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anything more about it, and, buried in its deep woods, it escaped the notice even of the Ordnance Survey. When however I called the attention of the officer in charge of that district to it he had it surveyed at once, and has kindly placed at my disposal a tracing of the works which will appear in the next edition of the map.

### VILLAGE OF ROMANIZED BRITONS ON THE BANKS OF THE CAM BETWEEN CHESTERTON AND MILTON.

By Professor T. MCKENNY HUGHES.

In September of last year Mr Bell, of Trinity Hall, kindly informed me of the discovery of a large quantity of pottery and bones at the east corner of the Sewage farm on an area which was being excavated with a view to some further extension of these works. Through his good offices I heard from the Town Clerk, Mr J. E. L. Whitehead, that the Sewage Disposal Committee were willing to hand over the various antiquarian objects found to me in order that I might see to their examination and safe-keeping. I am glad to have the opportunity of publicly thanking these gentlemen for their courtesy in the matter.

The discovery proved to be of great interest. It is in fact the unearthing of another Roman settlement along the river terraces north of Cambridge. Unfortunately I did not receive the information in time to see the objects excavated and note their exact relation to one another, but an examination of the spot and of the surrounding area and careful enquiry from the workmen enabled me to make out pretty clearly their manner of occurrence and the character of the remains.

There were a good many human remains and most of these came from graves of irregular occurrence over the area. They seem to have been those of well-built people of large stature and good dolichocephalic skulls.

The pottery and the remains of domestic animals were found chiefly in pits such as are so common in and around every

Roman settlement, as for example at Chesterford—but also to some extent scattered over the surface. The pottery is very mixed in character. There was much of the coarse ware such as we find at Horningsea, some of the hooped barrel type such as I have recently brought under your notice from Jesus Lane. But there is very little that is at all comparable to the finer class of ware which we are now digging up in the War Ditches. The scarcity of Samian may indicate the poverty of the inhabitants, or the late date of the settlement, or the absence of the more distinctively Roman element.

It was probably an agricultural village of Romanized Britons.

#### ON MODIFICATIONS OF DESIGN ON AN INDIAN CLOTH.

By Professor T. MCKENNY HUGHES.

The curious example of modifications of design which we find on British coins struck in imitation of Greek money has often been noticed. The head of Philip of Macedon degenerated into a ear of corn.

The quadriga or four-horse chariot became a sort of Medusa head.

It is interesting therefore to see the same sort of thing in the treatment of hunting scenes or fights between wild beasts in modern Asiatic designs.

The piece which I exhibit has a stag, with conventional antlers, walking out to feed; also a tiger or cheetah arriving upon the scene; the tiger seizes the stag. But now a change is seen, the stag's antlers become part of the floral decoration, though occasionally one of the designs which do duty for plants elsewhere remains attached to or near the stag's head.

In another place the antlers remain, but the row of tynes suggests the teeth of an animal turned back towards the attacking tiger. When this has been accepted, various parts of the rest of the animal are modified to suit the idea, and colour strengthens the illusion. Portions of the tiger develop into the serpent-like body and tail of the dragon on which the

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