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9, BARTON STREET, S.W.

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Dear General Pitt Rivers

I wrote to you a week
or two ago about the proposed
History of Wiltshire — to ask you
if you could possibly write any
portion of the earlier part of the
book, or, if not, whether you
would write a Preface for it.

I should be so very glad
if you could send me a
line at your earliest convenience



to tell me what you think
about it, as I am rather
anxious to draw up the
definite plan of the book as
soon as possible.

Believe me

Yours very truly

Robert Phillips

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Rushmore,
Salisbury.

Feb. 17th, 1896.

Dear Miss Phillips,

I am so very sorry that I am not well enough to do what you wish, but I am not well enough to undertake anything new. I hope if I live to complete the 4th and 5th Volume of my "Excavations". I may also mention that in so far as the prehistoric account of this district goes, I hardly think the matter is ripe for a popular work. I have been 15 years digging continuously it is true, and the record is very detailed, but we require so much more evidence before venturing to generalize than we used to do, that I should not myself hazard any general conclusions, until some ten years more had elapsed, which will bring it long after my time, but I should be much pleased to join you in your work if I could.

Yours very truly,
A. Pitt-Rivers.