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Dear General Pitt Rivers.

I did not like the other day to state positively that the Beaulieu ruins were those of a Cistercian Monastery. The Parish Church is, as I said, the old Refectory, the stone pulpit in the side wall being the old Reading desk of the monks - It was apparently swept away by Henry VIII - The whole ruins are well worth a visit - and the place is typical New Forest. We made the journey from Southampton by steamer & found it most enjoyable.

I am sorry to say that three appointments for golf at Reformer have been rendered impracticable by the weather. We look forward to better times.

With every good wish for yourself

Yours very sincerely

C. O. Drew