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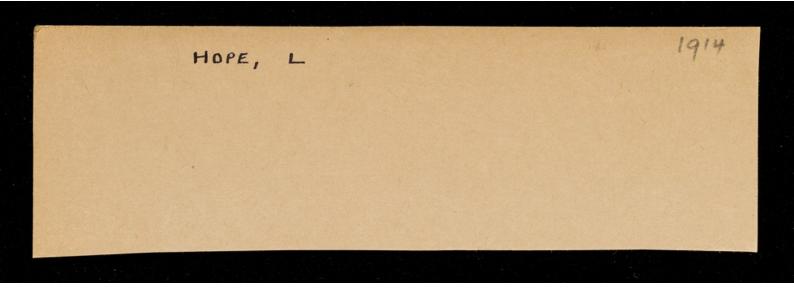
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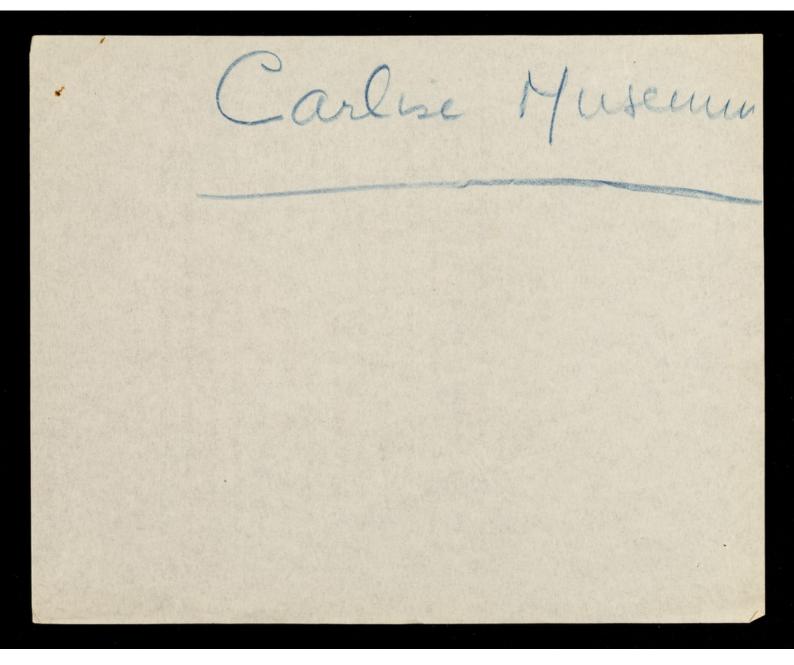
I have just heard from Professor Keith with reference to the skulls and pieces of pottery excavated in Carlisle which you forwarded for examination. He states, "If I were asked, independently of other evidence, the probable date of the skulls, I would say Roman period, because the skulls are of the form and type most characteristic of that time here in England. Reginald Smith says the pottery is medieval. The skulls also may be, but if so, the Roman type has bred true in Carlisle. Details are appended to each skull, there are 3 men and 2 women, all adults, the wear of the teeth shows that they are medieval or older. For my part I would assign them provisionally to Roman eriod."

I am having the objects carefully packed tonight, and will forward them to you by passenger train temerrow. Kindly let me know of their safe arrival.

Faithfully yours,

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Linnaeus Hope Esq. Carlisle Huseum.



City of Carlisle.



LINNÆUS E. HOPE, CURATOR

Art Gallery & Museum, Tullie House, Carlisle June 15th. 1914

Dearting I am requested by Brones to forward to you some protions of (aania human) found during recentesecarations i Carliele. These were found al - a depthe of Bfertin disturbed east. overlying clay (aditules) a norman trench, out was cut. for the foundation of a builday but eridently burials had been numerous and somethy little order, a row of heads ha to the coming to the narrow toened. His suggested by one of my committee that this was The burial place of the Black Friends whose monasting was about 3000 yds. distant - Will you blase draw attention to humber 36-14. There is " This Cramin a large dit - appanently

continporaneous with the death of the penson & therefore no doubt the cauil. The curious thing to me is the fact-The troome being so decomposed, much more to than a crania ford amongst Koman debris kene. I did not - see any approached departe a the soil which would conduce to rapid decomposition unders nearness where surface has effected it. The nearners & anspace (3ft-) maybare been caused & a levelling for earliers buildings, & powenent-Versonaly I am rather retatical as to there blighte cranica of Ecclesiants the close rows of bodies compled with the ent i to 36-14 suggest to me the dead of some battle or raid wwhich this City was subject up 5 the 18th cents + from very early times, the Re-Romannen. No. 36-14 is pooribly the. foramen magnum & secipital condigles of a dog. She pottery, (4 pices) of these 3 look like potions of a 14" Cuty pitcher of the plaged Type, origland poorts only her fand. The glass I can or hazard a opinion on The Committee of this Museu & Dr/by Danes are extremely gratiful byou for indistation Fredomet thise bores berepert-examination forus. I am yours emenely Lundus & Hopel Curlos