

The Grange, Guernsey
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Sir,

I would assist as much as I
could in elucidating the science of
Anthropology. The use of Photographs
as forwarded by you may help a
little, but I fail to discover all they
may be meant to teach unless
accompanied by carefully taken
ground plans! There is so much
taken for granted at present in the
science, we require more pains-taken
plans & levels before actual facts
are established. Megalithic structures
in every country are surrounded by
so much that is mysterious the spade &
pickaxe alone can solve what lies
within the magic circle! — I will

do what you require of me with pleasure
 but perhaps as I have but little time
 to devote to the subject I should require
 some assistance — I would suggest
 for such a grand occasion as you have
 now before you, that plaster casts of all
 the most singularly formed stone
 implements in both private & public
 collections be taken, & that mineralogy
 be more extensively used to discriminate
 the stones used by these early people for
 the formation of their weapons — in this
 island I have many of substances not
 to be found nearer than Bavaria, but
 I have lately ^{learned} ~~learned~~ that at "Issore"
 Fibrolite is to be found abundantly &
 I would thank you if at your leisure
 a bit of this mineral could be obtained

for my museum for comparison.

- I would thank you too, if you could supply me with information about the Flint & Chert of France - Does it differ from the English Flint, or, of other countries by containing organic matter (to be detected perhaps by the microscope) so that we may trace where, as in this island they obtained it from? - I have many very interesting specimens, but as Flint does not occur here, they probably brought it with them - only very small nodules (drift) are to be found on our coasts. There are matters

- which will, I fear, only trouble you just now that you have a multiplicity of subjects to attend to, but at your convenience any information will be thankfully received - Be good enough to direct me in what way

you particularly wish me to serve you
& I will take great interest & pleasure
in attending — I could not well
express myself in your language so
I write in English which I hope you
comprehend —

awaiting your reply

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully

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