

up on this hillside is rather
a curious circumstance, and
if it did take the place of a
Sun temple it would be a
very probable circumstance.

But I may find the clue
later on. In the meantime
if I can secure the Hill, and
follow this up by establishing
a village Museum, I shall
thank you for the trouble you
took that wet day in ascending
our dreadful roads and
taking a bad cold. It
will give me great pleasure
if I can ever do anything to
help you when you are making
a visit to this part of Yorks.

Believe me yours truly
Reginald V. Gatty.

PR Box 1/85

The Bailey at
Randfield

Bradfield Rectory,
Sheffield.

3. October 1887

Dear General Pitt Rivers

I am unable to say
at this moment that Mr Hoole
will give his consent, but I am
urging him to the best of my
power. There is always a
difficulty in this part of the
world in getting confidence
established in a new thing.

The Yorkshireman is a wary
individual - He is like the
grouse on his moor who
just now seems to refuse

The persuasions of the drivers
no matter what arts they
employ. I was afraid when
that heavy week's rain came
on that your operations would
have a check. I was shooting
at Sir F. Milbank's at Birmingham
near Barnard Castle last
week, and met the man
who lives near the Thornbro'
camps, those curious circular
mounds I drew for you. He
will be most happy to show
you any hospitality should

you visit that part. He also
has promised to send me
an account of the Camps
written by some one who
calls them Druid temples.
I shall forward this to you
when I get it. In the
meantime I shall continue
to search for Saxon relics in
the Bailey Hill and when
I find them I shall admit
the flints have nothing to
do with the earth work -
Still you must admit the
presence of a Church high

I should like to know - what
could they have lived upon? You
speak of the well marked in the
map near the Bailey Hill. Just
on the bank below the hill is a
grove of oak trees - stunted things
growing out of the rock face
which a great botanist told me
were the indigenous oaks of Britain.
In their midst a jet of water leaps
out of the rock. It is never dry and
always clear and of the same
quantity. The people take glasses
and drink it as medicine. I
believe the Druids had something
to do with this and with the well
above and the Saxons founded
that grand Church you saw to
crush the infidel superstitions.
But I will pursue my digging
and then perhaps I shall be
able to write to you and give some
satisfactory results. Meanwhile
I again thank you for the address
and your letter.

I am still
working at the
Hole about
the Hill

Believe me
Yours truly
Reginald V. Jolly.

Daily at
Bradfield

Bradfield Rectory,
Sheffield.

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3. Dec: 1887.

Dear General Rivers

I am much obliged
to you for so kindly sending
me your address, which I
have read with the greatest
interest. What a wonderful
estate yours must be to
possess such antiquities!
I am quite fascinated by
your account of the villages
of the Britons, and I wish
I could drop on the place
where the makers of the flint
weapons, I find, dug their

pits and made their residences.

I owe you also many thanks for a most interesting letter you wrote me about the Bailey Hill and the earthworks at Taafield where I hope to take you. I well know the Bayeux tapestry and the King living on a stockaded fort with the Norman horsemen charging.

It is only right you should say that our hill is the same as this fort. I can only reply that as yet I have found no evidence.

After digging and ploughing inside the enclosure I only turn up flints. These abound all round the trench and in the fields adjoining. In the immediate vicinity there are other earthworks of a very similar kind and these

have flints round them.

A long Dyke runs up the Moor a great distance and there are grave mounds (as it is stated) on either side of the ditch. Some years ago several of these were opened and bones and flints found in them.

In fact this is a place full of rude earthworks of which the Bailey Hill is the finest. All have flints and not a fragment of Saxon or Norman pottery or coin has been found. Nor are ground flints apparent. The type is the common clipped flake which never passes into the later period, nor are there signs of bronze, or iron implements. Was the rude people here who came and established themselves 1000th above sea level in this cold inhospitable country

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Mr. Gatty's letters

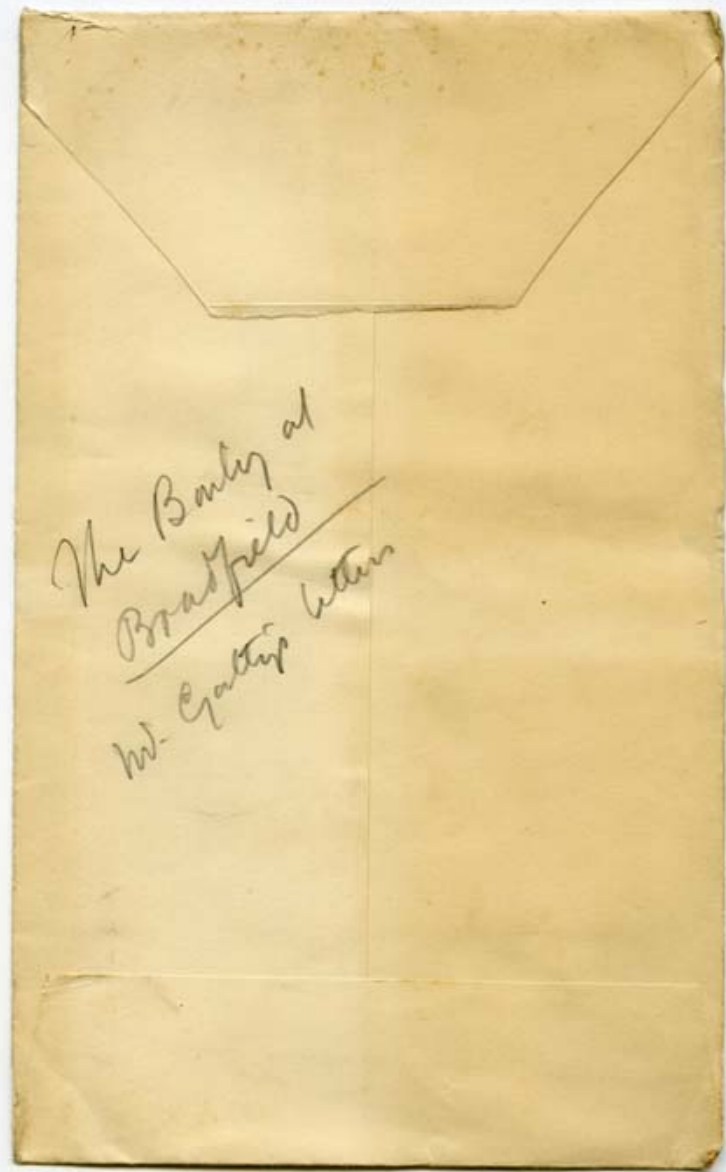
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