

from the windows, I have not unreasonably taken a deep interest in their history, although unable to devote any appreciable time to the scientific study of them.

Forgive me if I refer, (as the book chanced to open here) to Plate v. in Vol. 1. showing the depths of wells in the chalk.

At the present moment

Goldney

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DERRIADS,

CHIPPENHAM.

1 July 1894.

Dear General Pitt Rivers.

I know not how to express my thanks to you for the magnificent present of your great work, which reached me yesterday.

The value of it to anthropologists and antiquarians, present

and future is indeed
inestimable.

I must own to a sense
of not being a sufficiently
worthy recipient for such
a noble gift, and cannot
but fear, that conversations
I have had with Sir
John Lubbock, about
Wansdyke &c may have
led to the impression

that I have been able
to give more time and
attention to analogous
subjects, than is really
the case.
Bred and born in the
County, within the angle
made by two Roman roads
leading out of Bath -
with "castles", barrows,
and burghs, in sight.

DERRIADS,
CHIPPENHAM.

be properly expressed by
an individual, however
fully he may recognise
them and be grateful
for them; but for your
generous kindness to me
personally, permit me
again to offer you my
sincerest thanks, and

Believe me to remain

Yours very faithfully

C. Prior Goldney.

The inhabitants of South
Oxfordshire, a sort of chalk
peninsula, with the
Thames flowing round it,
and the inhabitants of
certain chalk parts of
Hertfordshire, are
complaining of, and
say they have evidence
to prove, the continuous
lowering of the water
in their wells.

My relative the late Mr. Swayne of Wilton, at one time took a good deal of interest, and collected a certain amount of information on this same subject, and formed a strong opinion, that the general level of the water in the South Wilts chalk had fallen

very considerably since, at all events, the early occupation of Wilton and its neighbourhood by the Saxons.

The thanks due to you by the public, for all your labours, for the research and knowledge you have brought to bear, for your munificence, cannot