

read there, would be more applicable.
I think it is Terence who puts into
the mouth of one of his characters
"Homo sum. Nichil ego humanum
a me alienum puto!" Read
"anthropos" for "homo", & one
might say that every section
represented at the late meeting
might claim to be considered
anthropology, & for the reasons
given in my quotation -

y^r faithfully
Chamberlayne

Answer

22532

The Brow
Combe Down
W. Bath, Sept. 27th

Dear Sir

As one of the audience
who listened to your interesting
address on the 6th inst., & as fairly
acquainted with anatomy,
I should have liked to have asked
a question or two, as to how you
arrived at the conclusion that
the average height of men
amongst the Romano Britons
was only about 5.2, & of their
women in proportion.

I had no such opportunity at the
time; so I now write to head
quarters to ask whether this
statement was made by you
from measuring one or more of the

long bones, such as the femur
& so guessing the general height;
or from the measurement of the
entire skeleton. If from the former
might it not be an uncertain
guide? If from the latter mode,
was any allowance made for the
22 intervertebral cartilages
which must have existed during
life, & which, in a man whose
spinal column measured - say 2 feet
would, according to Quain, have added
to it another 6 inches in length.
I have said - 22 - because you may be
aware that the two upper cervical
vertebrae have no such cartilages
between them. You did not mention
in what condition you had found
these skeletons, i.e. whether in
fragments or not. But, as they
must have been interred at least

1500 years ago, all the cartilages
must have long since shrunk
to nothing. The only question is
whether the bones themselves
had not shrunk in the course
of that time, so as in this way
to somewhat diminish the height.
Might I also ask the meaning
of the following terms as used in
your paper; "mesocephalic",
"hyperdolichocephalic", and
"brachycephalic". Of course I am
aware that the latter part of each
of these words, means "head" -
But how a head can be coffin shaped
& what kinds of heads these terms
imply, I don't understand.
Might I suggest that "Anthropology"
appears to me almost too wide a
term for the section of which you
were President; & that "Ethnology"
judging from the bulk of the papers