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DEAL SOUTH SURREYS

Dear Sir/

Pray accept my sincerest thanks for so kindly presenting to me a copy of your very valuable work at the Acad<sup>em</sup>al Fumtbonne Chase & to assure that it shall be highly prized by me.

The list of prehistoric monuments in North<sup>th</sup> & South<sup>th</sup>. I referred in my last letter, in one of the volumes of the Tyne-side Nat. Field Club, was I think by Prof. Lebour at the time of the Geol. Survey but now the Geological (?) professor at the Uabte College of Physical Science. I very thoughtlessly made no note when I came across the list, so now cannot find it again. If I succeed on further search I mean to comm<sup>unicate</sup> again with you.

W<sup>th</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Howse of the

Nat. Hist. Mus. in the Barns Bridge, W<sup>th</sup> of the Editor of the Field Club Trans<sup>ac</sup>. The papers consist chiefly of articles on natural history but interspersed thro<sup>ugh</sup> the Vols. are a few papers on antique subjects. Doubtless Mr. Howse w<sup>ill</sup> give all part<sup>iculars</sup> as to the cost of the Vols. still in print. The early volumes are I believe quite unobtainable.

A full set of the Soc. Arch<sup>ae</sup>ologica can be supplied. If at members price for between £3 & £4. To outsiders at about double. I mean at the next meeting of the Council either to present you with a set or to permit you to have them at the lower rate. The first & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vols. of the 4<sup>th</sup> series are out of print, the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Vols. can be had.

I had the pleasure a week or two ago of lunching at Malpas Hall the residence of the Pollockto. I met there Miss Pollock whom I think you have met in town. I mention this as they might be induced to place a very fine monolith stand



menhir, near Malpas

a little to the S of ~~that~~  
their house & between it  
& the line of the Roman  
Wall, under the Ancient  
monuments act. It is  
9 or 10 high. I give a  
slight sketch copied from  
my sketchbook of it.

As you will perceive from the R of your  
Prosp wh. I sent you that Sir Ed  
Blackett had most handsomely presented  
a collection of about a dozen Roman  
inscribed & sculptured stones found  
at Malpas, to the Newcastle Socy &  
these have all been safely placed in  
the Black Gate Museum. There are  
chiefly from the Roman station  
of Stallin Chester (Stannum).

In the moor between Rothbury  
& Blodan, about midway, are what  
I take to be, a portion of a circle of  
stones. There are now only four  
stones but formerly there were  
five, hence the local name of "the

Five Kings", but some vandalique  
barbar in want of a gatepost took  
one of the stones for the purpose!!  
I know not on whose land they  
are situated, but they are



certainly well  
worth looking after &  
preserving.

"The Five Kings"

There is also a fine menhir very  
similar to that at Malpas, in a  
field in front of Dunbrowne Castle  
not far from Chollerston on the R.  
Dyne.

Again thanking you believe me  
to remain yours very truly

Robt Blair



"The Five Kings"

Leuchter, Pitt Rivers.