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Dear Sir;

The last edition of the Naturalists Directory was so well received, and so many have urged me to make a new edition that I have taken the liberty of addressing you on the subject. If, as at first contemplated, the foreign portion is not revised for several years, the labor spent on the last edition will be of little or no value in preparing a new work, while, if a new edition is undertaken before the old is out of date it can be used as a groundwork for a very complete and valuable Directory. If begun at once, it would not be possible to publish before 1883.

I shall consider it a great favor if you will take the trouble to send me lists of names of any who should be inserted in the next issue, but were omitted from the last edition.

I shall also be glad to know of any typographical or other errors you may have detected in the the edition recently issued.

For the protection of others, information is desired (which will be considered confidential)

in regard to any names given in previous editions which you may have found unreliable, or for any other reason should be omitted.

With this, I send you a slip from the last Directory giving your name. Will you kindly correct, or change in such manner as you desire it to appear in the new work. I have decided to send a proof, before printing, to all who subscribe for the work, and will gladly send to those who do not subscribe when postage for this purpose, is furnished. In this way perfect accuracy can be secured. Of course a page of type can not be held for any great length of time, but I will delay printing sufficiently to give ample time for the proof to reach me if returned by next mail after receipt.

Trusting you will be so good as to return the enclosed slip by an early mail, I am,

Yours resp.

J. E. Cassano