Bowdler Sharpe Collection

PHILLIDA,
GUNNERSBURY. W.

30th Jany: 1899.

Dear Dr. Bowdler Sharpe,

I should be very pleased if you would kindly make this capital work still more interesting to me; by putting an autograph inscription in it.

My knowledge of your kindness urges me to trouble you; and my excuse is, that having been much interested in Ornithology since boyhood, I feel that in some measure I can appreciate the sympathetic hand and genius of its Master.

I trust that the next edition may contain a modification of one sad paragraph in your preface; believe me to be

Very truly Yours,

T. Lloyd Davis.

Possibly the enclosed anecdote of a swallow may interest you.

Anecdote of a Swallow.

In the summer of 1896 a young ~~chimney~~ Swallow fell down the chimney of Mrs. Waltham's house at Grantchester near Cambridge: it was carefully tended by her Daughters & lived in their bedroom, when it was able to fly it used to return to this room, the top sash (of the window) of which was always left open for its convenience. It was so tame that it would come readily to hand & would perch on the finger & take flies of anyone who went on the lawn. It has frequently settled on my hand & on that of my son.

T. Lloyd Davis.

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