

Ans'd.
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L 910
Bryanston,

Blandford.

Aug 24th 1892

Genl. Pitt-Rivers.

Dear Sir -

In cutting through a hill here when making a carriage drive to Lord Portman's new mansion a short time ago, the workmen opened up some pits or graves, one of wh^{ch} proved to be peculiar in its formation & filling: with the help of our gardener I cleared out this pit, & have since taken a plan of it. The shape is irregular, length 14^{ft}, height 6^{ft} 10ⁱⁿ. I have

over 5,000 fragments of Roman pottery, 28 oyster shells, 2 coins, 85 nails, iron objects &c from it; on the floor I found ashes, & traces of fire in two places. Then upward for 3 or 4 feet, flints, packed in with whitish clay, animal bones & bits of pottery appearing here & there between, ashes again, & then pottery between flints to within a foot of the surface. Mr. Reid of the British Museum, Mr. Mansel Pleydell & others who have seen the pit & the

remains can throw little
light on the case, & what
I know I have chiefly
found out from reading
your most interesting
work on Brothly, wh^{ch}
Mr. Pleydell kindly lent
me some time ago. I am
hoping to take my children
to the Museum at Jaruham
the latter part of this week
or the beginning of next.
Should I be begging too
great a favor in asking
if you could see me
for half an hour if I

were to drive on to Rushmore?
I should feel so grateful
for your opinion on the
case generally, & on the
coins & some typical bits
of pottery in particular.
any day or time that would
be most convenient to you
w^{ld} be equally so to me.
Apologizing for troubling
you, I remain Dear Sir
Yours faithfully

(Mrs) J. D. Archer

Objects rec'd. by Mr. Dr. Forrester, Bryanstone

A Leathrop.

A Cleat

An Eyelet or Loop.

Pieces of Samian. (one with maker's name)

{ Two Roman Coins of Tetricus I?
and Gallienus?

{ The bottom of a pot ornamented
as Plate CLXXXV, fig. 14.

A Bone finger ring

A Bone Pin

A piece of a twisted bronze bangle

{ A hard New Forest Pot, nearly
complete decorated with "slip" orna-
ment. Similar to the one fr. h. Forest
Skull of Sheep & Goat.

Handle of Sancer

{ Basin-shaped rims, and
other typical specimens of
Roman British pottery.

{ Iron nails, horse-shoe nail &
nub-nails.

Iron Knife or part of Shears.

tc.