Bowdler Sharpe Collection

12 Addison Road
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My dear Sharpe

Thanks for yours of 14 Sept. and your promise on your return when the Grubbers meet to ask for another instalment & later for another.

I can sympathize with you at a new man being appointed over all your heads, I suffered the same when I was the "Senior Professor" (by title, rank, & service) at the Royal College and for a second time the acting chief for more than a year, when a new man was appointed Chief. He was

would supply a pressing need. My collecting might serve as basis & the very first of a collection finding spaces not mentioned therein would be an incentive spurring him on.

If the trustees or any other Society will undertake the costs of production & publication, I shall gladly devote the next 5 or 6 months to the work & be content with any honorarium the authorities might feel disposed to reward the work with. I presume you would allow me to work at the museum and to have the benefit of your assistance & supervision as the expert authority on the subject.

I agree with you that the book would be to make
not you call it "a complete job", as any collection include: British East Africa
Uganda
Congo & Gabun
Nigeria
Angola
Portuguese Guinea

When shall you be back in Paris?

Yours sincerely
H. S. Gorges

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Sorry I could not accept your kind invitation
to lunch last Sunday. Hope to see you soon.
Do use your influence to get the museum to
take the remaining ones in your hands, &
do not compel me to send them Elsewhere,
perhaps out of old England.

Where is Miss Sharpe? I must see
her soon as I have some one else after
the Lepidoptera; it is a lovely Collection,
though I say it.

W. L. Distant.