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Locust Grove, N. Y.

Aug. 24. '97.

Mr. R. Ridgway:

Thanks to your kindly suggestion, I have a promise of a migration list from Mr. Palmer, which will be a great addition, I am greatly indebted to you for helping me to it.

In some way I have never had a copy of your Hummingbirds. If you still have copies to spare, I should be grateful if you would loan one or send me.

With cordial regards to Mrs. Ridgway who, I trust, has labored successfully with the Washington milliners!

Sincerely,

Florence A. Merriam

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Locust Grove, N.Y.

June 28, '98.

My dear Mr. Ridgway:

I want to send you a copy of the circular of my book and thank you for the kindly words from you, part of which I took the liberty to quote here.

The book has done well, compared with my fears, about 1400 having sold in the first six weeks. Sincerely yours,

Florence A. Merriam

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1834 Kalorama Avenue

Dec. 10 1901

My dear Mr. Ridgway;

Mrs Mr. Bailey brought home the bound copy of Trujillidæ I had for some time been using the unbound copy and so knew full well the debt of gratitude which

all workers owe you
for your magnificent under-
taking and accomplishment
but the bound copy with
your autograph brought
the personal gratitude, by
adding one more kindness
to those for which I can
never adequately thank you.

I hope to be able to get
out to see Mrs. Ridgway

with mark. We have rejoiced
with you in her improvement.

Sincerely yours,

Homer W. Bailey

fullness what you have done with your life! Perhaps if you think what your work means to an individual student and then try to multiply that by those who get your books, it will bring you a little of the satisfaction that belongs to you.

And in doing so do not forget those who lived by Ridgway's Manual. The back of mine is dropping to pieces, and every fragment of lost feather speaks eloquently of the years of pure delight and satisfaction the companionship of the book brought me. How could I or many others along without it—?

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Devils Lake, N. D. R.R. #2.

Care H. T. Hayden.

July 7, 1916.

My dear Mr. Ridgway,

Your good letter and another volume added to the green row on top of my desk make me ever more your debtor. A wave of gratitude must spread over the ornithological world at each completed number of the series.

It is indeed good news that another one is well on its way, and that the end is so nearly in sight.

Would that you could realize in all its

Must a Bird Haven you have! I have been greatly interested in your early arrivals. You know our Washington season was late this year.

But I am very sorry to hear that the Sparrow Hawk is behaving so badly. Most people seem to always stand up for him as one of the good hawks. Perhaps he is merely a upstate individual! I does hope so.

Sympathize with Mrs. Ridgway's distress over the avian tragedies. It is really surprising that the numbers keep up when so many come to grief. But perhaps if the birds all matured, we would get crowded off the globe!

When it comes to the survival of the fittest I want to tell you that the Cross vine you gave us is actually sending to the wall that monster, the Honeysuckle! We have had a long hard fight to keep the Honeysuckle from strangling all its neighbors - anything in reach - but now the Cross vine is coming to the rescue.

Mr. Bailey is in the field - on the way to Oregon now - and I am trying to learn a little more about the birds of North Dakota.

With kindest remembrances to you Mrs Ridgway and yourself. Sincerely yours. Florence Merriam Bailey.