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I am sorry to have troubled you
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& the other in every reasonably
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scene would benefit a much deal;
I have been hoping for it these
two years.

Henry (HWH) is here at the farm
with me & apparently having a
good time as well as giving
me one. He saw the Deer
in our close yesterday
literally within twenty feet
of the front door of the house.
There are lots of them here
now & they are very tame
not being molested by any one.

Yours sincerely
William Burnside.

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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

November 21st 1906.

Dear Merriam:-

As Henry will have told you I was called back unexpectedly by the sudden illness of one of Mrs. Brewster's brothers — who died while I was on my way to Boston yesterday. I am sorry to have left Washington without having had an opportunity to talk with you about your proposed resignation from the Committee on Nominations. What I wanted to say is this:

(1) That I hope for the sake of the Committee and for the good of the profession work that will not have us. I know the work is tiresome and often a less satisfactory that it takes a lot of patience, tact to accomplish strongly important results but somebody must do it, and of the other men with us is

Recd. Dec. 2, 1906.

must pass into younger & less experienced hands. I would like very lightly to get rid of any blame in it here. I do not feel that I have any right to ask to be relieved of the burden merely because it weighs heavily at times. I hope you will be to look on the Committee must determine members of. Our Committee & your place cannot be filled. Do consider this aspect of the case carefully before insisting on the acceptance of your resignation.

(2) If you must and with reign I by of you as an old & devoted friend not to do it at this time and for the reasons given in your letter to Batchelder. I do so would be to place yourself in a false and positively undignified position. Behind on the fast and wisest plan will be to wait a few months — perhaps until you go to California — and then ask to be relieved, giving then whatever reasons you see fit. It is the combination of the time & the reasons, now, which makes your action seem to me so very unwise. Forgiving Chief very words very

Recd. Dec. 21, 1906.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt

I was yesterday left with an opportunity of absent from Washington

(1) That the Commission feel that it has been us. Therefore that time to wait and observe the conditions

(2) That it would be wise for you to wait and observe the conditions

must pass into younger & less experienced hands. I would like very lightly to get rid of my share in it but I do not feel that I have any right to ask to be relieved of the burden merely because it weighs heavily at times. The best you will be to look over of the most desirable members of the Committee & your place cannot be filled. Do consider this aspect of the case carefully before insisting on the acceptance of your resignation.

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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

November 21st 1906

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(1) That I hope for the sake of the Committee and for the good of its function work that will not be done. I know the work is tiresome and more or less unsatisfactory that it takes a lot of patient tact to accomplish strongly overpaid work but somebody must do it; and if the oldest men will not do it

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

December 9th 1904

Dear Professor:

I was glad to get your first and very kind explanation of the reasons which influenced your resignation from the Committee on Nomenclature. It is logical, forceful and, in the main, quite convincing. I think that you unnecessarily exaggerate the importance and effect of the new ruling to which you so strenuously object. I can see clearly enough that since you feel about it as you do you are naturally unwilling to remain a member of the Committee. My sole remaining objection to the position you

have taken exception the manner,
rather than the fact, of your
resignation. By this I mean
simply that I regret that you
acted so quickly and that I
still hope that you may see your
way clear to letting the matter
rest until next Spring. By
so doing you will protect yourself
effectually from all chance of
being misunderstood or misrepresented.
To put the matter plainly, if you
insist on the acceptance of a
resignation written and written
the morning after our Council meeting
was held you are likely, I fear,
to be accused of hasty and
undignified action and perhaps even
of acting from purely personal
motives of disappointment and
resentment. As a life long friend
of yours I hate to see you put
in a false position of this kind.
I quite understand and even

sympathetic with your natural and perfectly legitimate wish to take every possible advantage of this opportunity to express your disapprobation of a ruling which you regard (as I consider mistakenly, however) as of vital importance and as affecting adversely a sacred, fundamental principle of nonconformity. But we disagree as to how this protest should be made. In my mind it will have infinitely more moral force and compressiveness if you ask Bathbilder to return the letter you sent him last month and draft a new one — in very nearly the same words if you like — to be delivered to him just before you start for the Spring. So California or wherever you may think then. In the light (if there be any light) of what I have just written remembering always that no considerations

other than those of personal friendship and of sincere regard for your best interests, would induce me to thus intrude my advice on you.

I am depressed at the thought that we must lose you, one of under natural circumstances, from the Committee but that, as I fully realize, is something that cannot now be helped.

With kindest remembrances to Mrs. Morrison, and to Dorothy and Lucinda, I am, as always,

Sincerely your friend
William Brewster

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Concord -
April 10th 1907.

Dear Miriam: -

Thank you for your kind letter about my book. It is one of the most appreciative that I have received and I value it the more because I know you are wholly sincere. I tried very hard to do a good piece of work but whenever I look at it now I see so many things that I should wish to change that

I am really surprised when anyone else finds anything in it to praise.

I am delighted to know that you will remain on the Committee. Had you finally resigned I should probably have gone out this year. The work has become distasteful to me and, like you, I call ill when the time for it. But someone must do it and if our services are needed I suppose we ought to continue to render them.

I shall see you on the 18th until then good bye!

Sincerely Wilbur Robinson

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145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass. February 16, 1909.

Dear Merriam:-

It was good of you to be at the trouble of writing me so long and helpful a letter as that from last week. Unfortunately it just failed to reach me in time to prevent my practically surrendering to the opposition, for the day before it came (or perhaps it was two or three days) I wrote Mr. Stone that he had convinced me to his views, which are held by Allen, Richmond & Balchelder, also. By this statement I did not mean that I had changed my mind on the principles involved but merely that I had come to recognize the impossibility of trying to stick by those principles in the face of what seemed then to be unanimous opposition on the part of my colleagues

in the Committee. Of course I did not
mean to propose an arrangement of names
which would be certain to be rejected
by the Committee at the Opera meeting.
How I know how you felt I should
perhaps not have yielded ground. And
yet I seem to see more that
however strongly you & I believe that
the right thing to do would be to
continue to treat Anas obscura of
Gmelin as the type form, under my
more recent Anas tristis, such a course
would be exactly the reverse of the plan that
you have followed with the Song Sparrows
and hence (would be) glaringly inconsistent.
It was this argument that overbrooded
me and it still affords to my mind
an unanswerable objection to upholstering
Anas tristis instead of Anas rubripes tristis;
unless, indeed, we are likely to go
back to using the simple, good old
Malacoptera melodia, which I fancy is quite
too remote to hope for although I
would support it rather than a case
that seems to be suspended.

With hearty thanks for your good
letter I am sincerely Yours Robert Ridgway

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge, Mass. June 13, 1911

Dear Merriam:-

The enclosed letter with comments which I send to you about Abbott Thayer. Please return it at your leisure. It has given me no personal offence, despite its bitter personalities, but I do grieve over the apparent fact that he seems determined to quarrel with some of his old friends because they cannot acquiesce upon his views. I have answered him kindly & temperately but firmly. It is a comfort to know that he does not unbosom from among the ignorances although as far as I could see, during our talk the other evening, you & I agree almost perfectly as to what we accept and reject of his facts & opinions.

Sincerely Joaquin Miller

4 Bogart St.
Charleston, S. C.

My dear Marion:

Henshaw has just inclosed to me your letter to him of Apr. 1st. By it I gather that you have sent a previous one to me which I have not received; very sorry! I can only answer the points brought up in this.

Ans'd. Apr. 9/74.

My opinion is very decidedly that you cannot refuse Harvie-Brown's bid offer without offending him. In fact acceptance seems to me to be the only possible course under the circumstances although I don't like the position it places us in any more than you do.

We must raise the wind somehow at the next meeting and not stand before the world in the character of "charity scholars."

I am here for the whole of the present month, chiefly for ~~collecting~~ Mrs. Brewster's health & keeping an eye on the birds as usual. Was out to-day and brought in thirty birds, among them D. dominica and Pericrocotus aestivalis. The weather is glorious, — like June at the North.

Yours as ever,

William Brewster.

Wild. are here up to Apr 25th.

Boston Transcript

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1898

AN EXPERT ON OUR PARKS

To the Editor of the Transcript:

As the plan for the development of our great park system is unfolded it becomes evident that the whole extent of country embraced within our parks is to be treated from the standpoint of the landscape gardener, a treatment involving wonderful improvement to the waste lands, but entailing serious and often needless sacrifice of many natural features of the landscape. It is further evident that the Boston Park Commissioners will make no concessions to the tastes and wishes of those who find in natural thickets, meadows, ponds and woodlands a primitive, restful beauty and picturesqueness which the most successful creations of the professional landscape maker can never hope to equal. These facts were made very clear during the hearing at Pine Bank last Monday.

When the park movement first started and later, when it was receiving general popular attention, an argument freely and effectively used to enlist sympathy in its behalf and to justify the enormous appropriations which it afterwards received was that of the desirability of acquiring and preserving for the benefit of the people as many as possible of the wilder or more beautiful tracts of woodland in the vicinity of Boston. Fifty—or even thirty—years ago such an argument would have carried little weight, but the love of wild nature, the deep and ever growing interest in the bird and plant life about us. first aroused by Thoreau and afterwards fostered by the writings of Burroughs, Bolles and Torrey, have spread widely among all classes of our people. Botany and ornithology are now taught in the public as well as private schools; botanists and ornithologists have no difficulty in forming large and lucrative field classes; and very many people representing every condition of life go to our park woods for the express purpose of studying or enjoying the native plants or animals.

Do our people, to whom the parks belong, wish their woods and other places of natural beauty to be preserved or to be hopelessly mutilated? Do they wish to find in their woods a native flora, composed of trees, shrubs and wild flowers characteristic of this region and growing under perfectly natural conditions or a mere selection of these trees and plants pruned, developed or restricted according to the tastes and prejudices of the Park Commissioners, and mingled with introduced species which have no natural place in the flora of this region? Do they wish to have in their parks the abundance and variety of native birds and other animals which natural woods may be easily made to harbor, or do they prefer to carry with them from the city the din and clamor of the English sparrow, half drowning the songs of the few native birds that will consent to live in the denuded groves which the Park Commissioners so highly approve? These are questions which it behooves the people to consider and to answer before it is too late.

The commissioners deserve the greatest credit for the able and judicious way in which they have reclaimed and developed many originally unattractive or even forbidding places—such, for example, as the Back Bay Fens—and the future care of such reclaimed lands, as well as the care and development of all barren and waste tracts, may be safely left to their hands.

But they have shown themselves incapable of dealing wisely and temperately with the natural woodlands and with such partly natural, partly artificial, but altogether charming scenery as that which they found and have since disfigured or destroyed about the shores of Jamaica Pond. Over all such places, intrinsically beautiful and dear through long and intimate association to thousands of people, the Commissioners should no longer be permitted to exercise arbitrary control. They must be taught that their individual predilections for or against certain trees or species of trees cannot be indulged in all cases; that the opinions of even the most eminent specialists on park management and tree culture, although always entitled to consideration and respect, are not necessarily infallible; and that while they (the Commissioners) may be justified in ignoring hysterical, individual protests against tree cutting a popular wave of indignation, such as that which has lately formed and is now gathering momentum, cannot be safely disregarded.

That this salutary lesson can be and should be applied admits of no doubt, but the form which it may best take is a matter that will require careful consideration on the part of some one competent to deal with the legal difficulties of the case. One way that suggests itself would be to enlarge the commission and to provide that it include among its numbers a fair representation of artists, field naturalists and lovers of natural woodlands. Or a committee chosen by the people to represent these classes might be granted a certain measure of control over the acts of the Commissioners. Still another plan, crude, it must be admitted, but nevertheless sure to accomplish the desired results within the areas to which it could be conveniently applied would be to set aside certain tracts of woodland throughout which the printed park regulations should be understood to apply to the Commissioners and their employees as well as to the public. A total prohibition against cutting would work no real injury for there are many pieces of woodland in eastern Massachusetts that have not felt an axe for fifty years or more, and that have gained rather than lost in attractiveness through such neglect.

Pending the formulation and adoption of some plan which may be depended on to preserve our park woods from further needless trimming, it may be well to bear in mind that the power of the commissioners to work havoc among our trees may be best restrained by limiting their appropriations. In this way the people may perhaps save themselves from the continued pain and mortification of seeing their property destroyed by the use of money which they themselves have furnished.

WILLIAM BREWSTER

Cambridge, Jan. 28.

236 Marlboro St
February twenty seventh

Dear Brewster,

Here follows the quotation from Presdt. Eliot to which I called attention last evening.

"I was brought up as a student of science, and was therefore trained in the careful study of ascertained facts as the only legitimate basis for some strictly limited inference."

It would be hard to express the position more clearly.

Sincerely
W. A. Jeffris

(Dear Mr.

Thinking that you may not have seen this admirable statement I am sending it to you. Don't bother to return it. Perhaps Nelson & Henry would like to see it. W. B.)

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Raleigh, N.C.
Dec 21/85

Dr C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Dec 15 duly received. We would have acknowledged receipt of sample chipmunk sooner, but only got it a day or two before your letter, having had to remit deficiency in postage to Washington to have it sent on here. We send you per Express today ~~what~~ a box containing the following:— 2 adult ♀ grey squirrel, 1 yg. ♂ year ♀ ditto, 2 yg. ♂ ditto, 2 adult ♂ & ♀ flying squirrel & your sample chipmunk. Also skulls of

Rec'd. Dec. 28/1885
$3.50 sent in payt. in full.

all except No. 2. which has
been misplaced. Nos. 2 & 3
are the young of No. 4. They
were all put up previous to
receipt of your sample, but
after examining that, we hope
to put up some better work
in the future. I am exceedingly
dis-appointed in not being
able to send you a better
variety, but I find small
mammals real hard to
procure. Even in the fields,
remote from any dwelling,
we get only House mice in
our traps, or in the woods
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unsuccessful. A fox squirrel (the first I have seen about here) was killed last week but I was too late to get the specimen, tho' I saw the skin after having been stripped off in the usual Country fashion. The coloring was chiefly yellow & black, the former predominating.

We are still endeavoring to procure the specimens you require, and will write you from time to time as they come to hand.

We send this lot by Express as the package is too large for the mail.

Hoping that the skins sent may be of some use to you, We are, yours truly, H.H. & C.S. Brimley

H.H.B.

Raleigh, N.C.
Dec 31/85

Dr C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Decr. 28., enclosing postal note for three dollars and fifty cents ($3.50) received with thanks.

Regarding deficiency in postage on chipmunk, the amt. was only 2¢; dont trouble about it.

Red squirrels are, as far as I am aware, unknown here; fox are scarce, but what I can get, I will. I will get some house mice from the fields and any other small rodents that stray into the traps. Rabbits are exceptionally scarce so far

this Winter, but I shall get some the first snow we have. By the way - what is the chief external difference between swamp rabbit & cotton tail? I will write you as I get more skins.

Yours truly,
A. H. Brimley.

Raleigh, N.C.
Jan 26/86

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

I send you by mail today a box containing 1 meadow mouse & 7 white footed mice - with skulls. Several of them were injured by being caught in steel traps, but thought it best to send all of them along. Nos 16, 17 & 18 were all caught out of a pine stump in Piney woods. Skull of No 11 was injured when it came to hand. No 15 was caught in pea field - all the rest in a plum thicket on the edge of cultivated land. We have been unable to satisfactorily

identify the species, would be glad to hear from you what they really are.

Yours truly

H. H. Brimley

P. S. Since writing the above, we have procured another meadow mouse & a whitefooted mouse apparently of a different species from those sent today. Dimensions are L 6 3/4, T 2 7/8. Tail not distinctly bi-color. Color more rusty than any of the others. Would this be a cotton mouse?

H. H. B.

Recd. Jan. 31/98
Ans. 18

Ansd. & $2.00 paym. in full sent Mar. 1/86.

Raleigh, N.C.
Feb 9/86.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Jan 31, enclosing $2.00 received with thanks.

Your criticisms on the skins are noted, and we will try to improve on future ones. With regard to the hair coming off, that occurred through our not getting them until some 12 or 15 hours after their capture, as all we have brought to us are skinned right away. Also being caught in steel traps does not improve the specimens, but it is the only way we can get them, except by digging. Those sent were all dried on a flat surface, & only wrapped in Cotton for packing.

We will send you in a day or two a flying squirrel, a meadow mouse, 2 house mice from the fields, & 2 H. leucopus, & 2 other white footed mice.

Criticisms on the skins will always be gladly received,

Yours truly,

H. H. Brimley.

Ansd. $4.00 sent in payt. in full
Mar. 18/86. — A.H.B.

Raleigh, N.C.
March 6/86

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Feb 28, enclosing $2.25 recd. with thanks. I send you per mail today a box containing 1 flying squirrel, 6 red mice, and five other Reseperomys. As you will see, 2 of the skulls are injured, but I send them anyway, for what they are worth. The red mice are a whole family, all being taken from one nest in some reeds. No. 30 was caught in a large steel trap, set for Mink & baited with a bird's body, the bait being much nibbled. I think you will find these skins the best average lot yet, and I hope that none will be found with heads like horses. Is No. 30 H. leucopus?

Yours very truly,
A. H. Brimley.

Ancd. Mar. 18/88.

Raleigh, N.C.
March 20/86.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of March 18., containing postal note for $4.00 received with thanks.

I am very glad that you found the skins an improvement on former lots, and I will endeavour to keep up the grade in future. I will make a point of getting some more red mice.

The only ones I have got since sending the last lot are a couple of harvest mice and an almost adult meadow mouse, one of the harvest mice not being a good skin. I will therefore wait until I have some more before forwarding.

I note your instructions regarding skulls.

Yours very truly,
A. A. Brimley.

Raleigh, N.C.
April 12/86

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find 1 Meadow mouse, 3 A. leucopus, 2 Harvest mice & 8 Red mice. I think you will find the Red mice good skins. Some of the others are not so good as several had the skulls injured when brought to us, but all the Reds were caught by us & are consequently in better fix.

We send by Express, not having any suitable box for mailing.

Please remit as soon as convenient.

Have you any use for bats that have been shot?

Yours truly,
H. H. Brimley.

P. S. Skulls of Harvest & Meadow are arsenic cured; the others, alum.

Dr. C. Hart-Merriam
Washington
D. C.

Rec'd. Apr. 20/86

Raleigh, N.C.
April 16/86.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of April 14, enclosing $5.00 received with thanks. We credit your a/c with 150 ¢. Labels also received, which we will make use of in future. If we come across any quite young specimens, shall we save them & if so, how? Got a nest of flying squirrels a few days ago with the young not yet able to see, but they disappeared mysteriously in the night. Will try to get some more Ochetodon. I note your instructions regarding filling out labels,

Yours truly,
H. H. Brimley

Ans.

Raleigh
N. C.

April 18. 1886.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington D C.

Dear Sir

Your last enclosing $6.00 for mice, received, for which thanks. We will endeavour to be more careful in preparing skulls in future, & will wash out the brains as you suggest.

We are catching very few mice now & presume the season is too much advanced to get many more that way. Would you like any more immature Whitefooted Mice, under 4 inches in length if we get any.

Yours truly

W H & C S Brimley.

Ancd. June 8/86 $2.10 cents -

Raleigh, N.C.
May 26/86.

Dr C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

We send you today, per mail, a box containing 1 Meadow mouse, 2 ad. & 2 yg. Red Mice, & 2 Moles (Scalops aquaticus). We have you credited with .50 ¢ on your last remittance. Mammals have been coming to hand slowly lately, or we would have sent you some sooner. Do you want bats? Got a Red bat today which we put up as other mammals with wings folded. Can get some by shooting them but dont know of any other way of getting them.

Nos. 55 & 56 are young of No. 54.

Data of Specimens:—

54 H. aureolus, ♀ ad. L. 6 3/4, T. 3 1/8.
55 " , ♂ yg. L 4, T 1 1/2.
56 " , ♂ yg. L 4, T 1 1/2.
57 Scalops aquaticus, ♀ ad, L 5 11/16, T 1/2
58 " " , ♂ ad, L 5 1/2, T 1/2

59. H. aureolus, ♂ad. L6¼, T2¾,

52. A. riparius, ♀ad. L6¾, T2.

Hoping you will find these satisfactory,

We are, Yours truly,

H. H. & C. S. Brimley.

Raleigh, N.C.
June 14/86

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of June 8, containing postal note for $2.10 received with thanks.

We note your instructions regarding mole's snouts, and also bat skins, of which latter we have at present but 2 reds, bats being, at present, quite scarce.

Your letter containing migration schedule & circular has also been rec'd.

Yours truly,
H. H. Brimley.

Amt. July 30/86
& $1.40 sent.

Raleigh. N. C.
July 21, 1886.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Dept Agriculture
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir

We send you today by mail the following skins & skulls.

2 Red Bats
2 Red Mice. ad & yg.
1 Meadow Mouse

Hoping you will find the bats satisfactory, we remain

Yours truly
H H & C. S. Brimley

Ansd. Aug. 14/86.

Raleigh. N C
Aug 4/1886.

Dr C Hart Merriam

Washington, D C.

Dear Sir

Yours of July to hand with enclosed cash for which thanks. We have never met with Arvicola funetorum here, though they may occur here will look out for them in future (The land by the way is not sandy here but chiefly red clay).

Concerning bats we get a Black Bat here which is not common & I think some others but the Red Bat seems commonest.

We received last week from a freind in the mountains of the state, two skins of Ground Squirrel & one of Red Squirrel; the skins not being put up as you have directed us, we remade the three skins, but owing to pressure of work they got left in the sweating box too long & the hair slipped in places on all of them, still they make tolerably fair skins. Shall we send you them & would you like us to ~~get~~ send you any more from that part of the State?

Yours truly
~~H H~~ C S Brimley
Raleigh. N C.

ackd. & $5.00 sent Oct. 15/86.
amtd. in full Oct. 28/86.

Raleigh. N.C.
Oct 9. 1886.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington. D.C.

Dear Sir.

We send you today a box containing the following skins, twenty (20) in number.

1 Flying Squirrel
1 Mole
2 Brown Bats.
1 adult ♀ Red Mouse & 4 young (blind) Nos. 79 to 84
1 adult ♀ do. & 1 young Nos 85, 86
1 adult ♀ do & 4 young (blind & naked). Nos 87-91
1 adult ♀ do & 3 young (eyes open & furred). Nos 92-95.

Making altogether 4 adult ♀ Red Mice & 12 young of same; the young belonging to the ♀s I have enumerated them with above.

We can probably get a good many more young Red Mice if you want them; I find them take much longer to fix than the old ones the skins being so tender & liable to tear, I found thread no use to sew them up

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with & so used silk instead.

The usual number of young appears to be four for the Red Mouse; the nests found lately have averaged higher than usual, the height varying from 5 to 10 ft usual height about 6 ft. Nest is made of dead leaves or coarse grass leaves lined inside with fine grass.

Please remit as soon as convenient

yours truly

H H & C L Brimley

Raleigh. N C.

The Red Mouse
(Hesperomys aureolus).

Raleigh. N C
Nov 6. 1886.

Notes on Habits & localities frequented by them

This species is almost invariably found in bottom lands, in or near a swamp, or near a creek or branch. They appear to prefer wooded land & are not found in comparatively isolated thickets. The locality must not be open however but pretty well grown up for some distance from the water near which their nests are situated; a narrow strip rarely containing any nests

Nests. The nests are found in saplings (close to the trunk), in vines, in small trees, sometimes in briars or among reeds, & among low bushes; ~~to~~ some of the different places in which I have found them are as follows, in small holly bush, in small cedar bush, in clusters of bamboo briars hanging from a tree, in alder bushes, on the side of sweet gum sapling attached to small twigs, in blackberry thicket, in reeds & in almost any thick place, not infrequently in bushes growing in a swamp.

The nest is composed of fine grass stems & leaves, like any other mouse nest covered outside with dead leaves in fall, green leaves in spring, reed leaves when among reeds.

The height of the nest varies from 2½ to 10 ft, sometimes higher, usually 3 or 4 ft high in ordinary localities; on land subject to inundation the height would average over 6 ft.

Nesting Habits. Usual number of young four; the fur of immature individuals is the same color as the adult. Nests with young found as follows. 1886. May 12, (two). Sep 28 (four), Sep 30 (one), Oct 2 (four), Oct 6 (three).

The October brood is probably the last; the probable reason of not finding any nests in summer is that all bushes then having their leaves on, make the discovery of the nests a difficult task.

I have never found ♂ & ♀ adult mice in the nest with small young but two nests found respectively Feb 19 & April 7, 1886 contained both

old ♂ & ♀ & grown mice of the last brood of 1885. The nests had both evidently been used throughout the whole winter, being larger than usual & the bottom a perfect mass of the excrements of the mice.

Several times during the spring I found a pair of mice in new nests, & several times only one mouse — when only one was found it was just as often of one sex as the other.

General Habits

These mice climb trees with ease & can run about on the smaller twigs or up the trunk of a fairsized tree equally well; but do not possess any great swiftness; When shaken off on to the ground they ~~about~~ seem to hardly know what to do, but generally run up the first bush; (in thick bushes it is next to impossible to capture one, once it has left the nest) but will sometimes hide themselves in rubbish & in the thick grass. They appear however to have a great objection to entering a hole in the ground & on several occassions I have captured mice that could easily have escaped by running into holes if they had been so inclined.

On one occassion on grabbing a nest in a briar thicket, two of the mice escaped & one on reaching the ground, swam across a pool of water, showing no hesitation whatever.

I have on several occassions captured mice with their cheek pouches filled with small hard seeds, apparently the seed of some kind of berries; have also found berry seeds in their nests; I rather think some of the seeds were those of the White Dogwood.

C. S. Brimley
Raleigh. N.C.

Hon. Dr. C. Hart. Merriam;
Washington
D. C.

Ansd. & $3.50 sent
Nov. 24, 1886.

Raleigh. N C.
Nov 14, 1886

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington DC,
Dear Sir

We send you by mail a box containing the following specimens

1 White footed Mouse, immature
9 Red Mice Neotoma aureolus.
1 Rat, unidentified } Sigmodon hispidus ad. & im.
3 Mice, unidentified }

The Rat was a female & contained four young which would from appearances have been born in a few days.
We would be pleased if you would inform us as to what species the unidentified Rat & Mice sent belong as we were unable to identify them from Jordan's Vertebrates.
We have been unable to get you any good nests of the Red Mouse, as they are difficult to remove in a perfect condition, the outer covering of leaves usually falling off on the least provocation; but will keep a good look out for nests and in all probability will be able to get you good specimens before long.
We send you with this a short account of the nests & habits of this Red Mouse in this locality, and will send more notes after more continued observation

We are yours truly
H H & C S Brimley.

We send also the skull of No 81 one of the young Red Mice sent last time, which we mislaid at the time.

Raleigh. N C
Nov 26/1886.

Dr C. Hart Merriam
Washington D C.

Dear Sir

Yours of Nov 24 to hand & enclosed $3.50 cash, for which thanks.
The Cotton Rats are quite common I think in grain or clover fields.
We are out of labels but forgot to mention the fact, when writing; the numbers in parentheses following the date of finding nest of Hesperomys aureolus, are the number of young in nest, I have seldom found two good nest pulls in one day.
Concerning Echetodon humilis we have never found but the two we sent you; they were in a nest in the ground in a small patch of bulrushes that had been burnt off, I suppose I examined thirty or more nests but they were the only mice found.

the locality was some three miles off & the distance has so far prevented us setting traps there, but we will see if we cannot get some more from the same place.

In respect to Hesp aureolus I very frequently find nests evidently new & used with no mice in; I took three mice from a nest, since last writing, which a week before had only one mouse in, which escaped; so suppose they must be considerably diurnal in their habits

Yours truly
H H & C J Brimley.

(per C S B).

Ansd. & 2.10 sent Jan. 8/87

Raleigh N.C.
Jan 4. 1887.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington. DC.

Dear Sir

We send you by mail today the following skins.

1. Whitefooted Mouse (Hesperomys leucopus)
5 Harvest Mice (Sciurodon humilis).
1 Short tailed Shrew (Blarina (sp)).

Please inform us what species the Shrew is?

Three of the Harvest Mice (Nos 120, 121, & 122) were caught in their nests; ~~the~~ two in one & one in the other. The two nests were made entirely of seed cotton (ie cotton with the seed not removed out of the lint). & were placed under goodsized rocks (in turning over which we discovered them), in a cotton field about 30 yds from a small swamp.

yours truly.
~~H H &~~ C L Brimley
Raleigh N.C.

Raleigh N.C.
Jan 12 / 1887.

Dr C. Hart Merriam.

Dear Sir

Yours of Jan 8, received, enclosing $2.10 for which thanks. We will endeavor not to stretch skins too much in future. The reason some of the skulls are injured is that we occasionally have mice brought us by other parties which have usually been killed by a blow on the head. I suppose the ~~large~~ stuffed Harvest Mouse was No 118, which was actually as large as a good many specimens of H leucopus we have taken, measuring as follows. Total length 5 1/4. Length of tail 2 7/16, which is 1/2 inch longer than any other we have taken. We are

Yours truly
~~H H &~~ C S Brimley
per C. S. B.

Ansd. Feb. 2/87 + $3.00 enclosed (value of spms. $2.90).

Raleigh N.C.
Jan 31. 1887.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Dept of Agriculture
Washington DC.

Dear Sir

We send you to-day a box containing the following skins & skulls.

2 Cotton Rats.
1 Carolina Shrew.
2 Harvest Mice
4 White footed Mice.

All the skulls are uninjured & we do not think the skins are overstuffed to any extent.

Please remit at earliest convenience

Yours truly
H H & C S Brimley

Raleigh N.C.
Feb 4/1887.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington DC.
Dear Sir

Yours of Feb 2, with enclosed check ($2.90) for which thanks, duly received; but the sample label was not enclosed. We can send you the total length & length of tail of every specimen we have sent you, as we always ~~secured~~ those data, together with sex, date, name, & our number for every specimen put up, & for bats, also Extent of wing.

I find we have used up all your last lot of labels but three so please send more if convenient.

We will send you 10 (ten) more specimens of Hesperomys leucopus as soon as we get them at 25¢ each; & will take care they are good specimens with uninjured skulls; we presume you only refer to H leucopus and not to H arcolus when you say you need no more Hesperomys.

We are yours truly
H H & C S Brimley.

Ansd. + $4.25 sent Mar. 1, 1887.

Raleigh N.C.
Feb 19. 1887.

Dr C Hart Merriam, Washington DC.

Dear Sir

We send you today by express a box containing the following skins & skulls.

3 Whitefooted Mice
3 Cotton Rats.
2 Meadow Mice
1 Harvest Mouse
4 Shrews.

One of the shrews No 138 is somewhat unlike the others & we would like to know whether it is the young of the same species as the others or a different species. The Harvest Mouse when caught had apparently had ~~the~~ had about half its tail bitten off at some past time, there was also the marks of apparently another bite on its tail; this will explain the dilapidated appearance of its tail. One or two of the skulls were slightly injured when we obtained the mice. We are catching a number of House Mice in our traps in the fields— would you like a few skins?

We have put the total length & length of tail on ~~the~~ labels.

Please remit by money order or postal note as it takes from a week to ten days to get a check collected here.

We are yours truly
H. H. & C. L. Brimley.

Ansd. Mar. 10/87.
+ $2.20 sent in payt.

Raleigh N.C.
March 4/1887.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir

Yours of March 1 to hand with enclosed cash ($4.25) for which thanks.
We will send you, as we get them, half a dozen Musmusculus will also try to get more Shrews
We note your instructions regarding drying skins will follow them carefully.
We send you by this mail a box containing

4 White footed Mice
3 Harvest Mice
1 Meadow Mouse.

One of the Harvest Mice had the skull injured when brought to us, otherwise the skulls sent are uninjured.
Could you kindly tell us the scientific name of the small Shrew sent last

time.

We have caught most of the mice sent lately in traps baited with peanuts; all the Shrews were caught this way.

We are

Yours Truly

H H & C S Brimley.

Ans'd. March 28, 1887.

Raleigh N.C.
March 17. 1887.

Dr C. Hart Merriam
Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir

We send you by express the following skins —. 6 House Mice (caught in fields).
2. White footed Mice
3 Harvest Mice
1 Cotton Rat.
2. Meadow Mice

Thanks for information concerning Shrews —. We will set our traps in suitable places & try to get some more, but they seem harder to catch than mice.

Yours of March 10th to hand, with enclosed cash ($2.20). for which thanks.

We are

Yours truly
H H & C S Brimley

Ansd. Apr. 15, 1887. + $6.00 sent by money order — Lgt. in full.

Raleigh. NC.
Apl 9. 1887.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington DC.
Dear Sir

We send you today 20 skins & skulls as follows.

1 Cotton Rat
6 Harvest Mice
6 Meadow Mice
2 White footed Mice
3 Carolina Shrews.
2 Small Shrews ("cinerea").

This completes the number of White footed Mice ordered.
The skull of No 189 was injured when brought to us, 187 contained young.
Please say if we have correctly identified the Shrews
As the weather gets warmer now, we find it more difficult to catch field mice but expect to get more Red Mice soon.
Please remit ~~at your earliest convenience~~. by p.o. order.

We are
Yours truly
H H & C S Brimley.

Ansd. & $1.50 cent. May 12/87.

Raleigh. N.C.
May 10. 1887.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington. DC

Dear Sir

We find that there is little prospect of our getting any more mammals till the fall & so, we send the few on hand.

They are as follows.

3 Meadow Mice
1 Red Mouse
1 Mole

We are afraid the skulls are rather a bad lot, as all the mice, but the Red Mouse, and the Mole were brought to us — The Red Mouse we took ourselves

Yours truly
H H & C S Brimley

Raleigh. N C
July 20. 1887.

Dr C. Hart Merriam
Washington DC.

Dear Sir

Yours of July 16, enclosing 5-$ for which thanks, duly received. The adult of Echetodon is the mother of the 4 young sent. We have fed up 4 more young Echetodon, still smaller & the mother since writing. The two Red Squirrel Nos 227 + 228 are a pair from the same nest. The others all from different nests.

Very truly yours

H H & C S Brimley

Ansd. Oct. 16/87. v $2.50 in payt. dent.

Raleigh, N.C.
Sep 10/87

Dr. C. Hart Merriam
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

We send you by mail today the following skins & skulls — 2 ad & 3 yg Red mice.
1 " & 4 " Harvest " .

This completes your orders for these species but should you require any more either adult or young

we shall be pleased to supply them during the fall & winter. We shall start a crusade against the shrews shortly.

Yours truly,

H. H. & C. S. Brimley

Please remit by m.o. or postal note.

Raleigh, N.C.
Oct 20/87

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Oct 16, containing postal note for $2.50, received with thanks.

Mice have been coming to hand but slowly at present, we having taken but one ash-colored shrew of those you desire. However, we are expecting frost every day now & as soon as vegetation is killed we shall probably begin to get more.

Yours truly
N. H. & C. S. Brimley

ackd. & $6.00 sent Dec. 15/87.

Raleigh, NC
Dec 10. 1887

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington, DC

Dear Sir

We send you today 19 Shrews, viz: 14 Blarina brevicauda carolinensis & 5 Blarina cinerea.

We would have been able to send more but a good many got eaten up in our traps, one of those sent has the skin torn on the back, we sew up again.

Please remit by money order as soon as convenient.

Very truly
H H & C S Brimley

Ansd. Dec. 21 | 88
+10 more of each ordered.

Raleigh. N.C.
Dec 19/1887.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington. D.C.
Dear Sir.

Yours of Dec 15, enclosing check for $16.00 for which thanks, duly recd.
We will supply you more of the Blarinae at 25¢ each. How many more of each species do you want? We have not been able to get any more of Arvicola pinetorum up to date.

Very truly
H A & C S Brimley.

Amch. 4 3/3. 20 sent by postal note Jan. 28/88.

Raleigh. N C
Jan 20/1888.

Dr C. Hart Merriam
Washington DC.

Dear Sir

We send you today, a box containing

4 Blarina carolinensis.
4 " cinerea
1 Sorex (sp).
1 Roof Rat.

We have not taken any more of the Longtailed Shrews yet & the hard weather has prevented us do any trapping for the last week.

Please remit by money order, as it takes nearly two weeks to get a check collected here.

Very truly
H & C S Brimley.

Ans. June 6/88.

H. H. BRIMLEY. C. S. BRIMLEY.

OFFICE OF:

H. H. & C. S. BRIMLEY,

COLLECTORS AND TAXIDERMISTS,

BIRDS' SKINS AND EGGS, AND MAMMAL SKINS,

Raleigh, N. C., May 28 1888

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington DC
Dear Sir

Yours of April 20 was duly recd but have not had a good opportunity of replying before.

With respect to the Florida trip, I am unfortunately prevented by unforeseen circumstances from undertaking it & shall therefore have to decline your very kind offers in the matter with great feelings of regret.

We send you today for inspection
1 Jumping Mouse
1 Ricefield (?) Mouse .75 .. & skulls of same

If you care to buy them, the Jumping Mouse is priced at .50¢ the other you can put your own price on.

The "Ricefield" is one of four taken in a

Rest built in a clump of bulrushes, entirely surrounded by water & both the old one which escaped as unfortunately, & the young swam & dived with ease & readiness. You can have the other 3 yg Ricefields (if you want them) at your own price

In great haste

Very truly

C S Brimley.

Date

369 Jumping Mouse ♂ Y. J. T. 4. Apl 17. 1888

373 Ricefield Mouse ♀ yg " 5/8 " 2½ May 3 "

Locality Raleigh N.C.

H. H. BRIMLEY. C. S. BRIMLEY.

Ans. & Y. Sent, June 19 '88

OFFICE OF:

H. H. & C. S. BRIMLEY,

COLLECTORS AND TAXIDERMISTS,

BIRDS' SKINS AND EGGS, AND MAMMAL SKINS,

Raleigh, N. C., June 13 1888

Dr. C. H. Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

We mail you today box containing 3 yg. Ricefield mice & 1 Marina cinerea. The freshets lately have destroyed all the nests of Oryzomys & they seem slow in making a fresh start but we hope to find some at home soon. The nests we have seen have been in grass or bullrush tussocks, mostly, but sometimes in low bushes — always surrounded with water, and the inhabitant usually dives out just before you close your hand on the nest. Nest of material in which it is built or dead or half rotten

marsh grasses, sometimes fresh green material, ~~often cut up~~ some of it being often cut up into small pieces. Hope to know more about them soon.

Yours truly
H. H. & C. S. Brimley

To 1 Zapus		.50
" 4 Oryzomys palustris	@.25	1.00
" 1 Blarina Cinerea		.25
		$1.75

H. H. BRIMLEY. C. S. BRIMLEY.

OFFICE OF

H. H. & C. S. BRIMLEY,

COLLECTORS AND TAXIDERMISTS,

BIRDS' SKINS AND EGGS, AND MAMMAL SKINS,

Raleigh. N. C., June 26 1888.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Deer Sir

Yours of June 19 enclosing $2.00 for which thanks duly received, we credit you .25¢.
So far we have only taken 1 naked young one of buzzards though we find a good many new nests, all empty

Very truly
H H & C S Brimley

Raleigh. N.C.
Feb 3/1888.

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington. DC
Dear Sir

Yours of Jan 28, enclosing $3.25 for which thanks, duly recd.
We will send you the other skins ordered as soon as we are able to get them.
We presume the rat sent was "tectorum".

Very truly
H H & C S Brimley

Acknd. & $5.00 sent Oct. 26/88 - Cr. bal. due me $1.80 C.M.M.

Raleigh NC
Oct 22. 1888

Dr C Hart Merriam
Washington DC
Dear Sir

Yours of Oct 20 duly recd. We send you

2 adult	Reithrodontys aureolus @ .25	.50.
1 adult	Oryzomys palustris	.35
1 half grown	do	.25
7	Sigmodon hispidus (1 ad. 6 imm) @ .30	2.10
		$3.20

With regard to the Oryzomys, you ordered 4 adults @ .35 & then 25 more @ .25 so we count the half grown one in the latter lot. With regard to the Sigmodon's we will send adults to make up the other 3 required which we can get sooner or later thus making 4 ad to 6 imm. We started our traps to day & may expect to get shrews pretty soon. The Red Mice we can

probably get right away & we will do our best to get the cancer knits

Please remit as soon as possible

Very truly

C S Brinley

Raleigh, N.C.
Oct. 27 1888

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of Oct 26 enclosing $5.00, received today. Thank you for remittance. We credit you with $1.80 on a/c, & will send more skins shortly.

If you could refer us to any one likely to be buying Southern mammals we should appreciate the favor.

Yours truly
W. H. & C. S. Brimley.

Rec'd. x 2.00 Rent
Dec. 4/88. C.H.M.

Raleigh, N.C.
Nov 10/88

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

We ship you today box of mammals as below. Please remit soon & oblige,

Yours truly,
W. W. & C. S. Brimley

To 1 Cotton rat (adult)	.30
" 8 Red Mice (") @ .25	2.00
" 2 Pine Mice @ 25	.50
" 3 Car. Shrews @ .25	.75
	3.55
By balance due	1.80
	$1.75

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June 19. 1889.

To 2 Ricefield Mice adults @ .35 .70
1 Jumping Mouse .25
Postage .10
$1.05

Recd. payment, thanks,
W W C S Brimley

Thank you also for publications of department recd.,
W W C S B.

Bristol, John W.

1913-1914

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BRISTOL. STODDARD. BEACH AND FISHER.

HENRY STODDARD.
[redacted]
JOHN W. BRISTOL.
SAMUEL H. FISHER.

865 CHAPEL STREET,
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

Rec'd. Sept. 8, 1913. - Cam

Sept. 1, 1913.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam,

Lagunipas, Marin County, Cal.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

The proposed agreement for terminating the trusts under the will of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased, has been executed by all the parties in interest except yourself, and I hold the original so signed. I do not wish to send this original in my hands to California, for fear it may be lost in the mails, and I therefore enclose herewith the following papers:

No. 1, which is a duplicate copy of the agreement. Please execute the same individually and as executor and trustee, as indicated by your initials in pencil. Have these signatures witnessed by two witnesses and acknowledge the same before a notary public, the certificates for such acknowledgment being found on page 9. Of course the notary should fill all the blanks in the certificates of acknowledgment and should affix his notarial seal thereto.

No. 2, which is the form of complaint in the suit to be brought for the purpose of procuring a judgment terminating the trusts pursuant to the agreement of the parties. Please sign your name individually on the line indicated by your initials to the part of the complaint appointing an attorney to

BRISTOL. STODDARD. BEACH AND FISHER.

HENRY STODDARD.
[redacted]
JOHN W. BRISTOL.
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NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

represent you individually, as plaintiff, and admitting the allegations of the complaint. Then sign your name again as surviving executor and trustee at the end of the acceptance of service upon you as defendant in the action, on the line indicated by your initials.

No. 3, which is your answer as defendant to the allegations of the complaint, admitting such allegations and consenting to a judgment to be rendered in accordance with the prayer of the complaint. Please sign your name in full, "Clinton Hart Merriam" in all places. Kindly return these papers to me as soon as possible after they are executed, and there should be no unnecessary delay, for I have got to send the complaint to the other parties to be signed by them also, and I want all the papers here ready to be filed in Court on the first Tuesday of October.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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HENRY STODDARD.
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Sept. 2d, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Lagunipas, Marin County, Cal.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

Since writing you yesterday, sending you papers in the Hoadley matter for execution by you, I think that perhaps I ought to say that I have inserted the name of my partner, Samuel H. Fisher, as attorney for the plaintiffs in the action to be brought to terminate the trusts under the Hoadley will instead of myself, because I thought I had better represent you as executor and trustee and defendant in the suit. If you desire to have me represent you in this matter willyou kindly sign the enclosed paper and return to me?

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

Rec'd. & Lakeside Ranch & returned Sept. 9, 1913. — Sam.

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Sept. 15th, 1913.

Dr. Clintom Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas,
Marin County, California.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I have received your letter enclosing agreement in reference to the Hoadley estate, which appears to be duly executed by you individually and as executor; also the proposed complaint with the admission of facts and acceptance of service signed by you individually and as executor and trustee; also my authority to appear for you as the defendant in the action, duly executed by you.

I also note your suggestions of a change in the agreement. As the parties are so numerous and so many of them live out of town, it seemed to me that I had better draw a modification of the agreement to be executed by everybody so that the payments to Heli Hoadley which have heretofore been made shall be accurately described as being made monthly instead of quarterly. I herewith enclose a copy of such proposed modification. Will you kindly execute the same? I also enclose an amended answer for you to sign as executor and trustee. Kindly return these papers to me as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

Rec'd & papers executed & returned Sept. 25, 1913

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Rec'd. Oct. 29, 1913

Sept. 23rd, 1913.

Est. F. H. Hoadley.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam,

Lagunitas,

Marin County, Cal.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I would very much like to know when you expect to come on here. I shall hope to have the judgment in the Hoadley matter terninating the trusts passed about the 10th of October, and at any time after that date, and after a sale of the securities can be effected and other arrangements made, you can buy the annuities for Miss Bradley and Heli Hoadley and distribute the fund in accordance with the agreement. It will, however, doubtless take time to dispose of the Hugo mortgage. My remembrance is that that mortgage is about $25,000 and bears 4% interest. I presume it is payable on demand, so that payment can be demanded at any time, but you will doubtless have to give the mortgagor a little time to turn round. I doubt whether in the present state of the money market you can find a purchaser for a mortgage bearing such a low rate of interest. It seems to me that some steps should be taken immediately so that you can dispose of the mortgage promptly after the judgment is passed.

I think your presence in the East will be necessary in order to clean up this matter.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Oct. 1st. 1913.

In Re Hoadley Est.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas, Marin County,
California.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I am in receipt of your letter of Sept. 25th, with modification of agreement in the Hoadley matter, executed by you individually and as executor and trustee, and also the amended answer signed by you in both capacities. Much obliged.

Will you kindly let me know when you expect to come East so as to be able to sell out the securities and buy the annuities for Heli and Miss Bradley, and close this matter up? I probably shall be able to get a judgment a week from next Friday, Oct. 10th.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Oct. 7th, 1913.

In re Hoadley Est.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam,

Lagunitas, Marin County,

California.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I am in receipt of your letter of Sept. 29th. As to the sale of securities, nothing is said in the agreement whether the securities should be divided in kind or sold and cash divided. Enough will have to be sold at all events to raise the annuities to be purchased for Miss Bradley and Heli Hoadley. As to the balance to be divided between yourself, Mrs. Townsend and the Wilson children, that can be arranged by an agreement. If all are willing to have such balance of securities divided in kind, it can be done and payment can be made partly in securities and partly in cash.

I think it is highly desirable for you to come on East and attend to this division as soon as possible after the judgment of the Court terminating the trust. The Court will pass upon the question of terminating the trust next Friday, October 10th, and I have no doubt that it will pass a decree terminating the trust. I will, however, wire you as soon as the Court has taken action.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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New Haven Conn. Oct. 10

Received at
Lagunitas Oct. 10 [1913]
(WHERE ANY REPLY SHOULD BE SENT)

Dr. C.H. Merriam,

Lagunitas Cal.

Judgment terminating trust passed by court this morning think you should come on as soon as possible

John Bristol

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Oct. 10th, 1913.

In re Hoadley Est.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam,
Lagunitas,
Marin County, Cal.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

Judge Gager, of the Superior Court, has passed judgment terminating the trust under the Hoadley will in accordance with the agreement of the parties interested. I have telegraphed you to this effect this morning. I think you should come on to attend to winding up the matters of the trust and purchasing annuities, etc.

Yours truly,

B.-C. John W. Bristol

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Rec'd in full Oct. 29, 1913

Oct. 27th, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Est.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

Hugo came in this morning and said he would be ready to pay the mortgage next Saturday morning in this city. He proposes to pay the full amount of $25000 to you in check of the New Haven Savings Bank. He is to get his new loan from the Savings Bank. I presume the Savings Bank will give us a draft on New York. If it does so the draft will not be certified. If it gives us a local check it can be certified, but as the Savings Bank is a very sound institution, if I were you I would take a New York draft drawn by it. ¶ I enclose herewith a quitclaim deed to be executed by you as the sole surviving executor and trustee under the will of Frederick H. Hoadley. Please sign your name on the line indicated by your initials in pencil, in the presence of two witnesses, who should sign their names under the words "Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of". Then you should acknowledge the deed before a notary public in Washington and have the county clerk's certificate of the official character of the notary taking the acknowledgment annexed.

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When executed according to these formalities please return the quitclaim deed to me, with instructions as to the New York draft or certified check on the New Haven Bank.

Hugo wishes us to repay him the necessary rebate of interest. You will, therefore, also calculate the amount of interest to be rebated, at the rate of 4% per annum, from November 1st. to December 19th, and return your check for same, to Hugo's order, to me.

I have been talking with Pickett in reference to Maria Hoadley Bradley's annuity. It seems that it was substantially agreed between him and Miss Bradley, before she executed the agreement that the annuity for her should be purchased from the Connecticut Mutual, and it was on this representation that she signed that agreement. I think, therefore, that we are bound to buy her annuity from the Connecticut Mutual. She was very much opposed to the Metropolitan, and she was also desirous at first of having her annuity in two different companies so as to insure greater safety. Under all the circumstances I think that if we bought the annuity from any other company than the Connecticut Mutual she would have a right to move that the judgment terminating the trust be

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vacated and the agreement as to her rescinded. You understand that Mr. Pickett conducted these negotiations with her and this particular matter was concluded when I was out of town.

yours truly,

B.-C.

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Oct. 28th, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Est.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

The Northumberland,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I am in receipt of your note of Oct. 27th and note what you say about the division of the securities. It will take a little time to purchase these annuities and have the papers executed, and I so wrote Wilson yesterday. I wrote you yesterday in reference to the payment of the Hugo mortgage next Saturday, etc.

Yours truly,

B.-C.

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Oct. 29th, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
The Northumberland,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I have received your despatch this morning. We cannot tell what delays may occur in reference to the new mortgage from the Savings Bank to Hugo. It is quite possible that he will not have the money on Saturday. I have therefore wired you as follows:

> "Do not see how we can fix date of closing for Saturday. Don't wire parties in interest."

which I beg to confirm. I have not yet notified the Connecticut Mutual that their offer would be accepted, as this is the first time I have heard from you to any such effect. From your telegram I judge that you adopt my view that the annuity should be purchased from the Connecticut Mutual.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Ans'd, Nov. 1, 1913 - cm

Oct. 30th, 1913.

In Re Est. F. H. Hoadley.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

The Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of Oct. 29th, with quitclaim deed, which appears to be duly executed by you, and also your check, to the order of Simon J. Hugo, for $133.33, amount of rebate on mortgage.

I have seen the agent of the Connecticut Mutual Life this morning. He tells me that he cannot give me the exact amounts of these annuities at the present time, and he also requires that Miss Bradley and Heli Hoadley should sign certain forms of application. I shall endeavor to send to Miss Bradley this afternoon, if I can ascertain her address, one form of application for her annuity, and I will have Pickett get Heli to sign his application.

There is going to be more or less delay about this matter, which will be unavoidable, and until I am perfectly sure that everything is ready I do not think it is worth while to attempt to set a date for our getting together.

I note what you say about the method of delivering the bonds, etc., which will be all right unless we can make a personal delivery, which I should very much prefer. I think that you should consider the amount of your charge for services in winding up this trust.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Nov. 1st. 1913.

In Re F. H. Hoadley.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

The Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I herewith enclose draft of the New Haven Savings Bank for $25,000, on the National Park Bank of New York, endorsed to your order as trustee. The amount represented by this draft is the amount collected by me on the Hugo mortgage.

Yours truly,

B.-C.

John W. Bristol

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Recd. & Ackd. Nov. 4, 1914
+ check enclosed for $19,007.00 to
Conn. Mutual Life Ins. Co. for
Annuities for Maria H. Bradley & Heli Hoadley.

Nov. 3rd, 1913.

Re Est. F. H. Hoadley.

Dr. C. Hart Merrima,

The Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I have your letter of Nov. 1st. in reference to the estate of F. H. Hoadley. As I have heretofore stated, I should think that a personal delivery of the securities, and the giving to you of a receipt at once, would be the best way for you, and if you choose to adopt this method you can send these securities to The Union & New Haven Trust Company, of this city, and I will arrange with that Company for keeping the securities safely until the time of delivery. If, however, you wish to pursue the other course, and wait until you get back to Washington, and then ship them directly from there, this of course can be done. I did not suppose that in any case you would wish to attend to the transfer of the registered bonds. You would endorse them for transfer to the person to whom they were set in the distribution to be agreed upon.

I am not certain whether the new income tax law affects you or not, for while the annual income of the trust last year exceeded $3000, yet as the amounts of income paid to Maria and Heli were each less than $3000, and the amount of income added to the principal of the trust fund must also have been less, I

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am uncertain whether the trust fund is exempt or not. I do not think we can decide this question definitely until we have some definite ruling of the Department on it, or some regulation that will be decisive of the question. I think the only think we can do is to reserve enough to pay the income tax if it turns out that any is payable in respect to this trust fund.

As to charges, etc., unless the matter takes a good deal more time to wind up than I now expect, I shall charge $800 for my services. There are also some disbursements, which will amount to perhaps $27.50 more, making the total amount of my charge for services and disbursements about $827.50. We shall have to file in the Probate Court a final account and mutual distribution agreed upon, and a copy of the final judgment in the Superior Court. There will also be newspaper advertisement. I think that if I were you I should reserve $50 or $100 for these and other expenses. On account of the income tax I think you should reserve at least 1% on the gross amount of the income since March 1st until the date of delivery of the securities.

I think it would be well for you to prepare a rough draft of your account with the estate beginning with March 19th, 1913, the date of your last account. The items for the amounts to be paid to the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company for the

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annuity of $1800 per annum to Maria Bradley can be left blank, and also the amount of Heli Hoadley's annuity can also be left blank.

My idea about your compensation to be charged for winding up the trust would be from $400 to $500.

Last Saturday I delivered the quitclaim deed, executed by you, of the Hugo mortgage, and received from the Savings Bank a New York draft for $25,000, endorsed to your order as trustee. This I sent you by registered mail on Saturday morning, and I presume you will receive it in due course today.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

B/C

P.S. Since dictating the above I have received a letter from the Dist. Manager of the Conn. Mutual Life Ins. Co. showing the costs of the annuities in question, to wit:

(Age, 69 1/4)	Maria H. Bradley,	$1800,	payable quarterly,	$16,767.00
(" 87 1/2)	Heli Hoadley,	$ 500,	" "	2,240.00

It may possibky save time if you will send me a certified check for the amounts above stated, payable to the order of the Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Co. I am hoping every day to hear from Miss Bradley.

I enclose original letter from the Dist. Manager of the Insurance Company to me. Please return it when you send the check.

J.W.B.

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Rec'd. & Ackd. Nov. 5/1913

Nov. 4th, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Will Case.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam,

The Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I have your letter of November 3rd, acknowledging receipt of the New York draft for $25,000 paid for amount of the Hugo mortgage. I have not yet received the application from Miss Bradley for the annuity. The form of application was sent to her on Thursday of last week. In the meantime, however, as I have suggested, you can get up the account. I sent you yesterday the amount of the cost of annuities, my own charge, and a suggestion as to probate expenses. In addition to these items which are unpaid there will be the $939.50 to be paid to Miss Bradley, the further amount to be paid to Miss Bradley of accrued income, and the further amount to be paid to Heli Hoadley on account of accrued income. We do not yet, however, know the exact date from which the annuities will begin to run, and therefore cannot as yet calculate the amount of accrued income either in respect to Miss Bradley or in respect to Heli Hoadley. In the account, however, you can put in items of amount to bepaid to Miss Bradley and Heli Hoadley, leaving the exact amount blank.

Yours truly,

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Rcvd. Nov. 7, 1913

Nov. 5th, 1913.

In Re Est. F. H. Hoadley.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

The Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I am in receipt of your letter of Nov. 4th, enclosing to me certified check for $19007. payable to the Conn. Mutual Life Ins. Co. for the annuities of Maria H. Bradley and Heli Hoadley, and I note your instructions to deliver them on receipt of proper annuity contracts. The compensation of Mr. Fisher for services is included in my charge of $800. I am not aware that any other lawyer was employed. Of course C.E. Pickett should be inquired of as to whether he has any charge for services in connection with the matter. He began the negotiations, I assume, in the ~~case~~ interest of Mrs. Townsend. He certainly spent some time in getting signatures and fussing about the matter and he may think he ought to have a small fee.

No word as yet from Miss Bradley. I think I shall telegraph her tomorrow if I do not hear before then.

I note what you say about being absent from Washington from Nov.8th to 13th. If I knew any way of hastening matters I would do so, but I don't want to begin at the wrong end of this matter first.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Acknd. Nov. 7, 1913.

Nov. 6th, 1913.

In Re Est. F.H.Hoadley.

Doctor C. Hart Merriam,

The Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I have your letter of Nove. 5th., and in the same mail came one from Miss Bradley, enclosing application for annuity. The only irregularity about it is that she apparently misunderstood me and has signed her name in pencil. I have not been able yet to communicate with the agent of the Company. Very likely I shall have to send it back. It is certainly disgusting.

Thank you for the memorandum of your cash receipts and disbursements from March 19th, 1913. You will have to make a reservation, I am afraid, for any tax, etc.

I note what you say about sending the securities belonging to the estate to the Union & New Haven Trust Company.

Yours truly,

B/C

John W. Bristol

P.S. The Company requires Miss Bradley's signature in ink, and I am returning it to her by special delivery this morning, and think I should get it back by next Monday, anyway. Miss Bradley writes me that she expects to be in Washington for the winter, and her address will be 29 B Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. She leaves Peoria Nov. 12th.

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Rec'd from New York Nov 12, 1913. (Telegram and letter Nov. 10-ack)

Nov. 8, 1913.

In re Hoadley Estate.

C. Hart Merriam, M. D.,

C/o Frank M. Chapman, Esq.,
American Museum of Natural History,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I have your letter of November 7th.

As to the account, I think I can put everything in one account, both the account of the income, and also the payments made by you under the agreement and the mutual distribution which will be agreed upon. As to the distribution, my idea is that this shall be in a separate paper, and this separate paper will contain the list of the securities, and the re-valuations of them, and then we will set to each person the securities assigned to him or her at the new valuations. The account will show the loss between the new valuations and the old. Of course, there is another way of doing it. We could first file an account in the Probate Court showing the property on hand, then the mutual distribution, then a second account showing that the property has been turned over in accordance with agreement, but I do not believe that it is necessary to make two bites of one cherry. We can either ascertain in advance the amount of the probate fees on the account, or we can reserve sufficient to pay such fees. Probably this latter method will be best.

I am informed by Mr. Taintor, the agent in this city, of the Connecticut Mutual, that when the applications for the

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annuities signed by Miss Bradley and Heli Hoadley are delivered to him, they must be accompanied by a certified check for the amount payable, and he will then give me what he calls a binding receipt. ~~and release for the papers~~. The papers, according to my information, will then be forwarded to Hartford, and if the applications are accepted, the contracts will be sent down to the agent and delivered here. If not, the original check will be returned. I wish, therefore, you would modify your instructions heretofore given me not to deliver the certified check for $19,007.00 until I have received the annuity contracts.

Yours truly,

B. -M.O.W.

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Recd for New York Nov. 12, 1913

Nov. 10, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

C/o Frank M. Chapman, Esq.,

American Museum of Natural History,

New York City.

My dear Dr. Merriam:-

I received your telegram this afternoon, and in accordance with it, I have delivered the applications of Miss Bradley and Heli Hoadley, together with your check as executor and trustee for $19,007, to Mr. Taintor, the agent of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. He will send these papers to Hartford tonight and will expect to receive back the annuity contracts next Thursday. If the annuity contracts are delivered to me Thursday, I see no reason why you should not arrange a meeting between the Wilson children, Mrs. Townsend's representative, yourself and myself for any day after Thursday.

Yours truly,

JWB/F.

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Nov. 14th, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apartments,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I have your letter and note that you are setting ten-thirty on Monday morning as the hour, and my office as the place, for the Hoadley people to get together.

I have written Pickett that it would be well to have Mrs. Townsend in New Haven on Monday so that she can sign a mutual distribution to be agreed upon, whether she is present at the conference or not. If she is not present she should give Pickett an authority or power of attorney to represent her and consent to the distribution. You will have to figure out how much cash there will be on hand to distribute among the remaindermen after paying expenses and the payments to be made Miss Bradley and Heli, and we must also make a reservation, I think, for possible income tax.

I am informed by The Union & New Haven Trust Company that two registered letters have come to it for me which I suppose are the securities that you have sent on. I have told them to keep them in their vaults until called for.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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NORTHUMBERLAND APTS WASHINGTON DC

ANNUITY CONTRACTS DELIVERED THIS MORNING THEY BEGIN TO RUN NOVEMBER ELEVENTH NEXT MONDAY MORNING AT TEN IS A CONVENIENT DATE AND HOUR TO MEET PARTIES MY OFFICE

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Nov. 20th, 1913.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Doctor C. Hart Merriam,

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I have handed Scranton & Company, this morning, two certified copies of the will of Dr. Hoadley, two probate certificates of your appointment as trustee and two certificates of your appointment as executor under said will, and I have requested Scranton & Company to file these papers immediately in the proper offices. They tell me that they have been unable to get any bid whatever for the Boston & Maine. Your price was 84 1/2, I believe, and they think that 76 for the Consolidated Rwy. is too high. I have told them to work at it.

I have sent another certified copy of the will and certificates of your appointment as trustee and executor to Mr. Ludington to be filed by him with the transfer agent of the Connecticut Rwy. & Lighting Co., and requested him to do so.

I also received the copy which you sent me of the receipt signed by Miss Bradley for her annuity contract, and also for the $989.50 that you paid her. She will be entitled to a further payment on account of the accrued interest to Nov-

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vember 10th inclusive. I suppose that you will give her a check when you have ascertained precisely the amount.

It will probably be necessary to exhibit to each company whose registered bonds are held by the Hoadley estate a certified copy of the will. Some of these companies will return these copies of the will when they have completed their examination. Others will want to retain them. We cannot tell beforehand how many we shall need.

yours truly,

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Nov. 21st, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C.Hart Merriam,

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor:

I have your letter of November 20th, informing me that you are sending me at the Union & New Haven Trust Company, registered and insured, your bond of the Consolidated Rwy. Co. I have not yet heard whether it has been received. When I get it I will endeavor to have it transferred to bearer and return to you. I think the quickest and perhaps the only way to do is to have some more certified copies of the Hoadley will and certificates of your appointment as executor and trustee made, and I will order the same, although some of these copies will doubtless be returned.

Yours truly,

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Rec'd. Nov. 29, 1913

Nov. 26th, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apartments,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I have your letter of Nov. 25th. I will ask the Probate Court to give me the amount of its bill for probate fees to be paid. I have filed no copies of the will or certificates of your appointment with the City of New York. I enclose herewith a certified copy of the will and two certificates of your appointment, one as executor and the other as trustee under the Hoadley will. It takes time to get these papers, and they have just come to hand. You can send these papers along with your New York City bonds and inform the proper authorities that the others holding registered bonds of the City of New York will doubtless present them for transfer.

I think it very likely that objection will be made if you attempt to transfer your New York City bonds into your own name. Probably we would have to file an exemplified copy of the transcript of the agreement and of the proceedings in the Superior Court and the judgment of the Superior Court showing that you were entitled to such transfer, as well as sworn copy of the mutual distribution. I think it would be unfortunate for us to have all these papers on record. There

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would be a great deal of discussion about them, and if I were you I would either have them transferred to bearer, if that is possible, or I would have them transferred to some third person whom you could trust to hold for you.

I have received from Wilson quite a sharp letter in reference to the Boston & Maine bond. I enclose a copy of his letter to me. I think you had better answer it, as I do not know about the two New York City bonds. I am writing to Wilson this morning, explaining that our brokers have been unable to get any bid whatever for the Boston & Maine bonds, and it is for this reason that no check has been sent to him.

Under separate cover I am sending you $1000 Consolidated Rwy. Co. 4% coupon debenture due July 1st. 1954, No. 4538, which has been transferred to bearer, in accordance with your suggestion, and I am sending you this by registered mail, insured, addressed to the Metropolitan National Bank, Washington, D.C., for you.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

B/C

Copy.

Brooklyn, N.Y. Nov. 25, 1913.

Mr. John W. Bristol,

42 Church Street,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bristol:

I received the power of attorney, which I have no doubt is all that it will be necessary for me to have to dispose of the Consolidated Railway Bond, which I hold. I am surprised that I have not received a check for the sale of the (one) Boston and Maine bond, which I left with Dr. Merriam, to be sold about a week ago. I understood Dr. Merriam would transfer immediately, to my name two New York City bonds, and send them to me. Kindly let me know what has been done, at your earliest convenience, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) R. H. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson
Nov. 26, 1913 - Ans

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Nov. 28th, 1913.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apartments,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

As there seems to be a great deal of difficulty in selling the Boston & Maine bonds, hadn't you better suggest to Wilson and Mrs. Townsend that $1000 each of these bonds be transferred, one to Wilson's name, one to Mrs. Townsend's name and one into your name? I believe that each of the above named persons owns one of these bonds, in accordance with the mutual distribution.

I saw Pickett the other day, and he told me that he did not understand that Heli Hoadleys monthly allowance was paid in advance. I wish you would look up the old accounts and see what thefact is. It seemed to me a curious fact that you and Judge Townsend should have been paying Heli in advance, because his death at any time would necessarily result in an over-payment to him. Let me know about this.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Dec. 2, 1913.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apartments,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I duly received your letter of November 29th and shall expect to hear from you as to any arrangement that you made with Wilson in reference to the transfer of the Boston & Maine bonds, one to him, one to Mrs. Townsend and one to you. The difficulty in having a transfer made by you as trustee to you as an individual would be obviated, I presume, if we were to file an exemplified copy of the proceedings in the suit in the Superior Court terminating the trust and a sworn copy of the mutual distribution which has not been filed yet. To do this, however, in the case of each issue of registered bondswould be quite expensive, and it seems to me that this complication could be avoided by you if you should transfer the registered bonds that you do not wish to sell or cannot sell to some third person to hold for you, for instance, to Mrs. Merriam; or, if you think the companies would be suspicious of transferring the bonds to your wife they might be transferred to somebody else.

I note what you say in reference to the payments to Heli. I am glad, however, that you have sent Pickett a check for the

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(Dr. C. Hart Merriam)

$13.70. This decides the question in favor of Heli, who I suppose needs the money, and the amount involved is small.

Thank you for the 25¢ received for the cost of sending the Consolidated bond No. 4538 to you. I hope to get the Probate Court bill for certified copies of the will and certificates of appointment in a day or two.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Rec'd. Dec. 4, 1913

Dec. 3rd, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Estate.

Doctor C. Hart Merriam,

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor:

I am in receipt of your favor of December 1st. and will fix up the accounts for you. Will you kindly let me know whether any of the income of the trust was collected by you on or after November 1st. 1913? I would also like you to give me the total amount of income collected from March 1st. 1913 to date. I am asking these questions in reference to the income tax. In accordance with the Treasury regulations, Part 2, page 9, the withholding agent is not required to deduct anything prior to November 1st. 1913, and whenever the total amount of income paid to any person by a withholding agent after October 31st. 1913 shall be in excess of $3000 (that is, $2500 for 1913) then and in that event the withholding agent is liable for and shall deduct and withhold the tax on such amount unless such person shall file a claim for an exemption as allowed in paragraph D of the act. I do not know whether in the Hoadley estate more than $2500 of income was collected from March 1st. to November 10th or not; but if more than that amount was collected, Miss Bradley was entitled

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to one-half, Heli's $500 to be taken out of the other one-half, and the rest of the income has been divided between Mrs. Townsend, yourself and the three Wilson children, so that necessarily the amount of income payable to each person was less than $2500. This being so, although you as trustee are a withholding agent, nothing is to be withheld by you, and you are right in not making any reservation for the payment of any tax in your account. But the act is so blind, and its construction so uncertain, and the Department changes its regulations so often, that I want you to carefully consider whether it is not best to make some reservation for a possible income tax, in case it should be determined that any tax is payable in respect to the income of the Hoadley estate.

Yours truly,

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Dec. 4th, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Est.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Enclosed herewith find probate bill for $28. for copies and certificates in re Hoadley Estate. Perhaps you had better send a check direct for the amount of this bill. I must get the account in final form before I can have the Court estimate what will be the probate fees thereon.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Dec. 5th, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apartments,
Washington, D.C.

In Re Hoadley Estate.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 4th, and note that you do not think we had better reserve anything on account of the income tax. I hope to be able to send you a rough draft of your account today or tomorrow, I have been so interrupted that I have not had time to do it.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Rcd Dec. 9, 1913

Dec. 6th, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Re Hoadley Estate.

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I enclose herewith your account, as revised. The amount of my firm's disbursements for you which still remains unpaid is $ 38.71. The estimated amount of the final probate fees made by the clerk is $22.15, and this amount, with the $32.10 which you have already paid, making in all $54.25, is the amount of probate fees paid and to be paid, and which you can insert in your account.

The probate court will require an affidavit that Mrs. Ludington, Mrs. Robertson and Royal H. Wilson are the children of the testator's sister Cornelia by her first husband. I rather think I will ask Mrs. Ludington to execute this affidavit, and I presume, if executed in New York, the additional expense will be 25¢ for notary'sfees and $2 for county clerk's certificate of the official character of the notary, making in all $2.25. If you desire you can make an additional item of this, after the probate fees, "By cash paid or to be paid for other expenses, $2.25", or, if you prefer, you can add this $2.25 to my disbursements.

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(Dr. C. Hart Merriam)

In your account as revised by me you will see that I have changed Schedule E in respect to the item "By cash from sale of the note and mortgage (Hugo mortgage) $25,000". As the Hugo mortgage was not sold, but paid, I have changed the item as as to read, "By cash for principal of note and mortgage"&c. I have also made certain other changes in the final account which are more in accordance with our practice than as stated by you. In Schedule F I have made certain changes which will be apparent to you.

I also enclose the old pages that I have taken out from your original account as submitted to me, and also certain additional pages which contain the alterations made by me. You may find these additional pages useful.

Yours truly,

B/C John W. Bristol

Sign and swear with account to Nov. 10. and also final acct.

BRISTOL, STODDARD, BEACH AND FISHER.

HENRY STODDARD.
~~JOHN K. BEACH~~.
JOHN W. BRISTOL.
SAMUEL H. FISHER.

865 CHAPEL STREET,
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

Rec'd. Dec. 9, 1913

Dec. 7, 1913

My dear Dr. Merriam:

Upon reflexion I think you can make the affidavit concerning distribution of Hoadley Estate as required by the Postal Law and will send you draft tomorrow. If your affidavit is acceptable (and I think it will be) it will avoid the necessity of calling Mr. Ludington

Yours truly
John W. Bristol

Ackd. Dec. 9, 1913

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Dec. 8th, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

Enclosed please find affidavit which the Probate Court requires should be executed and filed as to the distributees under the Hoadley will. I think that you can swear as to all the facts in the case, and if you can, it will save trying to get Mrs. Ludington to make an affidavit.

If you know the first name or names of Wilson, the first husband of Mrs. Cornelia H. Kimberly, insert them in the blank before his last name. If you do not know such name or names leave the blank as it is.

Yours truly,

B/C

John W. Moore

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Dec. 9th, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apartments,
Washington, D.C.

Re Estate F. H. Hoadley.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Please find enclosed receipt for $28 for sundry copies, etc. in re estate of Frederick H. Hoadley.

Yours truly,

B/C

John W. Bristol

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Acld. Dec. 15, 1913

Dec. 10th, 1913.

In Re Hoadley Est.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apartments,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

Your letter of December 9th, enclosing two corrected pages of your account of December 9th, and also check to my order for $38.71, balance due me for expenses, received, for which I thank you. I looked up the printed record on appeal in the will case, but I did not find Wilson's "front" name.

I enclose form of receipt for the balances to be divided among the remaindermen.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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P.S. The enclosed will serve as a form. I have drawn it just as broadly as possible, but as I do not see how there can be any other property come into your hands belonging to this estate, it seems to me there can be no objection to its scope.

D.L.D.

Ansd. Dec. 22, 1913 Com

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Dec. 16th, 1913.

Re Est. F.H.Hoadley.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I have your letter of December 15th. I do not see why you should pay the $125 out of your own pocket. I quite agree with you that this $125 having been paid to Pickett on account of services for the trust estate, it should be paid out of the estate and not by you personally.

I do not understand what Robertson means by saying that he is holding the Consolidated Rwy. bond, etc. I certainly have not had possession of his Consolidated Rwy. bond, and have not been asked to have the same transferred on the books of the company.

I am sending you a certified copy of the Hoadley will and also ~~of~~ certificates of your appointment as executor and trustee. These were returned by Scranton & Company to me.

Yours truly,

B/C

J Ohlmstead

Rec'd. Dec. 22, 1913. - Dun

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Dec. 18th, 1913.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I have a letter from Mr. Robertson, saying that he did not understand that it was necessary to have the bond transferred except in case of sale. He has now, however, forwarded it to the proper office for transfer.

How are you getting on with Pickett and Wilson? If they or either of them make any objections to the allowance of the account, perhaps the best thing to do would be to file it, and have a hearing on it. I do not think that Pickett will stand very well in Court objecting to the allowance of his claim, when he has received the money and kept it. He certainly did not render any services to you personally.

If you still have trouble about getting a transfer of any registered bond to yourself, I think I can help you when we have filed the account and mutual distribution in the Probate Court. We can then have a certified copy made of the mutual distribution and when that is sent to a transfer office they will, I suppose, recognize its validity.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

B/C

Send me a copy of any bill or receipt for Pickett

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Acknowledgment returned with sig. Dec. 26, 1913. Conn

Dec. 23, 1913.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam,
Northumberland Apartments,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:-

I am in receipt this afternoon of your letter dated December 22nd, enclosing your administration account as executor and trustee under the will of Frederick H. Hoadley; affidavit ascertaining distributees; receipted probate bills, as mentioned; receipt of Maria H. Bradley, dated November 19th; and check to my order for $25.15 to cover probate advertisements and balance of probate fees unpaid. I think that a certificate of the official character of J. Webster Manning, the notary public, before whom the account was sworn to, should be annexed to the account, and for this purpose I am returning to you the account. I do not think that you need to have annexed but one of these certificates. Perhaps it had better be annexed to the first verification where his name appears on the second page of the enclosed account. I am sorry to have any further delay, but I want to have the account confrom exactly to the statutory formalities. Upon the return of the account with this certificate annexed, I will file it and have a day fixed for a hearing.

Yours truly,

JWB/F.

John W. Bristol

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Dec. 27, 1913.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:-

I duly received your letter enclosing your account as executor and trustee under the will of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased, with the clerk's certificate of the official character of the notary taking the verification. This morning, I filed in the Probate Court the account, the mutual distribution, and your affidavit as to the distributees. The Court has set the hearing on the account for January 5th, 1914, at 10 o'clock. I enclose a copy of the order of notice. The Court added 80¢ on account of the clerk's certificates t o the Probate bill, so that the balance due on the Probate bill is $22.95. I will pay this additional 80¢ myself, because I ought to have remembered that there would be one or more clerk's certificates to be affixed. It was my oversight.

It will not be necessary for you to come to New Haven. for the hearing unless later I should request you to come. I do not apprehend that Pickett will make any trouble, but if he should be inclined to , I think I can arrange for an adjournment of the hearing.

Pickett, I think, is a little confused in reference to his reason for not signing the final receipt, or not

allowing Mrs. Townsend to sign it. We already hold her receipt for the securities distributed to her, and I suppose that the legal relation was that you had the registered bond of the Boston & Maine in your possession for transfer under a contract with her that you would personally, and not as trustee, do it; but still I do not think it makes a great deal of difference whether you get the final receipt from Mrs. Townsend at this time or not. The important point is that she had what is coming to her from you as trustee.

Yours truly,

JWB/F

John W Michel

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Dec. 30th, 1913.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I enclose receipted probate bill for $22.95, which I have paid. I have sent you two copies of order of notice. One is the order as passed, and the other is the order as published in the newspaper. I have also sent a copy of the order as published in the newspaper to Miss Maria H. Bradley and Heli Hoadley. I have heard nothing from Pick - ett. I have made no attempt to see him, and I do not suppose that I shall see him until the hearing, and perhaps not then.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

B/C

Rcvd. Jan. 2, 1914

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TELEGRAM

THEO. N. VAIL, PRESIDENT

Hotel Manhattan

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DATED New Haven Conn 5

TO Dr C Hartmeriam

Manhattan Hotel My court will accept your account when an amended affidavit as to children of Cornellia filed necessary to get full name of Wilson Will telegraph Ludington today

John W Bristol.

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Dec. 31, 1913.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam, Re Hoadley Will.

Northumberland Apartments,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Pickett has sent me final receipt signed by Mrs. Townsend. She ought to have added the word "Executrix", but has omitted to do so. I did not think it worth while, at the present time, to send it back to her to have it corrected.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

B/C

Rec'd. Jan 2, 1914

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Jan. 5th, 1914.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

Hotel Manhattan,

New York City.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I telegraphed you at the Manhattan Hotel this morning, informing you that Judge Gilson of our Probate Court stated that he would accept the account, etc. but wanted a change in the affidavit in two particulars: 1st, he wanted the affidavit to show that all of the children of Mrs. Kimberly were living at the date of the death of Frederick H. Hoadley, and also are now living; and 2d, he wanted the full name of Wilson, the father. I telegraphed to Mr. Ludington for the father's full name and received a telegraphic response from him this afternoon, reading as follows: "Name Mrs. Ludington's father was William Henry Wilson, of New York".

Will you kindly sign and swear to the enclosed affidavit, and get a county clerk's certificate of the official character of the notary taking the verification?

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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DR C HART MERRIAM

1919 SIXTEENTH ST WASHINGTON DC

SENT YOU TELEGRAM LAST MONDAY MORNING CONCERNING ACTION OF PROBATE COURT TO MANHATTAN HOTEL AND FOLLOWED THIS WITH LETTER TO SAME ADDRESS

ACCOUNT WILL BE ACCEPTED WHEN AMENDED AFFIDAVIT OF HEIRSHIP IS FILED AM WRITING

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Rec'd & Ackd. & affidavit executed & returned Jan. 10, 1914. - Cam

Jan. 9th, 1914.

Re Hoadley Will.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth St.,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I received your letter of January 8th, and telegraphed you as follows:

> "Sent you telegram last Monday concerning action of Probate Court to Manhattan Hotel, and followed this with letter to same address. Account will be accepted when amended affidavit of heirship is filed. Am writing."

I thought my telegram of last Monday would catch you in New York, and therefore I did not write you in Washington. I enclose herewith amended affidavit, which I wish you would sign and swear to before a notary public, and have a clerk's certificate of the official character of the notary affixed.

I am sorry that you were kept in suspense about this matter.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Jan. 12th, 1914.

In Re Hoadley Will.

Dr. Clinton Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 10th, enclosing amended affidavit as to the Wilson children. I will have this affidavit filed in the Probate Court today, and I believe it will be satisfactory to Judge Gilson.

I suppose that the Boston & Maine officials want an exemplified copy of the mutual distribution, and I will order the same made and send it to you as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Jan. 17th, 1914.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth St.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

I expected to have for you a certified copy of the distribution of the Hoadley estate ready to send to you this morning, but I am informed by the Clerk of the Probate Court that it will not be ready until Monday. The Probate Judge wants the full certified copy of the pleadings, agreements and judgment of the Superior Court terminating the trust filed in the Probate Court, so this will be another increased expense. I do not think he ought to have required it, but he seems to want it.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Jan. 20, 1914.

Re Hoadley Will.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I enclose herewith certified copy of the distribution of the estate of Frederick H. Hoadley, deceased. I trust that the Railroad will not insist upon having a certified copy of the judgment of the Superior Court terminating the trust. I would not suggest this to them. It seems to me that the distribution ought to be sufficient.

Rec'd & Ack'd Jan. 21, 1914
B/C

Yours truly,

John W Bristol

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Jan. 23rd, 1914.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth St.,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr. Merriam:

I have your letter of Jan. 21st. The probate Court informs me that the date of the acceptance of your final account was January 12th, 1914.

I will let you know the additional probate fees and costs of the copy of the distribution as soon as may be.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Jan. 24th, 1914.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I enclose bill from Probate Court in the Hoadley estate, showing balance due of $26.35. Please send bill, with check, to me and I will pay the bill.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

Bill & check sent Jan. 26, 1914 - cmm

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Jan. 27th 1914.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth St.,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 26th, enclosing check to my order for $27.65, to cover balance of probate bill, dated January 23rd 1914, and also 80¢ and 50¢ that I have expended and for which I have not been reimbursed heretofore. In reference to the probate bill of January 23rd, 1914 as compared with the probate bill of December 26th, 1913, the former is evidently a corrected bill and includes the same and other items as that of December 26th. I enclose a little tabulation showing the items in each bill.

I will ask them at the probate court the reason of the increase of the items, which are the same in both bills. I presume they will say that they made some errors.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

B/C

P.S. The clerk of the Probate Court informs me that the difference on the account is an addition of $1.50 for a continuance, and that on the judgment ascertaining the distributees, charged at $3.30, there is deducted $.40 for an extra page which did not exist, making $2.90; and added to the balance $1.35 for a continuance. I think this is the best we can do, and ~~if you~~ will you authorize me to pay the $26.35, I think it is what we must finally pay.

John W. Bristol

	Probate Bill Jan. 23rd, 1914.	Probate Bill Dec. 26th, 1913.
Superior Court decree,	1.	1.40
Final account, including 13 extra pages,	13.40	11.90
Mutual distribution or agreement of division,	6.35	6.35
Ascertaining distributees,	4.25	3.30
	25.00	22.95
Record Superior Court,	19.20	
Copy of distribution,	5.10	
	$49.30	

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Jan. 29th, 1914.

Estate F. H. Hoadley.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth St.,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I have your letter of January 28th, and in accordance with your instructions I am sending check for $26.35 to the Probate Court today. I believe that this is proper. It is very difficult to understand our probate fees.

I now enclose the following receipts, acknowledging the receipt of certain cash and securities; and dated Nov. 17, 1913.

Mary L. Townsend, individually and as executrix,
Royal H. Wilson,
Mildred C. Ludington,
Emily C. Robertson.

Also receipt dated November 19th, 1913, of Maria H. Bradley.

" " December 4th " Heli Hoadley.

" " " 29th, 1913 " Mary L. Townsend, individually and as executrix for $369.50, etc.

" " " December 22 26th, 1913 of C. Hart Merriam for $369.50, etc.

" " " 23rd " of Mildred C. Ludington, for $123.17, etc.

" " " in pencil, 23rd day of December 1913, for $123.18, etc. from Emily C. Robertson,

" " " December 24th, 1913, of Royal H. Wilson, for $123.17, etc.

" receipted probate bill dated Dec. 13, 1913, for $4.10,

" " " " " " 3, 1913, for $28.

" " " " " " 26, " " $22.95

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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Enclosures.

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Feb. 6th, 1914.

Re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,
1919 Sixteenth St.,
Washington. D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

Please find enclosed receipted probate bill for $26.35, in the Hoadley estate.

Yours truly,

John W. Bristol

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(Enclosure)

Rec'd. Feb. 9. 1914.

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Feb. 10th, 1914.

In re Hoadley Estate.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth St.,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Merriam:

I thank you for your letter of Feb. 9th, with its kind appreciation of the way in which I have dealt with the Hoadley matters.

Although our business relations appear now to be at an end, I trust that whenever you come to New Haven you will look me up.

Yours sincerely,

B/C John W. Bristol

British Museum

1899

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BRITISH MUSEUM (NATURAL HISTORY),

CROMWELL ROAD,

LONDON: S.W.

Mar. 16th, 1899.

Dear Sir,

By this mail & in accordance with Mr. Oldfield Thomas's wishes, we are returning to you the skins of three squirrels. Mr. Thomas says that not one of them is S. nigrescens & that at present he knows nothing about the type of S. leporinus.

I regret to inform you that Mr. Thomas has not been at work since the beginning of January

owing to failing health - nor do we expect him back for some time yet. I believe the 3 squirrels before mentioned were sent to Mr. Thomas together with a letter written by Mr. E. W. Nelson.

We continue to receive separate copies of papers on Mammals, from Dr. Merriam Mr. Miller, & many other gentlemen & if you can, without much trouble, inform these gentlemen that Mr. T. has had to cease work for a time, they will understand why he has not sent papers in return.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
Stanley G. King

The Secretary
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington. D.C.

British Museum (Natural History) 1884-1898

C. Hart Merriam
Papers
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British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road, London, S.W.

5th November, 1884.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to inform you that they have received the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them; and I have to return you their best thanks for the same.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. Flower
Director.

Dr. Hart Merriam.

9 Swallows from

New York.

British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road, London, S.W.
October 27th, 1885.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to inform you that they have received the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them; and I have to return you their best thanks for the same.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. Flower
Director.

Dr. C. Hart-Merriam.

A Jerboa (*Cricetodipus parvus*)
from California.

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British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road, London, S.W.
26th January, 1886.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to inform you that they have received the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them; and I have to return you their best thanks for the same.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
W. H. Flower
Director.

C. Hart Merriam, Esq.

Two Rosefinches from North America.

GEOLOGICAL & NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY.
Alfred R. C. Selwyn LL.D., F.R.S. Director.
MUSEUM, OFFICES AND LIBRARY, SUSSEX ST. OTTAWA.

March 18 1887

To Dr. C. H. Merriam
Locust Grove, Lewis Co. N.Y.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Fourteen pamphlets on Various Subjects of Nat. History

and am instructed to convey to you the thanks of the Director for this very acceptable present to the Library of the Survey.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. Thorburn LL.D

Librarian.

British Museum (Natural History),
Cromwell Road, London, S.W.
November 12th, 1888.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to inform you that they have received the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them; and I have to return to you their best thanks for the same.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

W. H. Flower
Director.

The Secretary,
Biological Society of Washington.

Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington.

Volume II.

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British Museum (Natural History)

Cromwell Road, London, S.W.

October 12th, 1895.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to convey to you the expression of their best thanks for the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Flower

Director.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

Twenty-five Shrews (Sorex), from
N. America.

1057.

British Museum (Natural History)

Cromwell Road, London, S.W.

December 18th, 1895.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to convey to you the expression of their best thanks for the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Flower

Director.

Dr C. Hart Merriam.

Twenty-six Shrews of the genus *Blarina*,
from the United States and Mexico.

208.

British Museum (Natural History)

Cromwell Road, London, S.W.

March 7th, 1896.

Sir

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to convey to you the expression of their best thanks for the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Flower

Director.

Dr C. Hart Merriam,
United States Department of
Agriculture, Washington.

Seven skins and skulls of Shrews, from
N. America.

891.

British Museum (Natural History)

Cromwell Road, London, S.W.

16th August, 1897.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to convey to you the expression of their best thanks for the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Flower

Director.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

Seven small Mammals, including a specimen of a new hare (*Romerolagus nelsoni*), from Mexico.

1011.

British Museum (Natural History)

Cromwell Road, London, S.W.

23rd August, 1897.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to convey to you the expression of their best thanks for the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Flower

Director.

Dr. C. Hart Merriam.

Seventy-five Chipmunks (Tamias),
from Western North America, illustrating
Dr. C. Hart Merriam's work on the group.

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14th July, 1898.

Sir,

I am directed by the Trustees of the British Museum to convey to you the expression of their best thanks for the Present mentioned on the other side, which you have been pleased to make to them.

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Dr C. Hart Merriam.
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington.

Twenty-four Rodents, collected in the United States.

Also twenty-two small Mammals, from Central America, typical of species described by Dr Merriam.

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