Bowdler Sharpe Collection

58, ALBEMARLE ROAD
BECKENHAM,
KENT.

March 10, 1910

Dear Mrs Sharpe,

I do not like to leave your letter without acknowledgment, particularly as it gives me the opportunity of expressing to you how much I felt for you all in your bereavement.

My acquaintance with Dr Sharpe before the beginning of 1909 was very slight, but after that time I soon began to entertain for him feelings of

real affection. I received nothing but kindness from him during the period when we were colleagues. I had repeatedly to depend on his advice and help, and I never found him wanting. On merely personal grounds I had thus every reason to feel how great his loss was.

I need hardly tell you that I appreciated very fully the great services he rendered to the Museum during his long connexion with it. He took a legitimate pride in the results of his efforts to increase the collection and to render it of use to Ornithologists generally by his numerous publications. His memory will remain with ~~that~~ many of us as that of a man who did his work with single mindedness of purpose and with conspicuous success. I feel that we have lost a friend whom we could ill spare.

With kindest regards and sincerest sympathy I remain

Yours sincerely
Sidney F. Harmer

Bowdler Sharpe Collection

This has just come back to me through the dead-letter Office. I am very sorry it failed to reach its destination at the proper time, owing to my mistake about the address.

S. F. Harmer

58, ALBEMARLE ROAD
BECKENHAM,
KENT

March 17, 1910

Bowdler Sharpe Collection

58 Albemarle Road
Beckenham
Kent

~~King's College,~~
~~Cambridge.~~

Dec. 28, 1909

Dear Miss Sharpe,

I thank you for letting me know the time of the service to-morrow. I shall make a point of being there.

I hardly know how to express adequately the sympathy I feel for you and the other members of your family. My acquaintance with your father dates from a long time ago, but I had never really known him until the

beginning of the present year. Since then I have had innumerable kindnesses from him, and I feel with gratitude that he did all he could to help me during the time when we were colleagues at the Museum.

His work there will live after him. I know that it was a satisfaction to him to have succeeded in getting together the finest collection of Birds in existence. This is a work which could never be done again, because some of the species are no longer obtainable. Your father has thus left his mark permanently on the Museum, no less by what he has done for the collections than by his publications on the subject in which he was so well known as a master.

I should like you to know how much I appreciate your father's unique services to the Museum, and that I shall always think of him as a magnanimous friend to whom I have been deeply indebted for sympathy and counsel.

Remain
Yours sincerely
S.F. Harmer

I shall be greatly obliged.

With apologies for trouble

I remain

Yours sincerely

S. F. Harmer

C. DAVIES SHERBORN
DONAVIT.

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ZOOLOGY,
CAMBRIDGE.

June 17, 1907

Dear Sherborn,

Are you able to help me to find the answer to a Bibliographical puzzle which has been sent to me by a man here who is preparing a work on Sir Thomas Browne? At the bottom of p. 54 in "Notes and Letters of the Natural History of Norfolk... from the MSS. of Sir Thomas Browne" - Ed.d by T. Southwell, London 1902 occur the words :—

icon was used by T.H. in the word illustration.

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"somewhat answering the icon
" thereof in Senesinus". The
passage occurs in connexion
with "eeles".

The question is who was
Senesinus, and what is the
work referred to? There
seems to be no other reference
to this author.

It occurs to me as possible
that the reference was really
to Jonstonus, who is
frequently quoted; and that the
writing was not correctly
deciphered. But on the contrary
Southwell, who edited the notes,
was perfectly well aware of the
existence of Jonston's work;
and as he went over the entire
MS at the Brit. Mus. he is
not likely to have made a
mistake in this respect.

I do not want to trouble
you to make an elaborate
search for the author in
question. But if you are
able off hand to give me
the information I want