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June 26, 1917.

Dr. Casey Wood,
7 West Madison Street,
Chicago:

My dear Sir,

Many thanks for your kindness in sending me a copy of your magnificent memoir on "The Fundus Oculi of Birds," which I have read with the greatest interest.

In all lines of science we continually meet with contributions of fundamental importance written by men whose chief interests lie in other fields. Your monograph is a brilliant and noteworthy example of such a work.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur D. Clark

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March 4, 1920.

Dr. Casey A. Wood,
Stanford University P. O.,
California:

Dear Dr. Wood,

Many thanks for yours of February 27th giving me just the information I wanted. It was indeed good of you to go to so much trouble. I am fairly familiar with zoölogical literature in all branches, but when it begins to interdigitate with the medical or physical literature I feel more or less at sea.

I may explain that my intention is to prepare a series of semi-popular articles on special biological subjects for the appendix to the "Smithsonian Report" with a view to republishing them in collected form if any demand for them develops. At present it is very difficult to get any clear idea of such subjects as luminosity and phosphorescence, flight in animals, animal-like plants and plant-like animals, symbiosis, plant and animal parasitism, etc., etc. without consulting a number of works of all degrees of completeness, technicality and excellence. Zoölogical treatises nowadays are morphological, anatomical, embryological or systematic, and there seems to be a fine field for something more along the lines which we used to call natural history.

At present I am engaged in writing a monograph of the recent crinoids in four quarto volumes of which one has been published, one is in press, and the other two are nearly completed, as well as another on the crinoids of the Atlantic which will be published in the more or less near future in Copenhagen. I have already published monographs on the crinoids of Australia (Sydney, 1911), the Indian Ocean (Calcutta, 1912), the East Indies and Pacific (Leyden, 1918), and the Antarctic (Berlin, 1915). This other work I am doing by way of recreation.

If you are interested in the eyes and light projecting organs of deep sea fishes, Gilbert must have quite a collection of them, though I do not remember that we secured any of the more extraordinary types described by Brauer. From the point of view of physics the light projecting organs of such squid as Calliteuthis, described by Chun, are most extraordinary.

I am sending you herewith a few separates which I beg you to send to McGill University in your name; very few of them are on birds, but I think Professor Willey would be glad to have the others. I am sorry I have none of my more interesting papers.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur D. Clark