Bowdler Sharpe Collection

Batten

Charity Commission
St. James Square
S.W.

Aug 15.

My dear Sharpe -

I have just received a letter from Mr Goodacre - as there is a good deal of foreign matter in it, I ~~&~~ make a few extracts - they will speak for themselves.

I hope to come up and see you on my return from Faröe, but I am rather "drove" now for time, so

Remain
Yours very truthfully
H.H. Batten.

"Every thing concerning my donation to the University was
"not to my mind satisfactory - they pottered for years
"about receiving them (my specimens), never thanked me
"for them to this day and never fulfilled the conditions
"unless they have now done so thro' your friend's interference,
"and what is more I never could find the best things
"I gave - Zoology was not much accounted of in my

"time nor for long afterwards". I have other
"business in hand in that line for Cambridge
"yet" — (Dr Goodacre then goes on to speak
of some articles he has been writing in "The Country"
but does not think they have attracted the
attention they deserve — ? does he
know of the Ibis -)

"I would not by any means miss seeing your
"friend in his passage ~~to Norwich~~ - tell him how
"happy I shall be to make his acquaintance
"and give him a bed on his way to Norwich".

"I have a book of notes of my things and I
"should be only too happy to give information
"concerning them - If you would give me Mr
"Sharpe's address I would write him a formal
"note, though only a poor Country Parson I still
"muddle on with natural History and have always
"something going on in that line".

"I hope from this wordy epistle you will gather
"that I hope to see your friend, and can tell him
"several things about my collection which he doubtless
"does not know, make him sensible how easy a matter
"it would be to call here on his way to Norwich" -

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Norfolk.

Station is Eccles Road
between ~~Thetford~~ Thetford and
Attleboro' on the line from
Ely to Norwich. Trains only stop at
Eccles Road if ~~need~~ desired - to see
Dr Goodacre you will find him a man after your own
heart.
H H B.