

rubbing with fine sand paper
I thought they were metallic
and had been gilt.

I should put down these articles
to late Norman or early
English, 11th or 12th century. But
I should like to know what
you think of them. I had
almost forgotten a queer sort of
iron article which I take to be
a weighing machine.

I would take the things
to the Museum myself but
fear the season is too far
advanced for me to venture
so far. Believe me, Dear Genl.

Yours very truly
J. H. Wake Smith

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Cranborne
20 Nov. '91

Dear General,

I take the liberty
of sending you some rough
outlines of papers antique relics
that have lately come into my
possession by a friend of Winton
where they were found; on the
site, I am told of the old Town
mill, which originally belonged
to the Monastery, & stood near
the river south of the Town.
The things are in a good state
of preservation, & having been
found at a spot within the
outer boundary of Cranborne Chase
I thought they might afford you
the greater interest; at any rate
I will with pleasure request
V. acceptance for either of
Yours truly
Tollard

for Farnham Museum on
receipt of W. reply favouring
the presentation, & would send
them as soon as an opportunity
offers.

In reference to my sketches I will
just observe that the Spur is
a good specimen I should think
of the Norman Period; it is an
excellent example of the "Wick Spur"
at the extremity of one of the arms
there are two small rivets which
no doubt fastened the strap for attach-
ment to the boot. The other things
consist principally of knives which
are in good preservation, with the
exception of the loss of their bone or
wooden handles. Fig. 11 is, I think,
a most interesting example of an
early pocket knife, which was
evidently invented before the use
of the spring. The handle consists

of two iron plates which form
both sheath & handle. The blade
still in situ & is apparently sound,
but I have not attempted to
open it. Fig. 8. is a Fork, which
retains its handle, apparently
formed of bone. Fig. 9. is either
an implement or weapon - it
reminds me of the Angon, -
Antonio Javelin figured by
C. R. Smith in Collect. Antiq. Vol. 5.
Pl. xi. but being neither barbed
nor socketed I suppose it was
not intended for use as a
weapon. There are several
other things of less note, as,
Two antique keys, (good) -
Two large headed nails;
Three rings. Two of these, the
largest, I thought might be
brass or bronze, but on lightly

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Cambridge

Wednesday evening

Dear Dr. Stuart:

Mr. Hopkins says
the hives were
found about 10 or 12
feet underground
when they were
excavating at the Mill
she says "the hives"
is rather like some
that Genl Pitt Rivers
has at King John's House

I will at once write
to Mrs Hopkins and
ask her if she knows
any thing further
about them

Believe me

Dear Dr. Lunt

Yours sincerely

Bessie M. Deane

Articles placed in my hands
by Miss Deane at request of Mr. Hopkins.
Oct 25. 1891.

- 6 Knives - (no handles)
- 1 very curious { Knife in its sheath
iron
- 1. Fork with bone handle
- 1 implement or weapon (angon?)
- 1. Chisel,
- 1. Pick-Spur
- 3. rings - two of them brass.
- 2 long nails
- 1. very large headed d.
- 2. Keys.
- 1. Article, perhaps for weighing things,
as by steelyard.

J.H.S.

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