

Godwin -
Austin -
And. Aug 4/98.

Shalford Park.
2nd July 1898.

My dear General,

I can hardly
thank you enough
for the splendid
present you have
sent me & I value
it much. It is a
monument of accu-
rate, close, & proper
research. It sets an
example of how such

of the lake. a cairn
which had very lately
been opened. it was
a most interesting thing
the ^{interior} ~~burial~~ receptacle of
large flat ^{rough} ~~new~~ stones.
most perfect. but the stones
had many of them been
removed & used for the
building of a new house
close by. The land had
been purchased by a London
tradesman, for a summer
residence, & no doubt the
cairn had been opened by
him, & that it had con-
tained nobody knew -
& it may be all gone by
this time. It struck me
there was to be done in that
neighbourhood, in the way

work sh^d. be conducted
& if not done in this
careful manner, it
had best not be
done at all. It
is dreadful to see
the mutilated way
in which some places
have been left &
from which no re-
cords are preserved
& no deductions ever
made - You are on

the Ancient Monument
Committee. I would
now I am writing men-
tion the State of the
standing stones of Steu-
ness in the Orkneys. I
was there 2 years ago
& made a plan of them
so many of the stones
are lying flat on the
ground - which might
with very little expense
be put up again. Then
I saw near the shore

of preserving the old
Megalithic monument,
of which I made

several sketches -
Maes-Howe being a known
place is properly looked
after, & the visitor can-
not mutilate & destroy
& separate their names,
as is their wont.

With my best regards
believe me

Yours very truly
R. Goddard, Curator

P.S. I made some inquiries as
to putting up the standing stones
again - and I think it could
probably be done by the man who
looks after the roads, if it were su-
perintended by some one.