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Maidstone

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Dear General Pitt-Rivers

From the circular which has been sent to you, you are aware that an effort is being made to secure the Harrison collection of Flint Implements for this Museum, and thus keep them in the County in which they were found. I am making, personally, a strenuous effort to get the money

together. So far 120£ has been  
promised. May I venture to hope  
that you will send me a donation  
towards the acquisition of the Series,  
for it is so disheartening to see  
every thing going out of the District

I hope you keep in good health.

Yours very truly

Frederic James

H. Gent. Pitt Rivers Esq. F.R.S. &c



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## THE HARRISON COLLECTION OF PREHISTORIC FLINT IMPLEMENTS.

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The Committee of the Maidstone Museum and Public Library is desirous of bringing before the notice of scientific men and others generally, the important matter of the acquisition—by means of subscriptions from antiquarian and scientific societies as well as from private individuals—of the Collection of Prehistoric Flint Implements formed during the past 34 years by Mr. BENJAMIN HARRISON, of Ightham, near Sevenoaks; a collection which not only illustrates most important discoveries relating to the Early History of Man in Great Britain and elsewhere, but sheds a new and unexpected light on the same subject in the County of Kent.

It is proposed that the Collection should be deposited in this Museum, it being, in the opinion of the Committee and others competent to judge, the most suitable Institution, in that it is located in the County Town, and also is in the immediate vicinity of the district in which the discoveries have been and are still being made.

In desiring this, the Committee feel that they would be carrying out the express wish of the learned Master on the subject—the late Sir JOSEPH PRESTWICH, F.R.S.,—who, in repeated conversations with Mr. HARRISON, emphasised his wish that the Implements should be kept together in the County in which they were found.

The Committee, in making a selection from the Collection, proposes to confine itself to the following :—

### A. Plateau or "Eolithic" Implements.

- I. The Type series chosen from the Chalk Plateau Implements by Professor PRESTWICH illustrating his monographs upon the subject in the Journals of the Geological Society of London, and the Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, and all the other type implements now in Mr. HARRISON'S possession that have been figured and described by other writers.

- II. A Series in extension of Series I. to show variety of form and the probable uses to which these implements have been put.

### B. Paleolithic Implements.

- III. The Collection of Implements from the Medway gravels and other gravels in the West Kent district.

### C. Neolithic Implements.

- IV. A type series of Implements from the Oldbury Rock Shelters, together with any others found in Kent, and now in Mr. HARRISON'S Collection.
- V. All specially prepared maps and sections, illustrated note books, detailed catalogues and private memoranda relating to these Collections.

The Committee trust that this appeal may be liberally responded to by all those who value for its own sake, honest and persistent scientific labour, the results of which have now gained for Mr. HARRISON a world-wide reputation, so that besides the acquisition of this important collection, a substantial recognition may be made of Mr. HARRISON'S valuable services in the cause of Science. To accomplish this, it is considered that a sum of not less than £500 should be raised.

A subscription form is attached, and payments may be made to the Town Clerk of Maidstone, or to the Harrison Collection Fund, at the Kentish Bank, Maidstone.

Signed on behalf of the Museum Committee,

JOSEPH BARKER,

(Mayor.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS ALREADY PROMISED.

	£	s.	d.
Maidstone Museum Committee.....	25	0	0
Kent Archæological Society .....	25	0	0
The Earl Stanhope, F.S.A. ....	5	0	0
The Earl Ducie .....	5	0	0
Right Hon. G. J. Shaw Lefevre .....	5	0	0
Sir John Lubbock, Bart., M.P.....	10	0	0
Major-General Luard .....	6	0	0
Sir Mark Collett, Bart. ....	5	0	0
William Laurence, Esq., J.P. ....	5	0	0
Samuel Mercer, Esq., J.P. ....	5	0	0
<i>W. M. Newton, Esq.</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

**THE HARRISON COLLECTION FUND.**

SUBSCRIPTION FORM.

*I am willing to contribute the Sum of*

*towards the above-named Fund.*

*Name,* .....

*Address,* .....

*Date,* .....