

" They were formed of thin
slabs of stone, standing on
their edges, - the dimensions
of the largest being 6 feet
7 inches long, and 2 feet
wide, outside measurements,
at the head; - the direction
of both was N. N. W.

" The earth had filled the
Coffins, and the bones were
very much decayed, and

(L 28) November 13th
1882.

Treffort Ewings Rectory
Salisbury

Dear Sir

Knowing the interest
you take in the subject of
Archaeology) and having
recently heard from Mr.
A. Morrison and Sir
Thomas Grove of the
investigations you have

been making to your
neighbourhood, I should
be very much obliged to you
if you would give me
your opinion on some
discoveries which have been
made here

In the course of my geological
work here and constant
visits to the quarries near
I have come across

the following discoveries,
the particulars of which
I copy from my note book.

December 1877

Two roughly constructed
stone coffins were discovered
within 10 inches of the surface
at the Lime Kiln quarry,
about half way between the
Kiln and the lane above
Botts hill, leading to Han Gon.

4 bones found, lying nearly East & West about 15 inches below the surface, no stones for coffin, about 100 yards from the road to Tisbury.

I have now in my possession the skull, much broken away, found in the largest grave in Dec^r 1877. Also the jaw & coria found January 1880.

I have picked up from the surface of the ploughed field,

lay embedded in it. The length of the femur 16 inches, - the tibia $12 \frac{3}{4}$ inches. The skull from the largest grave seems of a low type.

The skull from the smaller grave ~~too~~ decayed to preserve.

January, 1880, a grave (8 ft. long), lined with stone as the former, lying nearly

East & West, a few inches below the surface, containing human bones, much decayed, amongst which was a lower jaw, of a young person, stained green in one place, probably by a copper coin placed in the mouth.

Two small copper coins, very green with corrosion, were found in the earth

near, also many fragments of coarse black pottery.

" September, 1881.

" A grave about 6 feet long, lined with stones, carefully shaped, lying N. E. & S. W., - 2 feet below the surface, contained bones much decayed.

" August 1882. Human

mention, that there is near
here, on the summit of the Green
Sand Ridge, a mound,
which may possibly be a
barrow -

I must apologise for thus
writing to you, but I trust
that the subject will be of
sufficient interest to you
to be its own reward

I remain

Yours faithfully
W. R. Andrews

close by fragments of flint,
which I was told by Mr.
^{Curator of the Geological Museum}
^{at Cambridge}
Keppel, in whose company
I was, had been chipped -
& some effort made to work
them into weapons.

I have not observed that
the bones show signs of having
been burnt, but I have
noticed stones blackened,
& evidently having been

subjected to fire.

I have been told that some years before these discoveries were made, as many as 20 similar graves had been found in the course of quarrying near Butts Hill, and that a coin was obtained.

I have been unable to learn any particulars about the

coin.

I shall be very pleased to show you any of these relics, - and to hear your opinion about them, as my work during the last nine years has been more with the Geology of the neighbourhood than the Archaeology.

I had forgotten to