

removed, but we shall endeavour to put
together the better ones to the best of
our ability.

With repeated apologies for troubling you
I am


Yours very faithfully
Edw. Inceyrick

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Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse my troubling
you in a matter where we should be
glad to have the benefit of your skilled
opinion. In digging the foundations for
a new wing to the Sanatorium at Marlborough
College, we have come upon a series of
large urns or vases; some seven or
eight have been discovered, and it
is reasonable to suppose that there are
others in the adjacent undisturbed soil.
These are of a pottery which I have been
accustomed to regard as Early British; thin
in proportion to their size, ^{grey or} clay-colored, and
containing numerous particles of quartz(?);
shaped somewhat thus ; some are

ornamented externally, the handsomest having
two rows of a zigzag pattern, thus,



a row of roundish impressions beneath these,
and near the rim a raised moulding of
confluent roundish impressions marked with an
incised pattern, somewhat thus,



I am writing from memory, but I think
this is sufficient to give you a general
idea. Apparently there was no trace
of interment in these, but two or three
bones of animals (not as present certainly
identified) were found in or near them.
The only other article found apparently
in connection with these is a piece of

the base of a deer's antler, with a
round hole about an inch in diameter
neatly drilled through it. The excavation
is proceeding, and we shall endeavor to
find what is in the soil below it
is finally built on, but this must
be done at once.

We should be very grateful therefore
if you could inform us what the
character of these remains is; what
we ought to look for in connection with
them; and any recommendations that
you might feel disposed to make in
the interests of archaeology. It does
not seem possible to get the vessels
out whole, even with the greatest care,
as they fall to pieces when the earth is