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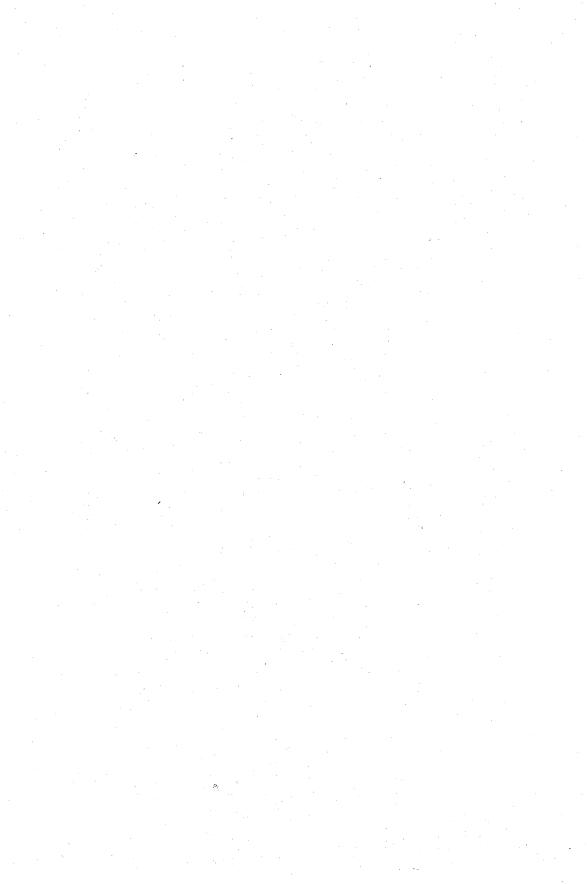
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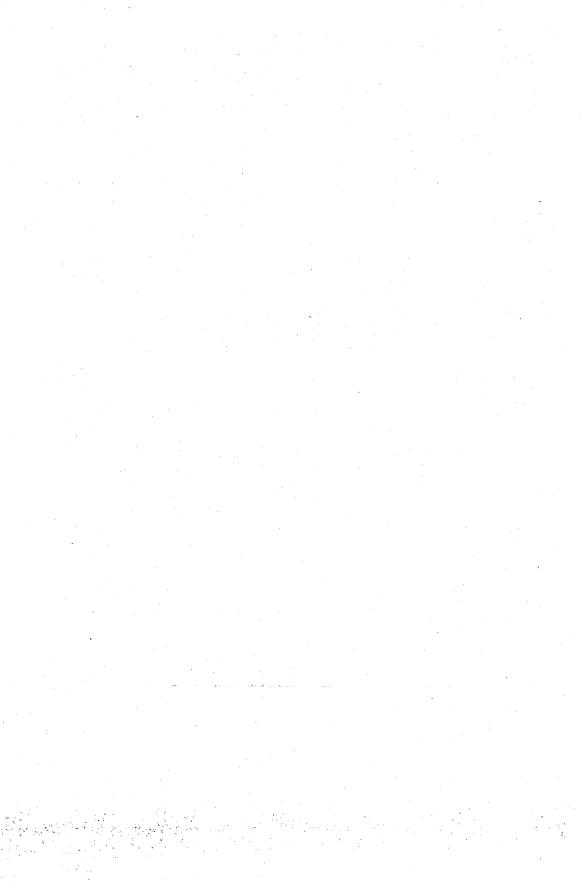
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H.J. M. Green, Godmanchester. The Oleander Press of Cambridge, 1977. £1.30.

This well-illustrated and authoritative booklet covers the history of Godmanchester and its site in 48 pages, from the Middle Pleistocene to the present day. The author has himself made a notable contribution to that history in his exploration, over more than 25 years, of the borough's Roman past. His results are presented here in terms that are genuinely intelligible to the lay public, and it is a mark of his integrity and judgment that in simplifying the archaeological story for the general reader Mr Green is a shade more cautious in his conclusions than when he is writing for specialists. For the medieval and recent periods historical documents, archaeological data and the evidence of surviving remains are skilfully combined. This booklet is not aimed at the informed student, but he can read it with enjoyment and with profit; and a select bibliography will guide him to the evidence so far published on which the account is based.

D.R. Wilson

Some recent publications in Cambridgeshire local history.

The Victoria History of the County of Cambridge, vol. vi, ed A.P.M. Wright, University of London, £35.

This volume continues the history of the historic county of Cambridge after that reviewed in volume lxvi of these Proceedings, and maintains the high standards of its predecessors. It deals with the hundreds of Chilford, Radfield and Whittlesford (the Abingtons, Babraham, Bartlow, the Camps, Hildersham, Horseheath, Linton, Pampisford, West Wickham, Balsham, Brinkley, Burrough Green, Carlton, Dullingham, Stetchworth, Westley Waterless, West Colville, West Wratting; Duxford, Hinxton, Ickleton, Sawston, Whittlesford. The illustrations are admirable, particularly those of architecture, and some of the maps, showing features from early village maps, are especially worthy of note.

The estates of Thorney and Crowland, by Sandra Raban, University of Cambridge, Department of Land Economy, 1977, £1.80.

Mrs. Raban's study of the monastic land market is very good value, and should be bought and read by anyone concerned with the medieval social scene.

Cambridge Newspapers and Opinion 1780-1850, by Michael Murphy, Oleander Press, Cambridge and New York, 1977, £4.50.

This is a study drawn from Mr. Murphy's research work in the University of Kent, which uses the surviving copies of various local newspapers to assess the influence they exerted on political opinion. Much of the circulation of these papers was outside the town and county of Cambridge, but Mr. Murphy demonstrates that some local issues, such as the Eau Brink cut, were as important as national political matters in the papers' editorials. There are a number of illustrations, unfortunately not attributed to any sources, and an elaborate bibliography which may well be of use to others interested in the same field.

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