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Dear General Pitt-Rivers

I enclose proof of
block of Roman tile
with crop upon it.

If you can spare time
to write a short note
about it I shall be
very much obliged.

I have been lately
going into the question
of the spiral ornament

of the Irish MSS. and the
art of the "Late-Celtic"
period, and there are some
remarkable ^{circulan} enamelled
discs which seem to
afford a connecting link
between the two styles.
I believe you have one in
your collection which was
found near Oxford.
I should be glad to know
if you have any particulars
with regard to the
circumstances under
which it was found.

Mr C. H. Read says he
thinks they are late
Saxon, but does not seem
to have any theory as to
what these discs were
used for. I think the
subject would be worth
investigating so as to
settle their date

I remain
yrs. very truly

J Romilly Allen



**ROMAN TEGULA, FOUND WITH ROMAN REMAINS
BY LADY BAKER ON GENERAL PITT-RIVERS'S PROPERTY
AT SHROTON, AND PRESENTED BY HER.**

*THE MARK OF THE CROSS WITHIN A CIRCLE, ROUGHLY INSCRIBED WITH THE POINT
OF THE FINGER, APPEARS UNDOUBTEDLY TO BE THE CHRISTIAN EMBLEM USED BY THE
ROMANS IN THIS PART OF ENGLAND, AND WHICH PREVAILS ON STONE CROSSES
IN THE SOUTH AND WEST OF GREAT BRITAIN.
IT HAS ALSO THE IMPRESSION OF A DOG'S FOOT.*