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Dear Sir,

I fear you must be rather overdone with inquiries on archaeological matters, but am venturing to apply to you for assistance in some work of my own - My immediate neighbourhood is singularly rich in Roman remains, there being some six and very probably more villa-sites within a 2 mile radius of my house. I am desirous of getting all the information I can concerning similar buildings over a larger district in this country side, for near me, at least, there seems to be evidence that the villas were mostly, and perhaps all, constructed on a distinct ^{local} plan. It would inflict too long a letter on you to explain this now, but in case you have not seen it, I am posting with this a paper of mine on a villa which we excavated last year, and on a remarkable set of Roman pewter vessels which I discovered last November. Two other villas near here seem to have had the same ground plan as the printed one: others unluckily have been opened out in time past in an inexpert manner and no plans kept.

I have thought you might be able to tell me whether any villa-sites are

known to yourself in the Salisbury neighbourhood of which plans have been made and are accessible - The usual thing, e.g. in the instances of West Dean, Littlecote &c, is to have some record of pavements but no plan of the building -

Another point is this - I have a recollection of reading or hearing of "hypocausts" found by you of a rough, inferior description, belonging not to villas but to Romano-British Cottages or huts - In a wood within Stone's throw of my house there are very abundant evidences of something in the way of a Romano-British village - Some 10 years ago Mr C. F. Wood, now of Theddon, France, Alton, then tenant of the Redenham Estate in which this Copse lies, ^{and myself} did a certain amount of exploration there, and among other remains we found a well preserved hypocaust walled with flint blocks - I fear your valuable printed records are not generally accessible - one very greatly suffers for want of knowledge of the work done by others! but perhaps you will most kindly, at your leisure, inform me whether I am correct in the belief that you have found village or hut hypocausts of this description -

In any case pray pardon my troubling you with these questions -

very faithfully yours

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