Introducing Mr Richard G. Paine

Ridgway Collection

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My Dear Sir.

I take the liberty of introducing to you a young friend, Mr Richard G. Paine of this city, who is anxious to profit by your acquaintance to become more familiar scientifically with birds and bird life than he has hitherto had the opportunity. He commenced an interest in the subject through the Audubon army of birds but has discontinued it upon deciding to study architecture which he has been doing for over two years in Washington.
He writes me that his love of birds still increases and I would ask that you have a short conversation with him and, after hearing precisely what his purposes are, give him some suggestions as to the proper way of carrying them out.
Your time is precious I know, but a few kind words to an ambitious young man often ends in a success that redounds to the credit of the giver

I am Yours Very Respectfully
G. E. Manigault M D.
Curator of Museum