

his book I can pretty well tell for myself - before, I used to refer to poor dron Bird occasionally.) I have no doubt a good many unrecorded pairs exist - more especially as I believe Σ did not specially examine anything below 9 m² - and it would be no unworthy task if any one were to undertake to supplement Σ 's great work. - Should Lord Lindsay, with that or any other view, like to have any that I have thus accidentally come across, they would be all most entirely at his service, if he would care to take the trouble of finding them - but I fear this might often be so great that he would not think it worth his while - my stand being very imperfectly constructed for giving places - & my own attraction to that point having been often less than I should have given had I supposed that these mere casual finds were even likely to be made any use of. They would indeed be greatly honoured if Lord Lindsay thought them worthy of his notice - but I am afraid he would soon find that "le jeu ne vaudrait pas la chandelle." - I might sometimes be wide by 1 m. or 2 m. in P.A. 8-10' in Dec.!! - But if he should, after this fair warning, think he could utilize any of my little doings, it w^d.

certainly be the strongest inducement to me to take more pains in identification (on what a funny friend of mine calls "differentiation"!)) for the time to come. -

We are often talking & thinking about your promised visit - which will be a treat indeed - please give us as early notice about it as you can. I am thankful to say my wife is decidedly better, though much stiffened by rheumatism. We have got the Spa waters over, - not through an agent - which seem decidedly advantageous. - My wife's kind love

Ever your affectionate old friend

J. W. Webb,

Old Cockatoo has departed - but we have got another that won't talk - only "squeals tremendously" as our kitchen folks say. But he is most absurd in antics & very amiable, - bites nobody, - and calls himself "Chick."!