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McGRAW HALL, ITHACA, N. Y.

December 17, 1931.

Mr. H. Mousley,

4073 Tupper St.,

Montreal, Canada.

My dear Mr. Mousley:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the copy of "Invertebrate Zoology" by Casey A. Wood. It is certainly a most welcome addition to my library and will be most useful. You did a fine job.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Allen,

Professor of Ornithology.

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April 4, 1931.

May 4/31
ans typed per Miss Bates
London

Dr. Casey Wood,
Eden Hotel,
via Ludovisi,
Rome, ITALY.

My dear Dr. Wood:-

I have just returned from a lecture trip to Montreal where I had the privilege of looking over the Ornithological Library which you have established at McGill University and I cannot help writing to you to congratulate you upon the fine collection which you have assembled. Mr. [Mousley] Moseley told me something of the index which you are planning so that ~~the~~ workers elsewhere will know of the rarities that are available in your Library and I am sure this will be most valuable to all of us.

I could not help thinking while there, however, and since my return, of what an unusual opportunity McGill University ~~would~~ now has for establishing an Ornithological center in Canada such as we have here at Cornell in the U. S. - a place where undergraduates can receive instruction in Ornithology and where graduate students can get started on a career of investigation. It seems to me a wonderful opportunity for McGill University and for Canada, with the start that you have given them.

Before I left Montreal I learned that the Department of Agriculture was actually considering a move to establish a Department of Ornithology in the Agriculture School and I trust that this will bare fruit. In this connection I should like very much to call your attention to one whom I should think would be an admirable candidate for such a position should it develop. The person I have in mind is Dr. Harrison Lewis who is at present Chief Federal Migratory Bird Officer of Ontario and Quebec, but who, in this executive position has little opportunity to express the academic training which he has received and in which he proved himself so superior. Lewis received his A. B. at Arcadia, his M. A. at Toronto and his Ph. D. here at Cornell and in justice to him I think I should state that he proved himself the best graduate student I ever had. His work on the Double-crested Cormorant, I think, will remain a model of its kind for some time to come.

Lewis is a patriotic Canadian with a high sense of duty and responsibility, a high standard of scholarship, and a zeal for research. He should make an ideal teacher and investigator, and I am sure will be an inspiration to college students.

I hope I am not seeming forward in writing thus to you ~~and~~ since you may have plans of your own for the development of Ornithology at McGill, but Mr. Lewis has such a fine outstanding character that I cannot help calling him to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Allen,
Professor of Ornithology.

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Ridgway Collection

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Jan. 18, 1916

Mr. Robert Ridgway
1324 Grand St. N.W.
Washing. D.C.

My dear Mr. Ridgway:

May I thank you for your letter of the 8th and for having the copy of Bulletin 53 Vol VI sent to me for Mr. Jacot. It has now arrived and I have turned it over to him with your kindness.

Hoping that you have entirely recovered from your attack of Grippe and may be enjoying the best of health, believe me

Most sincerely yours,

W. Leon Dawson

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ITHACA, N. Y.

July 17, 1917

Dr. Casey Wood,
7 West Madison Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Upon returining from my vacation, I find your letter of June 27 awaiting me and with it your beautiful monograph, The FUNDUS OCULI OF BIRDS.

Permit me to express my thanks and appreciation of your thoughtfulness and generosity in sending me this unusual volume, and be assured that I shall read it with the greatest interest. It certainly represents an enormous amount of careful research and it will always be a valuable reference upon my shelves.

My own research has, as yet, born but little fruit, but I am sending you one or two reprints that may be of a little interest to you if you have not seen them.

Very sincerely yours,

Arthur A. Allen