Ridgway Collection

Route 1.

Albion, Ills.
October 11th - 1916.

My dear Mrs. Ridgway;

I have thought many times, with pleasure, of my visit to your home, and hope you and Mr. Ridgway have kept well thro the trying heat of the past Summer.

We saw John's little contribution in the July-August number of "Bird-Lore" and appreciate Mr. Ridgway's kindness in regard to the matter. He is a timid lad and I very much doubt if

he would have sent it himself.

He did not get a field-glass last winter as he invested in a small flock of sheep, and I have been at quite an expense on account of ill-health. Have been away for treatment most of the summer, and John has been with a cousin in the northern part of the state. I want to attend to it now however, but do not know how to select one, and this is a small town, so am appealing to Mr. Ridgway (through you) for advise. Can one be bought for eight or ten dollars that would be satisfactory for bird study and where?

John intended to write but is busy in school now. He is a Junior this year.

With kindest regards to Mr. Ridgway and yourself.

Sincerely,

Rosa C. Gooch