Bangor, Oct. 13th, 1896.

Wm. Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 8th to hand. I am very glad that you favor the idea of the United Ornithologists of Maine publishing a state list of birds, showing their distribution by counties. I will be very much pleased to receive on behalf of the society, a copy of your notes on the birds of Oxford County after they are published.

We did intend to publish our list some time in Jan. and may do so yet, if so we will plan to publish a supplement in the course of time when we have gained enough additional information to warrant it, and can add the result of your notes to that in case they are not published in time for our list. As I have a copy of Maynard's list of birds of Oxford county promised me by a friend, I can doubtless get a fairly complete list of the birds from that, how complete I know not as I have not read it.

Of course we will incorporate in the list all records that we can find in Ornitnological literature, and in addition the notes of all

reliable observers who will aid us. Any improbable records received will be critically examined into and rejected if good evidence to support them is not forthcoming.

I thank you very much for your kind offer to determine any specimens for us and will say that I will probably send some birds to you for determination very soon. I have a number of intermediate specimens of Ruffed Grouse which I am unable to refer to either "umbellus" or "togata", and may desire your aid in the matter. I have examined many Grouse in our markets from this Penobscot and Hancock Counties, and find that "togata" is the prevailing race. I have never found typical "umbellus" but have one bird that approaches it somewhat. The distribution of these two races in the state will be one of the most difficult facts to ascertain for our list. Can you not give me a few hints as to what races of these you have received or know to be found in the different counties of the state? I presume that we have only two races here although Mr. Hardy of Brewer has told me that he could match B. u. sabinii from Oregon, with birds from here. However I think he is not a firm advocate of varietal distinctions and perhaps this would explain his assertions.

I hope to be able to attend the coming congress of the A.O.U. at Cambridge and while there I can obtain many valuable hints from the members in regard to the preparation of our list.

Perhaps I will not send the birds to you for determination but instead will wait until I go to attend the above meeting.

Thanking you again for your kind offer of assistance I remain

Yours truly

O. W. Knight

Sec'y & Treas of U.O. of Me.

#384 Hammond St.

Bangor, Maine.

S. Knight. O. N.
Oct. 13th. 1896.

Bangor, Dec. 6th, 1896.

Wm. Brewster Esq.,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 30th ult and the bird skins which you returned to me were received all right. Please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness in naming them for me.

I am now going to further trespass upon your kindness by sending you another bird to determine, or perhaps I had better written to verify my identification of it. I have called the bird Ammodramus maritimus, and am very sure that it is that species, but as I have no skins of this species for comparison I am sending it to you for verification. What is odd about it is that I just received it with a lot of skins from New Vineyard, Me., which were sent to me by a correspondent to be named for him. I understood him to say that the birds were all taken at the above place, and as it is somewhat surprising to find A. maritimus in the state at all and most of all inland, I have written him for full particulars regarding it.

I inclose stamps to ~~any~~ pay for return of the bird, and request

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O. H. Knight. Dec. 6. 96.

that you will kindly let me know your decision regarding it as soon as possible.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain

Yours truly

O. H. Knight

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Mr. William Brewster
No. 145 Brattle St.
Cambridge
Massachusetts

Knight = O. K.
Dec. 13th. 1896

Bangor, Dec. 13th, 1896.

Wm. Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your identification of the bird I sent you as Scott's Seaside Sparrow. I am daily expecting a letter from the party who sent it to me for identification, and as soon as I obtain the particulars from him I will write you. I asked him to send written statements from every person who saw the bird in the flesh in his possession, and in fact to give every possible item of information regarding it.

While he does not actually say in his letter which he sent with the specimens that all the birds ~~sen~~ sent to be identified were taken in New Vineyard, he does say "I send you some skins of my making for identification" and this would indicate that all were taken by him.

Yours truly
O. W. Knight
384 Hammond St.
Bangor, Maine.

Bangor, Dec. 25th, 1896.

Wm. Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have heard from the man who took the specimen of Scott's Seaside Sparrow. It was taken at New Vineyard, Maine on Aug. 17th of the present year and was associated with a flock of Spizella socialis.

The man who took the bird is a member of our state Ornithological society and is perfectly reliable although somewhat illiterate, and prone to errors in spelling. If you should wish to write him in regard to the specimen his address is Walter E. McLain, New Vineyard, Me.

Yours truly

O. W. Knight O. W. Knight

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Bangor, Me.

Knight - O. N.
Dec. 25th. 1896

Bangor, Dec. 30th, 1896.

Knight - O. W.
Dec. 30th, 1896.

Mr. William Brewster,

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 28th to hand. I must confess that it surprised me somewhat to learn your reasons for doubting the authenticity of the record of A. m. peninsulæ at New Vineyard. Your reasons are certainly very good and I now believe like you that the bird was not taken in Maine.

I have written Mr. McLain that I would like to have you see the skin again before publishing the record as you wished to be absolutely sure of its identity. I also requested him to send you a couple of skins which he had recently submitted to me, and gave as a reason that I wished to have you decide on a question of plumage.

It is not improbable that he will send them directly to you and not through my agency. Now that you have written of it I must confess that the skin of A. m. peninsulæ seemed unusually well made for one of his skins, and at the time I thought that he did a better job than usual

in making it. I am sure that I never thought that he would try to pass off a skin from without the state for one taken here. I did not believe the man knew enough to do such a thing, especially as he is only a mere tyro in Ornithology.

I have just heard of a number of rare records for the state in case they prove to be true, but I doubt their authenticity very much. Mr. J. Waldo Nash of Norway, Me. reports taking specimens of the following birds there: Arctic Horned Owl, Carolina Wren, Wood Thrush, Black Gyrfalcon, Harlan's Hawk, and Worm-eating Warbler. He reports taking eggs of the Wren and Thrush and also reports that he has taken nests of the Tree Sparrow and Hudsonian Chickadee there. He says that he has specimens of Red-shafted Flicker and Stormy Petrel from there. I thought that he must be mistaken and wrote him regarding them but he is sure he is right. Perhaps there is something in these records, but I doubt all save the records of the Owl, Gyrfalcon and Hudsonian Chickadee, and shall publish none without positive proof. Perhaps you may be interested in looking up some of them. Please let me know if Mr Fain sends the skins to you and your opinion regarding them

Yours truly
O. W. Knight
384 Hammond St.
Bangor, Me.

Bangor, Jan. 9th, 1897.

Wm. Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir:

Your letter and the skins of the Seaside Sparrows to hand. After making a very close examination of them I have become fully convinced that they were all three made by the same person. The skin of true A. maritimus which you kindly sent for comparison is quite different in its make up.

At the time when I first received the skin from McLain I thought that he had made an unusually good skin but now I am sure that he never made the skin at all. I had occasion some six weeks ago to give him the address of a well known natural history dealer and I am going to write said dealer at once to see if he sold McLain the Sparrow skin.

I wish here to thank you for the great trouble you have been to to convince me and especially for your kindness in sending the skins for me to compare. You may be assured that I fully appreciate all the favors you have shown me.

I now wish to trespass a little more on your kindness by getting you to name some Redpoll skins which I send herewith. I have strong convictions that at least three of them are Acanthis linaria rostrata while the remainder seem to me to be A. linaria. Of course I have only formed my opinion from the book description of these two varieties, and have not backed it by aid of comparison of specimens. I do not have the advantages that many collectors have in getting access to large collections for comparison of specimens.

Manly Hardy of Brewer has been very kind to me and aided me much by the identification of specimens, but when it comes to a question of subspecies I am sure that he is not always right in his decisions regarding their identity. In fact in two instances his decisions have differed from yours when I afterward sent the same birds to you.

One thing you may be sure of and that is that I will never publish any record of specimens taken by myself without I am absolutely sure of their identity. If there is any possible doubt I will always so state.

I have great hopes that some of the birds I send will turn out to be A. l. rostrata as I have knowledge of only two specimens being taken in the state and positively identified. One of these is in the

collection of Arthur H. Norton of Westbrook and the record of this will be published in the proceedings of the Portland Society of Natural History for '96-'97. The other was taken by Fred Rackliff of Spruce Head Maine, and is I believe in his collection, but still there is a possibility that these two records will turn out to be for one bird. Mr. Norton wrote me that the record of his specimen would be published as above but did not say where it was taken. As he collects along the coast in the company of Mr. Rackliff I think it possible that he may have secured his specimen from the latter. Rackliff wrote me recently that he had taken one specimen of rostrata last winter and had it identified by competent authority. I am now investigating the two cases to see if they are one.

Knight O.W. Jan. 9 1897

It seems to me that both A. hornemanni exilipes and A. l. rostrata should occur in Maine but I know no published records of either being taken save as above noted.

I inclose stamps to re-imburse you for your outlay for postage on the box and to pay return postage on the Redpoll skins. Again thanking you for your kindness I remain

Yours truly

O. W. Knight

#384 Hammond St.

Bangor, Maine.

P.S. If you happen to spend the collecting season in Maine in '97 and should be able to come to Bangor during the last week of May I will take great pleasure in showing you the breeding grounds of Dendroica palmarum hypochrysea. There is a bog between Bangor and Orono which is at least 8 miles long by 1-2 mile wide. Numerous pairs of these Warblers breed here annually and I have personally examined 8 or 9 nests, all but three of which contained young. I have never had time to make very exhaustive searches for their nests but I am convinced that one who did have time would be able to take many sets of their eggs in a season. The nest quite early as I have found young on Memorial Day.

O.W.K.

H. A. P.
Please return to W. B.

Bangor, Jan. 17th, 1897.

Dear Mr. Brewster:

The skins of Redpolls were received in good order. Please accept my thanks for your kindness in identifying them for me. I am particularly gratified at finding one A. l. rostrata among them and also at the one provisionally named A. l. holbœllii. I have sent this one to Mr. Ridgway for verification as you requested of me.

I have heard from McLain in regard to his alleged Maine specimen of A. maritimus peninsulæ. Since I presented to him the convincing proofs that the bird was not taken in Maine he seeks to convince me that he made a mistake somehow. It seems to me that this is a case of ignorance and impudence kissing one another. He persisted in his statement that the bird was taken here until I stated my reasons for disbelieving him and now he has completely backed down.

I wish here to express my thanks to you for the pains you have been to to save me from publishing a false record.

Yours truly

O. W. Knight

Knight - O. N.
Jan. 17, 1897.

Bangor, Feb. 6th, 1897.

Wm. Brewster Esq.

Dear Sir:

I have just received Mr. Ridgway's report on the specimen of Acanthis linaria holbœllii which I sent him in pursuance with your request that I do so before publishing the record of it. He pronounces it to be fairly typical holbœllii, and thus concurs with your opinion.

I have just been informed that you purchased a specimen of one of the Gyrfalcons from F. B. Webster, some years ago, this bird being shot near Spruce Head, Knox Co, Me., by Fred Rackliff. Can you tell me what variety this specimen was referable to?

Also in the Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, Vol. 4, p. 189, there is recorded a specimen of Falco gyrfalco sacer, which was taken at Ktaadn Iron Works, Me. I must confess that I am unable to identify this with the scientific name of any of our Gyrfalcons, and unfortunately I have not got access to the literature on the subject. Will you be so kind as to give me the

correct name of this specimen. Knight - O.W. Feb. 6, 1897

Thanking you for past favors, and hoping that I do not bother you too much by seeking your aid when in difficulty, I remain

Yours truly
O.W. Knight

#384 Hammond St.

Bangor, Me.

Bangor, Mar. 3rd, 1897.

Mr. Wm. Brewster:

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 28th ult to hand. Please accept my thanks for so kindly answering my questions. I regretted very much to learn of your recent illness and am glad to know that you are now well once more.

I had written Mr. Purdie about the Gyrfalcon just two days previous to receiving your letter and expect an answer from him soon. I feel that the evidence justifies me in citing his bird as Falco rusticolus gyrfalco.

Very fortunately I am able to give you the exact date when your bird was taken. Through correspondence with Mr. Rackliff and also with Mr. A. H. Norton who is well acquainted with R., I learn that the bird was shot the day before Thanksgiving while the year was between '85 and '90. As Webster would probably remember all the Gyrfaloons he had received from Maine between those dates, and as your specimen was

received from near Rockland in '86, I consider it practically certain that your bird was killed on the day before Thanksgiving in 1886. As Mr. Arthur H. Norton of Westbrook has been instrumental in getting most of this data for me I wish to give him the credit of it.

Your Eagle Island bird being shot in March is out of the question of being from Rackliff.

I have great hopes of getting the Mss of our Maine list of birds into the hands of the printer very soon as I am now engaged in carefully revising it.

Thanking you for your many favors both past and present, I remain

Yours truly

O. H. Knight

#384 Hammond St.

Bangor, Maine.

S. Knight — O. N.

March 3rd, 1897.

Bangor, Mar. 9th, 1897.

Mr. Wm. Brewster,

Dear Sir:

I have just been through your edition of Minot and wish now to obtain a little additional information from you regarding certain points if you will be so kind as to answer the questions regarding them for me.

I notice that you refer our Maine Shrikes of ludovicianus stock to the form excubitorides. Now the A.O.U. Check List, 2nd Ed. p. 262 gives ludovicianus as our New England bird. This is I believe the later publication of the two and accordingly I must either infer that the majority of the A.O.U. Committee on Nomenclature do not agree with your opinion as expressed in Minot or else presume that they have not taken action on it. Although I know full well that our Maine birds are intermediate between the two still I wish to be absolutely sure that I can refer them to excubitorides without criticism.

Secondly I notice that in your notes on the Chestnut-collared Longspur you mention only one N.E. record, Magnolia, Mass. What is wrong with the Scarborough specimen? (Cf. Goodale, Auk 4, p. 77) and in same connection (Cf. Brown, Catalogue of Birds of Portland, p. 38). Of course you must have known of this specimen and so I am led to presume that there is some error regarding the identity. ~~of this specimen.~~

Friend Dorr of Bucksport informs me that some time ago he sold you a specimen of Snow Goose. Is it Chen hyperborea or nivalis?

I have through correspondence with Mr. Mead got on the track of an unrecorded specimen of Gyrfalcon. From the information at my disposal I believe it is obsoletus, but in order to be sure of it I inclose his letter describing the bird and containing a few feathers from it. Will you please determine its identity if possible from the meager evidence submitted and then return the letter and feathers to me.

Do you believe that Acanthis hornemanni exilipes is ~~correct~~ cited from eastern Maine in Brewer's and Verrill's lists upon the direct evidence of specimens taken or only on presumptive evidence? While, personally, I believe the form occurs with us I have not been able to obtain any exact record of the capture of any specimens.

Trusting you will kindly pardon my bothering you, I remain

Yours truly

O. W. Knight

O. W. Knight
#384 Hammond St.
Bangor, Maine

Wright, O. W.
Mar. 9, 1897.

Bangor, April 30th, 1897.

Mr. William Brewster,

Dear Sir:

I send to you today for determination a few skins of the Horned Lark. In case they prove to be what I have labelled them I will be able to contribute some new and interesting facts regarding the distribution of praticola within this state. Several more skins from other interior localities prove to be identical with these and specimens in local collections taken in '84 are also referable to this subspecies in case I have identified the specimens correctly. I am sure that some of the specimens in hand are of this subspecies and have purposely sent to you those which seem least typical as if they are undoubted examples then the others I have surely are the same.

Please return specimens soon as convenient as they are only loaned me for a limited time through the kindness of brother collectors.

Yours truly

O. W. Knight

#384 Hammond St.

P.S. I would like to know whether the specimens of Lesser Snow Goose and Blue Snow Goose taken at Lake Umbagog and recorded by you in The Auk, Vol. 14, p. 207, were taken in Maine or New Hampshire. If taken in Maine then the Blue Goose will prove new to the state, while if taken over the N.H. line it cannot properly be included except as a hypothetical species.

Yours truly

O.W. Knight

#384 Hammond St.

Bangor, Me.

Knight - O. W.
April 30. 1897.

Bangor, Feb. 9th, 1898.

Dear Mr. Brewster: -

I have somewhat of an oddity in the Gull line which I am strongly inclined to believe is referable to Larus argentatus, though perhaps not typical of this species. As the characters of the first primary are the chief points of use in deciding between argentatus and smithsonianus, I have made a drawing of my bird's and send it herewith. The drawing is correct in size and proportions, so I think you may perhaps be able to favor me with your opinion as to whether I have judged correctly in referring my bird to argentatus. I have seen and examined many examples of smithsonianus in both summer and winter plumage, adults and young, but have never yet seen any whose first primaries would match this ones.

The bird in question was taken at Bucksport, about 2 weeks ago, and it was sent me in the flesh together with a fine example of Larus glaucus.

Please let me know your opinion as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully

O. W. Knight

#384 Hammond St.

Bangor, Maine.

Knight O. W.
Feb. 9. 1898.

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April 6th, 189 8

Dear Mr. Brewster:-

I am sending you today by express the specimen of Larus argentatus which you so kindly offered to verify the identity of. I am sure that I have named it correctly but would feel better satisfied if able to quote your opinion when publishing the record.

I am also sending a specimen of Parus bicolor which belongs in the collection of the University of Maine. In the register it is entered under the records for 1890 and was undoubtedly taken during that year. Unfortunately Prof. Harvey did not realize the importance of keeping the dates when birds were taken and we have thus lost valuable information. However he is sure that the bird was brought to him in the flesh and has the impression that it was shot by one of the students.

I have asked Mr. Crosby about it in hopes that he could recollect the season of the year when it was sent him. He tells me that he received a Hudsonian Chickadee from the college in the flesh some time in 1890 or thereabouts, and as we have no example of Parus hudsonicus mounted by him, this must be the bird he calls thusly.

My object in sending it to you is to see if you can tell by the plumage the approximate season when it was taken, and also, if possible, the probable sex of the bird.

As I have only obtained the loan of the specimen for a short time I venture to hope that you will kindly return it as soon as possible. Please send the birds by express at my expense.

Very respectfully
O. W. Knight

#384 Hammond St
Bangor, Maine

Knight O. W.
Apr. 6, 1898.

Bangor, April 16th, 1898.

Dear Mr. Brewster: -

I send today by mail the two wings of a specimen of Larus argentatus which was killed somewhere along the Penobscot River below Bangor two days ago. A number of these birds were mounted by Mr. S. L. Crosby recently, and being in his place today I naturally looked them over in hopes of finding a specimen of true argentatus. The mounted birds were all smithsonianus, but I noticed a pair of wings on the floor which proved otherwise, and obtained the gift of them in order to positively verify their identity.

Will you please give me your opinion on them and return by express with the other birds of mine which you have.

Our adult Herring Gulls certainly vary greatly in the characteristics of the first primary, and I have recently seen a full-plumaged adult bird which had not the faintest indications of the white spot which is usually found at the tip of the primary.

I must confess that I begin to lose faith in the alleged characteristics assigned to the European and American birds. They certainly do not correspond rigidly with the birds found on the two continental coasts.

It seems possible that a careful examination of skins of breeding Gulls taken along the Maine coast would show that both of the alleged varieties would be found breeding together. Would that I had time to make such a study next summer, but alas I have not.

Thanking you for your kindness, I remain

Very respectfully yours

C. H. Knight

#384 Hammond St.

Bangor, Me.

Knight E. W.
Apr. 16, 1898.

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Bangor, May 2, 1898

Dear Mr. Brewster;

Your letter of the 18th to hand and the birds were received later on in good order. Please accept my thanks for your kindness in naming them for me.

There is not the slightest doubt but what the Tufted Titmouse was taken in Maine. Prof. Harvey is sure it was brought him in the flesh, and he thinks by one of the students. Your statement that its plumage indicates that it was probably killed in May or June is corroborative of his statement that it was probably brought to him by a student, for during these two months the students in the botany class are in the woods every day and often kill birds and bring them in. Again Mr. Crosby remembers mounting a bird sent him from Orono, by Prof. Harvey, in the flesh, and which he at the time called a Hudsonian Chickadee. This latter species is not represented in our collections, and as we have only about 500 specimens, the limited collection would make it improbable that any mistake has been made regarding the locality of this specimen.

Prof. A. L. Lane of the Coburn Classical Institute, Waterville, Me. has a specimen which I am inclined to believe is *Falco rusticolus*. I wish it were possible for you to see it some time.

If you should happen to be in this State the last of this month or the first of next I would be pleased to have you stop in Bangor and see *Dendroica palmarum hypochrysea* in its breeding haunts. I can get away from work almost any Saturday and would be happy to show you around.

Very respectfully O. W. Knight

Knight O. O.
May 2, 1898.

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Bangor, June 12th, 1898

Mr. William Brewster,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I am very desirous of obtaining the loan of specimens of Cistothorus stellaris in breeding plumage from various portions of the range of this species, and am especially anxious to obtain one or more specimens from Massachusetts.

Have you any skins of this species which you would be willing to loan me for a month or so, and do you know any other persons who would be able to likewise favor me? I will gladly pay all charges on specimens loaned and guarantee their return in good condition.

Very respectfully

O. W. Knight

#32 Coombs St.

Bangor, Maine.

Knight Ora W.

June 12, 1898.

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Bangor, June 15th 1898

Mr. William Brewster,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:- [stellatus]

The skins of Cistothorus palustris, so kindly sent by Mr. Deane in your absence from home, were received in good condition. I would like very much to be allowed to retain the specimens for two or three weeks, as I am hoping to obtain skins from the southern and western portions of the range of this species, and would like to compare them with our eastern ones.

I may tell you in confidence that I have taken this species here at Bangor, and think our Maine examples are slightly different from southern and western ones, but wish to take more specimens from here before saying anything positive on the matter. There is a small colony of four or five pair of these birds in a marsh not two miles from my home, and while I do not wish to exterminate the colony, I think I shall take at least four additional specimens during the summer.

Please inform me if it will be all right for me to keep the skins belonging to you for a little while.

Thanking you and Mr. Deane for your kindnesses, I remain

Yours respectfully

O. W. Knight

#32 Palm St.

Knight Ora W.
June 15, 1898.

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Bangor, June 24th 8
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Mr. William Brewster,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I have returned the specimens of Cistothorus stellaris, which you so kindly loaned me, by registered mail. I have taken the greatest care in handling them and think they will reach you in as good condition as I received them.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kindness in loaning them to me.

I must confess that I was surprised to find so much variation in specimens from the same locality, especially as regards the amount of barring of the wings and tail.

Very respectfully

O. W. Knight

Knight - Ora W.
June 24, 1898.

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Bangor, Oct. 13th 1898

Dear Mr. Brewster:-

I send you by mail the bird which was recorded by Everett Smith in his List of Birds of Maine in Forest and Stream as the Wiscasset specimen of Summer Tanager. This bird belongs to the collection at Bowdoin College, and was loaned me by Prof. Lee who states that Mr. Smith saw the bird there and assures me that the record was based on it. Prof. Lee tells me that Nathan Clifford Brown afterward saw this specimen and pronounced it to be a young Scarlet Tanager.

Since my list was published I have been endeavoring to trace this specimen with a view of ascertaining whether it was correctly identified or not, and at last my efforts have been rewarded.

On comparison with female Scarlet Tanagers the specimen seems somewhat different in color and the bill is slightly larger and different shaped and colored. Unfortunately I have no female Summer Tanagers to compare it with.

Will you please settle the identity of the specimen and let me know about it.

Please return the bird to Prof. Leslie A. Lee, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.

Does the young of the Lesser Snow Goose ever have a dusky gray tail? I recently saw a mounted specimen of these which I am inclined to believe may have been a young Blue Goose as its upper parts and tail were a dusky grayish blue, while beneath it was a dusky white, which was nearly pure white on the belly.

Enclosed find stamps to pay return postage on the bird.

Yours truly

O. W. Knight

432 Coombs St.

Bangor

Maine

Summer Tanager. The lores and spaces round the eyes are much lighter than in any specimen at the Museum here. The breast is quite light but is matched by specimens here. W.B.

Oct 29 1898

Bangor, Me. Oct. 13, 1898

Ans. Oct. 29.

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Bangor, March 4th, 1904. 190

Mr. Wm. Brewster,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brewster:-

I presume you have in your collection specimens of the Bald Eagle from Maine. Can you kindly tell me whether they are referable to H. leucocephalus or to H. l. alascanus. I have not seen Mr. Townsend's description of this subspecies, and its assigned habitat, "Northern North America" is rather vague. The question as to which form occurs in Maine is one I wish to settle if possible, and this is difficult without the help of one who already knows or

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without the original description to work with. Our birds seem much smaller than specimens from Florida, but I presume they must belong to the form leucocephalus and not to the variety alascanus.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Yours respectfully

O. W. Knight

84 Forest Ave.

Bangor, Maine.

Knight, O. W.
March 4, 1904

Bangor, Feb. 2nd, 1901.

Mr. Walter Deane,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Deane: -

Your favor of the 1st is just to hand. I must confess that I cannot tell you anything definite about John W. Daniel, Jr., or his proposed "Egg Collector". About the time of the Spanish War he was very enthusiastic and wrote me numerous ten and twenty page letters about what he was going to do "When the war was over".

Like most of the remainder of the collectors in various parts of the country I knew of him only by his writings in various periodicals. I sent him some two dozen fine photographs of birds nests, etc., some two years or more ago and he was going to send me a lot in return, and would print them for me "As soon as the war was over". Like many other of his promised exploits the photos never came.

I understand that Lieut. Daniel is well connected, his father being U.S. senator from Virginia.

I have not heard a word from or of him, either directly or indirectly for a year or more, and for aught I know he may be dead.

I have my own private opinion of him but would prefer not to express it publically without corroboratory evidence. Doubtless it would coincide very well with yours.

The papers last evening stated that the committee had unamimously voted in favor of our proposed law for bird protection in Maine. There is not much doubt now but what it will be passed.

The Journal of the Maine Orn. Soc. will be published in Waterville this year by Mr. J. Merton Swain, and it is quite probable that the name will be changed to some such name as The Grosbeak or the Snowflake. Our first number should appear soon now, so if you don't receive those subscribed for in good season you can write Mr. Swain and he will set matters right.

Yours truly

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Knight, A. M.
Feb. 2, 1901
(re J. W. Daniel)

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Mr. Walter Deane,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Deane:-

Your letter to hand and I thank you for your kindness in looking up the question of H. leucocephalus vs H. l. alascanus for me. I inferred that the A.O.U. Committee's assigning of the habitat of Northern N.A. to the form alascanus was due to their including Mr. Bang's for H. l. washingtonii under the name alascanus.

My other reason for thinking that the form alascanus might occur here is to be found in "Catalogue of Canadian Birds" by John MaCoun pp. 245-248 where he speaks of this form as breeding in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, etc., and in fact does not give true H. leucocephalus as a

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bird of Canada. I naturally inferred that his treatment of the subject was in accordance with some authority other than his own, but I never take the authority of a State List for anything which I can personally look up and obtain opinions regarding it from recognized authorities on the subjects at issue. In preparation of my published "List of the Birds of Maine" in 1897, I was at great pains to verify every possible record by direct communications with the parties who had published them, and unrecorded specimens whose identity was open to doubt were in every case seen by me personally and many in addition were submitted by me to Mr. Brewster, Mr. Ridgway or other authorities on the groups in question and in some cases the same specimen was submitted to more than one of these authorities. That no species admitted to the list by

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me has been eliminated (though some under recently made decisions of the A.O.U. Committee on nomenclature will stand under specific or subspecific names adopted since my list was published) is I think a good argument in favor of exercising a very rigid exclusive policy.

I am sorry to learn of Mr. Brewster's sickness and hope he will soon be restored to health again.

Thanking you for your kindness, I remain

Yours truly

O. W. Knight

Knight, O. W.
Mar. 9, 1904

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Bangor, March 28, 1904.

Dear Mr. Deane; -

I thank you for your kindness in writing again regarding the status of H. leucocephalus and H. l. alaskanus. After investigating the matter more or less I am rather inclined to accept the condition of affairs which you advocated in your first letter to me and call our Maine birds H. leucocephalus straight. To be sure some are more or less intermediate but they seem nearest to the parent form.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I remain

Yours truly

O. W. Knight

Knight, Orale
Mar. 28/04

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Bangor, June 7, 1904.

Dear Mr. Deane:-

Your letter asking how to secure two copies of "The Botanist of the St. Croix" to hand. I think you mean "The Naturalist of the St. Croix" as this is the title of a book recently published which is in effect a Biography of the late Geo. A. Boardman.

This work was published by the sons of the late Mr. Boardman for complimentary distribution and copies are not to be purchased at any price. I tried some six months ago to secure a copy for my friend, Mr. Swain, but he has not yet received one so I doubt if I could be of any service in helping you to secure one save that I can outline to you the mode of procedure to take in order to make a try for it. The book was compiled and written by Mr. S. L. Boardman of this City. His address is S. L. Boardman, Pine St., Bangor, Maine. If you were to write to him stating your wants he would place the matter before Mr. Boardmans sons and if they assented to doing so copies would be furnished to you. That is the only way they are to be had, and as the edition was limited I have doubts if you can obtain copies but it is worth trying for. I think the edition was only 500 copies and many of these were for libraries etc. I am very sorry I cannot be of more assistance in the matter but one copy was all I had of the work.

Very truly

O. W. Knight

Knight, Ora W.
June 7/54

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Bangor, Maine, Nov. 9, 1908.

Dear Mr. Deane;

I expect to arrive in Cambridge the afternoon or evening of Monday, November 16, and will stay until Thursday evening at least, possibly another day additionally. Kindly write me as to where you have engaged a room for me so that I will know where to go. I should like very much to have a room in the same building where some other member or members are going to stop. If Mr. F. B. Spaulding writes to have a room engaged I should like to be near him as I know him and it is pleasanter to be near somebody one knows.

Very truly

Ora W. Knight

Dear Mr Allen
Will you please
see to this -
" " of Geo C Deane