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Dear Sir

I had the pleasure of being present yesterday evening when you read your interesting paper at the Anthropological Institute, and it struck me that you would like to see the account of similar explorations of Gallo-Roman pits at Le Bernard dept. of Le Vendée France. The description is given by the Abbé Baudry in his work "Les puits funéraires Gallo-Romains du Bernard Vendée". The 23 pits opened by the Abbé do not seem to have been ever intended for wells & as they

contain much ash, supposed from analysis to be of burnt human bones, and in a few instances burnt human bones there is no doubt that these pits were expressly made for funeral purposes.

It is a singular coincidence that these pits were made at the top & on the slopes of a waterless plateau like the wells at Rushmore.

I have sent "les puits funéraires" and three pamphlets on the same subject to Mr. Bloxam of the Anthropological Institute where you can judge whether they can be of interest to you. Should you desire to read

them more at your leisure at home they are quite at your service & Mr. Bloxam will hand them to you.

I am dear Sir
Yours faithfully

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