

prehistoric times is being gradually
& irrevocably destroyed. But
addresses such as yours must
do much to stimulate archaeologists
all over the country to work
while it is day, and to work
on right methods.

With kind remembrances to
Mrs Rivers -

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir

Very many thanks for your
kindness in sending me the copy
of your most instructive address
at the meeting of the Archaeolog-
ical Institute. I was very
glad indeed to learn that your
health was sufficiently reestablished
to allow of your presiding on
that occasion. I have often
wondered how you were getting
on since I had the pleasure
of seeing you in June, and

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sometimes thought of writing to inquire, as I was afraid you might be worse for the effort you made to see me that day; but I feared to give trouble.

I was deeply interested in your Address, and especially in your remarks about the silted up of ditches. I do not know whether I am correct, but it appears to me that one argument for the moated hillocks with platforms attached being of Norman or at any rate of 11th century origin is that ^{their ditches} they are generally so much less silted up than pre-historic earthworks,

and their banks so much more steep in outline. I have not found any account of any of them being excavated, except the one you excavated near Folkestone, but I am told that the mound at Rayleigh was opened, and nothing whatever found in it.

I wish that some one would arise and do for Yorkshire the work which you have done for Dorset and the South of England. It is melancholy to think that the evidence of