

That Board notice me how he  
has a tapered parchment  
is a cultivated field at present  
(just discussed) it is very  
wide - country out of brick  
& stone & green. I shall so &  
see it as soon as I can  
What a spectacle shall time  
is making of himself & his  
party. It is pleasant to  
see all his followers except  
the emigrants & needy ones  
who want place and  
I wish could be friends  
Boers. With ever my best

regards to Mrs Pitt Rivers  
I remain

Yours very truly

H. Mansel-Pleydell

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BLANDFORD.  
—AND TELEGRAPH—

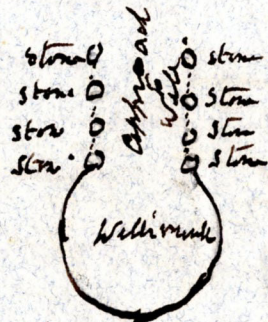
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My dear General Pitt Rivers

Since writing  
you my last letter I have  
had a severe relapse  
of which I am happily  
better. As it has been  
going on for more than  
two months. I think  
it is nearly up with  
me and that my  
working days at least  
are nearly over. I should  
so much like to feel that  
you are to be my worthy  
successor as President of the  
Field Club. You would give  
it a grand impulse

At present we are in  
 season - Our numbers  
 are increasing and amount  
 now to about 220 (I think)  
 I have now finished the  
 sifting of the Well material  
 & only found 2 more coins  
 since I wrote to you in  
 of Commodore's coin of  
 Constantinople. which brings  
 the date of the abandon-  
 ment of the well to about  
 320 A.D. at the earliest - but  
 also find the water level  
 was much the same  
 then as now. Being 4  
 near the sea there is wh  
 to be wondered at. There  
 being no cold down  
 damp growth for the wood  
 & deposit their watery contents

Through a meddled revision  
 omitted to send you the polished  
 stone with the engraved fly  
 which I now do. also a small  
 twisted bronze ring & a pendant  
 which is I think novel  
 The entrance to the Well's  
 mouth seem to have been  
 approached by an oblong  
 space flanked by eight stones



I hope to be well enough to get to  
 London next week and shall call  
 at Professor Gardner in hopes of  
 seeing you about this well & other  
 subjects.