

P. 240. Evidence of coins as to
age of deposits &c. Coins may be in
circulation even centuries after their manu-
facture. A man I knew who was always
receiving quantities of coppers in his business
told me that before the present bronze coin-
age was started he received all sorts of coins
including some Roman (of course the
larger bronzes).

I have been much struck with
both your theory and practice as to the
examination of ditches, and have just commended
them to the particular attention of a Mr
Pass, who owns a camp somewhere in Dorset
which he contemplates examining.

Hoping you are better in health
than when you last wrote, I remain,

Yours Truly,

Alfred Percival Rivers

Lewis.
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54, HIGHBURY HILL.
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Dear General Pitt Rivers,
I wrote some weeks ago
to thank you for the fourth volume
of your "Excavations in Cranbourne Chase,"
and took the opportunity of saying
how well I remembered your being
the first to demonstrate the existence
of a true palaeolithic period in Egypt,
and that I had quite recently mentioned
the fact at a meeting of the Institute.
That was in connection with a paper by
Prof Rupert Jones which will be published
in the first number of the new series of

The Journal, which will appear in a few days, and I expect there will be a line or two of my remarks upon it.

I have now gone carefully through your last volume and should like to mention one or two points that have occurred to me while reading it.

P. 65 File enclosure at Wor Barrow.
"may in all probability be a wooden version of the stone chambers," &c

I think I have somewhere seen an account of a sepulchral chamber in Denmark made of wooden instead of stone slabs. I have been looking for the reference but have not yet found it, still I think I could find it by further search if you wish for it.

P. 78 Skeletons buried without heads - has there not been a custom in Brittany of keeping the heads above ground

in boxes or other receptacles? If these people had been executed, however, their heads might have been stuck on poles, as traitors' heads used to be set on spikes on town gates in later times.

Fig 7, plate 311. Has not this form of pointed flint been thought to be a wood carving tool?

P. 201. I thought the "tribulum" was sometimes used as a harrow in the fields, which would account for flakes coming out on the land. - One in the British Museum from Lyria is I think described as a harrow ^{though it has always struck me as a very inefficient one}

P. 220 Petrie's "intruding race" - You are no doubt aware that Petrie now concurs with de Morgan and others in attributing this race and its works to the pre-dynastic period, thus carrying it back at least another thousand years.