Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Cambridge, Massachusetts,
Feb. 28, 1891.

R. Bowdler Sharpe Esq.

My dear Sir:-

Knowing your wide acquaintance among ornithologists, I take the liberty of writing to ask if you can tell me something about Mr. Henry Reeks, whose name I do not find in print of late years, as formerly. Is he living, and if so what is his address? In 1869 he published in the Zoölogist an account of his observations on the birds of Newfoundland. Do you know what he did with the collections he made there, and where they are now? Have they probably been kept together, or are they scattered by this time? I have been of late much interested in the ornithology of Newfoundland, and am anxious to find out whether specimens still exist to support some of his records.

Hoping that you may be able to enlighten me, and trusting that I am not trespassing too much on your valuable time,

Sincerely yours

C. F. Batchelder.

Ridgway Collection

Cambridge, Dec. 29, 1897.

My dear Mr. Ridgway:—

I regret the delay—due to a misunderstanding at the museum, complicated by Christmas holidays—which there has been in sending you the specimens of *Platypsaris* that you wanted to see.

I enclose a receipt for them, with request that you will return it, signed, to "Curator Boston Society of Nat. Hist., Berkeley St., Boston."

With the best of New Year's wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Batchelder—

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Cambridge, Feb. 28, 1920.

Dr. Casey Wood,
Stanford University, Cal.

Dear Sir:--

I have received from Mr. Campbell Bosson your letter to him, inquiring about publications of the Nuttall Ornithological Club.

From 1876 to 1883 the Club published its quarterly "Bulletin," which thereafter became the "Auk." The Club now has no complete sets of the Bulletin for sale, that are made up wholly of the original issues. Occasionally one comes on the market; they are worth about $ 40.00. Some year ago, to enable it to make up complete sets, the Club reprinted the first number of Vol. I and the first number of Vol. II. To ensure their entire reliability for purposes of citation, these "reprints" were reproduced in exact facsimile by photographic processes. The total pagination of these two numbers is a little over fifty pages. The Club sells sets of the Bulletin made up of these two "reprints" and of the original issues of the other numbers at the price of $ 20.00. There are, I believe, three or four sets remaining unsold.

In 1886 the Club began a series of quarto Memoirs, of which four have been published and a fifth is in press. The four are:--

I. Bird Migration, by William Brewster. Pages, 22. Bound in paper.
II. The Ipswich Sparrow and its Summer Home, by Jonathan Dwight. Pages, 56. Bound in paper.
III. The Birds of Essex County, Massachusetts, by C. W. Townsend. Pages, 352; plate and map.
IV. The Birds of the Cambridge Region of Massachusetts, by William Brewster. Pages, 426; 4 plates and 3 maps.

Prices are: No. I, $1.00; No. II, $1.50; Nos. III and IV, $ 2.50 each. But, on account of its scarcity, No. I is not for sale at all, except in a complete set and with a satisfactory guarantee that it will be given substantial binding and

permanent preservation. The original issue of this Memoir was small, it is probable that not very many copies are now in existence, and the Club is especially desirous to guard the remaining one s from destruction.

May I ask whether the Emma Shearer Wood Library is confined to works that treat exclusively of ornithology, or whether it includes such as deal with ornithology and with other branches of ornithology as well? In the latter case you may be interested in the Proceedings of the New England Zoological Club, of which I enclose a brief circular.

Yours, very truly,

Charles F. Batchelder,

Treas. Nuttall Ornithological Club.