

**DESTRUCTION OF PREHISTORIC MONU-
MENTS IN CORNWALL.**

(R. B. W.) / C 13

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—I have recently (June 19) paid a visit to "The Strippie Stones," which Mr. Lukis, in "The Prehistoric Stone Monuments of the British Isles," issued by the Society of Antiquaries, 1885, describes as "the most interesting and remarkable monument in the county" of Cornwall. It is the largest circle of standing stones in that county. Mr. Lukis adds:—

"There are features in the Strippie Stones monument which are not found elsewhere, and one of the features is probably unique in the British Isles. A vallum, which appears to have a gap on the west side of an entrance, surrounds the platform on which the stones of the circle are erected, and has an internal fosse. In three places the vallum and fosse swell out into demilunes, the platform retaining its circular form. The object of this unusual arrangement is an enigma which may find a solution when our knowledge is increased."

The Ordnance Survey of this district was taken in 1886, when this monument was intact.

Since then a stone hedge has been carried through the circle, cutting off a segment on the north-east, to the destruction of those very unique features on which Mr. Lukis commented. Whether the spade revealed any solution to the peculiarities, under the barbarous hands of the obliterators, who can tell? The proprietor of the land is Sir W. Omslow, of Hengar, near Bodmin.

Within sight of this giant circle is another, the Trippet Stones. Here, since they were planned and measured, a monolith has been erected in the centre to bear the initials of the proprietor, C. G.

Surely it might be expected of our landed proprietors that they should protect these most precious monuments from wanton mutilation.

I remain yours faithfully,

S. BARING-GOULD.

Low Trenchard, Devon. From Times Friday July 16 1891

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Anc: Mons. Cornwall

Bodmin Moor
Stone Circles

} These are notes in pocket (Anc Mons) only.
no particulars given

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S Koch Vicarage
Devonport, SO
Cornwall

Oct 17/80

Dear Sir

I am sorry my
peculiar writing has
placed you in a difficulty
Zennor Inoit near
the Lamb's End, or rather
a few miles from Penzance
is the one that was
retained damaged
I have not seen it myself
but Dr H Colley knows

of Rochdale who was
just inspected it knowing
I was about to draw
your attention to the
"Cliff Castle" asked me
to mention the Descent
There is a good deal
about it in Bodley's
History of Cornwall
with regard to the "Castle"
I am afraid to plan
to procure it, I was
Incumbent of Scilly
ready for you to
have seen or heard
of one, if however
you can lay your hand
upon Bodley's book

in the Isles of Scilly
(Published circa 1750)
you will find a good
deal said about the
site - Mr Dominic Smith
of Treco Abbey Scilly
the Proprietor, could possibly
give information and
if he feels anxious about
the place I think he
would be willing
to do so
I remain
Faithfully
Yours
J. Curwen
P.S. I am sorry to say I do not
possess a copy of Bodley's Scilly
or would forward it

PK Box 1/C19

South View
Widmore Road
Bromley Kent
May 14. 1886

Dear Sir

Will you allow me
to ask you a question relating
to the entrenchment on the top
of the hill at Stratton in
Cornwall. I visited the
place lately with a view to
correcting the account of
the battle as given by Cla-
renson in my history of the
Civil War, and I am con-
scious to clear up the point
whether the entrenchment
was thrown up by Stan-
ford in 1643 or whether
he only utilised the work

of an earlier period. It
looked to my eye rather
like ~~the~~ a single ring after
the fashion of the double
ring at Castle Dor near
Dorchester, which was
withheld by Egan on his
retreat in 1644, and I
have looked in vain for
any hint in Carew, Politike
or Porten. If you could
throw any light on the
matter I should esteem
it as a great kindness,

Apologizing for intruding
on you

Believe me
Yrs sincerely
Samuel Gardiner

For
And under dear Sir
Fidelity
T. S. Cunningham

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St. Fock Vicarage
Dorset

Oct 3/00 Cornwall

My dear Sir

There is situated
upon Menai Isle of
Silly, a remarkable
"Cliff castle" called
Frank Castle - it is
a fine instance of
the class of stronghold
to which it belongs
some time ago the

Line: Mors.

Cornwall

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