Ridgway Collection

My dear Dr. Ridgway;

This is from a line from Mrs. Brewster, — for whom I have to write as she cannot use her eyes, — to say that she is sending to you the "Early Western Travels" which she hopes you will find interesting in themselves as well as valuable as memoirs of Mr. Brewster.

It was my fault that

In former letter was undated:
but kept it a few days, I
think, not being sure of
your address.

Yours very truly
Elizabeth R. Simmons

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge
December 8

Ridgway Collection

(Dictated.)

My dear Mr. Ridgway:

Yours was one of the few letters I had hoped to answer personally; but the condition of my eyes prevents my doing so.

From the very beginning Will has always spoken of you in terms of especially warm affection: there was something in your nature that seemed to be in special sympathy with his own; although as you say you have not seen often of late years, the

Name of "Robert Ridgway" was often on his lips, and always with some expression which showed me how much he cared for you.

As I have just written to Mr. Nelson, the key-note of most of the many letters is not of "Brewster the Ornithologist", or Brewster the Scientist," but Brewster the man.

Such a unusual expression of his character is a most beautiful tribute; and one that appeals to me more than anything else could.

I am so sorry that you are not well.

Will you please thank Mrs. Ridgway for her expressions of sympathy; and with kindest regards for you both,

Believe me

Yours most cordially,

Caroline F. Brewster.

145 Brattle Street

Cambridge

August 10

Ridgway Collection

(Dictated.)

My dear Mr. Ridgway:

Among the many ornithologists with whom Mr. Stead is friendly relations, he always spoke of you with especial affection - I often heard him say "Oh! I envy one loves Robert Ridgway!" and I know it was also an expression of his personal feeling -

It was with you that he spent on his first collecting trip after he were married; and I remember so well the delights with which he

always spoke of that time with you -

I am trying to send some memento of Will to a few of the men for whom he especially cared; among whom I count you - Will had a small but choice personal library; not scientific, but composed of books for which he cared himself, or which he desired to own; and I am sending you a list of some of these books; and if you think you should care for any among them, it will be a great pleasure to me to know that the books for which Will cared are in the possession of those who cared for him.

I hope you and Mrs. Ridgway are both well -

With kindest regards to you both,

Yours cordially
Caroline F. Brewster.

145 Brattle Street,
Cambridge.
November 24, 1919.