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Bradbourne Rd  
Bournemouth

Ans.  
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Dear Sir

I have both read & heard  
friends speak of your inter-  
esting Museum, & I believe  
you do not confine your  
collection only to curiosities  
found in Dorsetshire, which  
makes me venture to ask if  
you would feel inclined to  
purchase for the Museum a  
box, or case, of plaster casts  
reproductions of the Frieze  
at the Parthenon. They are

very beautifully & clearly  
cast, figures of Grecian women,  
men fighting with Centaurs,  
&c. &c. each are in a wooden  
box 18 x 12 inches 8 in depth.  
on lifting the cover the front  
falls, & there are 7 trays in  
layers, each tray containing  
about 7 casts. Should you  
feel inclined to add them  
to your Museum I could  
send two or three casts by post  
for you to see, first of all.

I have only offered them to the  
S. Kensington Museum, but  
they already possess copies  
of the Parthenon Frieze.  
In my possession they are never

seen by the Public, & the real  
fact is, I should be glad to get  
something for them.

I know Dorset is full of natural  
curiosities for my father was  
devoted to Geology &c. &c. & as  
children we were encouraged  
to hunt for everything, & my  
early childhood was spent in  
the County so dear to all  
Dorset people.

Believe me  
Yrs faithfully  
M. G. Barbara St. John

Kindly address  
Miss Barbara St. John