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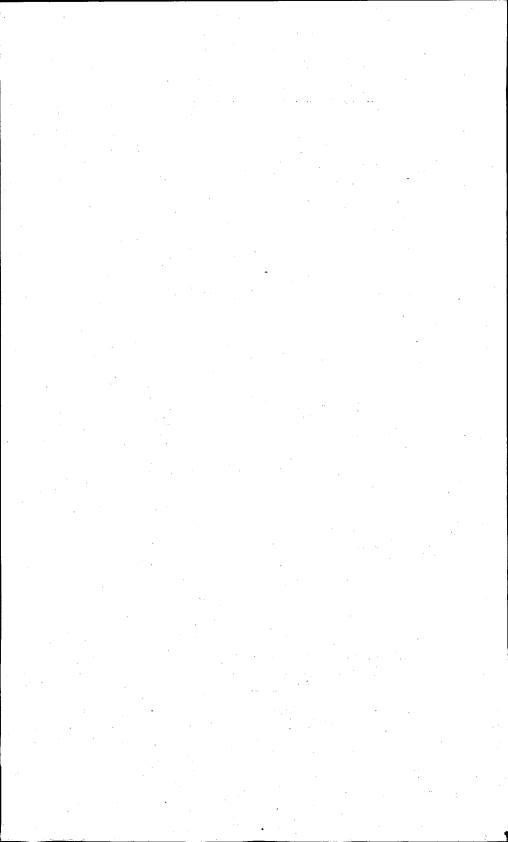
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THE CASTLE HILL.

Mr Freeman had arrived at some important generalizations. For instance, almost all the examples of the dark green glaze ware were obtained from the northern part of Cambridge within the King's Ditches. Almost all the yellow ware with brown slip occurred on Midsummer Common, but over a considerable part of that area there is reason to believe that much earth containing older fragments had been carted as well as town refuse containing contemporary fragments.

Resolutions were passed thanking Mr Freeman for his care in watching a recent excavation, and for exhibiting this part of his collection.

Professor HUGHES then made the following

FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ON THE CASTLE HILL.

Professor Hughes referred to a valuable paper communicated to the Society by Mr Gray, of Jesus College, in which he had shown the position of some of the watercourses and ditches on the Castle side of the river. He did not, however, quite agree with all Mr Gray's inferences, and urged that the ditches which formed a protection to the bridge were town ditches, and that the earthworks of the Castle were above, beyond, and quite independent of them. He drew attention to the fact that the remains of the old road by Magdalene bridge did not lead to where the bridge now stands, but pointed rather down stream towards the centre of the College, and that the direction indicated by the stakes on the other side of the bridge coincided with that of the road. He accounted for the absence of any ditch and bank across the street leading up from the bridge to the prison by the fact that the gradient had been reduced, and, describing the strata which were found in that section and explaining the character of the deposit which he would have expected to find there, he showed that the whole of the superficial portion, vallum, fosse, and surface soil, had been all artificially removed. He believed that in early times the principal road up the hill ran by Shelly-row.

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Mr FAWCETT said that in some recent excavations at the Shire Hall, he had come across the foundations of the Castle gatehouse. He described these and presented to the Society a drawing showing the section of the plinth.

Wednesday, 2 December, 1896. 4.30 P.M.

J. B. MULLINGER, M.A., President, in the Chair. The election of the following was announced: Mr J. H. Allin, High Clere, Chesterton Road; Rev. John Neville Figgis, St Catharine's College; Mr George Augustus MacMillan, 19, Earl's Terrace, Kensington, W.; the Rev. William Albert Cox, M.A., St John's College.

Miss BATESON made a communication,

ON THE LIBRARY OF SYON MONASTERY.

The paper is intended for separate publication and is therefore not printed in the Society's Proceedings.

Mr R. F. SCOTT, M.A., made the following Communication :

ON A LIST (PRESERVED IN THE TREASURY OF ST JOHN'S College) of the Plate, Books and Vestments bequeathed by the Lady Margaret to Christ's College.

This list is contained in a little quarto volume of 37 pages of manuscript sewn together. A fragment of the list, practically the contents of the first page, is printed in Cooper and Le Keux's *Memorials of Cambridge* (1861), Vol. ii. 28-9. This fragment was at one time in the possession of Thomas Hearne, and was printed by Le Keux, *Memorials of Cambridge* (1841), Christ's College, p. 4, from a transcript by Thomas Baker.

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