

Roman Coins from Little Chester.

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THE coins described below are now in the Derby Museum; they were, with the exceptions noted, found on the Little Chester site in the course of excavations carried on in the summer and autumn of 1926 under the supervision of the Derby Borough Surveyor, Mr. C. A. Clews. These excavations were in the main directed to the discovery of the road leading N.N.E. from the site of the fort. The road was successfully located and its surface laid bare for a distance of several hundred yards, while trenches, dug at right-angles to the line of the road on either side, revealed traces of a considerable Romano-British settlement. The greater part of the coins were found by the workmen either in these trenches or on the surface of the road. The exceptions known to me are the following:—No. 10 was found in Derby School Cricket Field during excavations undertaken to verify the position of the south wall of the fort: Nos. 8 and 69 were also found in the Cricket Field, but some 200 yards to the south of the fort, on the "Baths" site discovered by Mr. C. B. Sherwin in 1925, (No. 69, the latest coin in the series, was picked up on the floor of the hypocaust chamber, No. 8 in a trench on the outer side of the east wall of the same chamber): Nos. 1-7 came from the opposite bank of the river, having been found by workmen digging the foundations of new houses on the Strutt's Park estate in 1922-1923: No. 11 was dug up by a workman engaged on similar work in the centre of the

town, perhaps a mile away from the fort. Finally No. 19 was not found in Derby at all, but at Holbrook.

An analysis of the two lists, A and B, gives these results: the series covers a period of over three centuries—very nearly the whole of the Roman occupation—from Claudius to Gratian, in these proportions:—First Century 10, Second Century 36, Third Century 42, Fourth Century 36. The Third Century total is swelled by no less than 18 coins of Tetricus I and II; and the interval of fifty years that separates the reigns of Caracalla and Claudius Gothicus is bridged by only two coins, one of Severus Alexander and one of Gallienus. Similarly the Fourth Century total is made up in the main (26 coins) from the reigns of Constantine and his sons. The mints, other than the Roman mint, represented in the series are Treves, London, Lyons, Siscia and Constantinople. The Little Chester site has yielded coins of all four centuries, Domitian to Gratian; the Strutt's Park site coins of the First Century only.

All the coins have been submitted to the numismatists at the British Museum, and I am deeply grateful to Mr. Harold Mattingly, Assistant Keeper in the Department of Coins and Medals, and to Mr. J. W. E. Pearce of the same department, for their great kindness in checking and correcting my original list and supplying the references to Cohen, and for identifying and describing the large number that I could make nothing of. I am also greatly indebted to Mr. F. Williamson, Curator of the Derby Museum, for giving me the opportunity of studying the coins and for help, guidance and encouragement at every turn.

A.

(Coins which have been identified are herewith described).

No. in Ser.	Metal.	Emperor.	Obverse.	Reverse.	Ref.
1. <i>Stourts Park</i>	B.	Claudius.	[TI.] CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG. [P.M. T.R.P. IMP.] Bust bare l.	CERES AVGUSTA S.C.	C. I.
2. <i>do</i>	B.	do.	[TI. CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG. P.M. T.R.P. IMP (P.P.)]. Bust bare l.	CERES AVGUSTA S.C.	C. I.
3. <i>do</i>	B.	do.	TI. CLAVDIVS CAESAR AVG. P.M. T.R.P. IMP. P.P. Bust bare l.	s.c. Pallas iaculatrix.	C. 84.
4. <i>do</i>	B.	Nero.	IMP. NERO CAESAR AVG. P. MAX. [TR. P. P.P.] Bust bare r.	(Legend indecipherable.) s.c. Figure standing l.	C. 302.
5. <i>do</i>	S.	Vespasian	IMP. CAESAR VESPASIANVS AVG. Laureate r.	COS. ITER. TR. POT. Pax standing l., holding lyre.	(Om. by C.)
6. <i>do</i>	B.	do. COS. IIII. Laureate r.	SECVRITAS AVGVSTI. S.C.	C. 508.
7. <i>do</i>	B.	do.	IMP. CAES. VESPASIAN. AVG. COS. VIII. P.P. Laureate r.	FIDES PVBLICA. S.C. Fides standing l., with patera and cornucopia.	M. & S. 753
8. <i>Brickat Field Balte Site</i>	B.	Domitian.	[CAE]SAR [AVG.] FIL. DOMITIANVS COS. [V.] Laureate r.	(Legend perished) [s] c. Figure standing l.	M. & S. 791(b)
9.	B.	do.	IMP. CAES. DOMIT. AVG. GERM. COS. XIII. CENS. PER. P.P. Head r.	VIRTVTI [AVGVSTI] Figure standing r., holding spear.	C. 651.
10. <i>Derby school rickat field</i>	S.	Trajan.	IMP. TRAIANO AVG. GER. DAC. P.M. [T.R. P.] Laureate r.	COS. V. P.P. S.P.Q.R. OPTIMO PRINC. Felicitas standing l., holding caduceus and resting on column.	M. & S. 120.

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11. <i>Centre of Derby</i>	S.	Hadrian.	IMP. CAESAR TRAIAN. HADRIANVS AVG. Laureate r., with shoulders draped.	P.M. TR.P. COS. III. *— .CLEM. Clementia, standing l., holding sceptre and pouring libation over altar.	M.&S. 116.
12.	B.	do.	IMP. CAESAR TRAIANVS HADR[IANVS AVG P.M. TR.P. COS. III.]	MONETA[TA AVGVSTI] S.C. Moneta standing l., with scales and cornucopia.	M.&S. 586 (a) C. 973
13.	B.	do.	[HAD]RIANVS AVG. COS. III.	SA[LVS]AVG. S.C. Salus standing l., holding sceptre and feeding snake coiled round altar.	M.&S. 786. C. 1332. 1333.
14.	B.	do.	SABIN[A AVGVST]A HADR[IA]NI AVG. P.P.] Bust draped r., hair in long plait at back and drawn up high on top of head.	[PI]E[TA]S (?) S.C. Pietas seated l., holding sceptre.	C. 48.?
15.	B.	Antoninus Pius.	(Illegible).	'Salus' type.	—
16.	B.	do.	(Illegible).	'Fides' type.	—
17.	B.	do.	DIVA FAV[STINA]. Bust draped r., hair in coil on top of head.	(Legend perished, possibly AETERNITAS) S.C.] F. standing l. holding phoenix in r. h. and with l. lifting her robe (?).	C. 12.
18.	S.	Marcus Aurelius.	AVRELIVS CAESAR AVG. PII F. Curly hair, no beard, r.	COS. II. M. standing l., with cornucopia and olive branch.	C. 100.

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19. <i>Holbrook</i>	B.	Marcus Aurelius.	FAVST[INA] AVG [VSTA.] Hair in coil at back of head, r.	(Legend perished) s.c. Diana standing l., with bow and arrow.	C. 206.
20.	S.	Lucius Verus.	L. VERUS AVG. ARMEN- IACVS. Curly hair and beard r.	TR.P.III. IMP.II COS.II. Victory poised on globe with palm branch and wreath.	C. 240.
21.	S.	Septimius Severus	SEV[ERUS] PIVS [AVG.] Curly hair and beard r.	(Legend perished VOTA SVSCEPTA X.)	C. 790.
22.	S.P.	do.	IVLIA AVGVSTA. Bust of Julia Domna draped r., hair waved.	CONCORDIA FELIX. Two figures (Caracalla and Geta?) standing facing each other.	C. 23.
23.	B.	Caracalla.	M. AVREL. ANTONINVS PIVS AVG. Laureate r., bust bare.	PONTIF. TR. P.XIII. COS. III. S.C. Mars running l., laurel branch in r. h. and trophy in l.	C. 474.
24.	?	do.	ANTONINVS PIVS AVG. Laureate r.	FVNDATOR PACIS Caracalla in toga l., holding olive branch in r. h.	C. 90
25.	B.	Claudius II.	IMP. C. CLAVDIVS AVG. Radiate r.	VIRT[VS AVG.]	C. 313.
26.	B.	do.	DIVO C.	CONSECRATIO Altar.	comp. C. 52.
27.	B.	Victorinus.	IMP. . . . VICTORINVS P.F. AVG. Radiate r. (Victorinus with features of Marius.)	(Legend perished, INVICTVS?). Figure running l.	C. 46.
28.	B.	do. VICTORINVS	(One third of coin broken off; but apparently of "Invictus" type like No. 27.)	

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29.	B.	Victorinus.	IMP. C. VICTORINVS P.F. AVG. ✓	(Legend indecipherable). Providentia with wand and cornucopia?	C. 101?
30.	B.	Tetricus.	[IM]P? [TET]RICVS A[VG] Radiate r., and bearded.	SPES PVBLICA (Not in Cohen with this obverse—from unauthorised mint.)	—
31.	B.	do.	IMP. C. TETRICVS P.F. AVG.	COMES AVG. Victory standing l.	C. 17.
32.	B.	do.	IMP. TE[TRICVS P.F. AVG.]	LAETITIA AVG. N.	C. 75.
33.	B.	do.	Head of Tetricus I.	SPES PVBLICA.	—
34.	B.	do.	C. PIV. ESV. TETRICVS CAES. Radiate r.	PIETAS AVGVSTO?	C. 55.
35.	B.	Carausius.	CARAVSIVS.	(Legend perished-possibly CONCORD. MILIT.) Carausius standing on r. and giving hand to Concordia on l.	comp. C. 29, 37.
36.	B.	do.	IMP. [CARAVS]IVS P.F. [AVG.]	(Legend perished) "Pax" type—Pax st. l. with branch and sceptre.	—
37.	B.	do.	IMP. CARAVSIVS PIC. Radiate r.	[S]ALVT. AVG. Aesculapius (or Hygieia) st. l., with sceptre and feeding snake from patera.	C. 329.
38.	B.	do.	[IMP.] C. CARAVSIVS P.F. AVG. Bust draped, radiate r.	[PAX]? AVG. Pax standing l., with branch and cornucopia MLXXI	comp. C. 222.

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39.	B.	Allectus.	IMP. C. ALLECTVS P.F. AVG. Radiate r., with cuirass.	VIRTVS AVG. A ship with oars and rowers sailing l. — CL	C. 81.
40.	B.	Maximian.	DN. MAXIMIANO P.F.S. AVG. Laureate r.	GENIO POP. ROM. The Genius of Rome st. l. with cornucopia and wreath.	C. 142.
41.	B.	Maximinus II.	IMP. MAXIMINVS P. AVG. Laureate r., with cuirass.	GENIO POP. ROM. (Type as above, No. 40). — * — PLN	C. 307.
42.	B.	Constantine I.	CONSTANTINVS AVG. Laureate r.	PROVIDENTIAE AVGG. Embattled gateway star above. — R	C. 454.
43.	B.	do.	[CONS] TANTINVS AVG. Laureate r.	BEATA TRANQVI LLI [TAS.] VOTIS XX. Cippus surmounted by globe—three stars above. — PTR	C. 17.
44.	B.	do.	CONSTANTINVS AVG.	SARMATIA DEVICTA — PTR ~	C. 487.
45.	B.	do.	[CONSTANTINVS AVG.] Laureate l., with cuirass.	BEAT. TRANQLITAS — PLON	C. 28.
46.	B.	do.	VRBS ROMA. Bust of Roma l., helmeted.	Wolf l., suckling twins, two stars above. — PLG	C. 17.
47.	B.	do.	VRBS ROMA. (As above).	(As above). — *PLG	C. 17.

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48.	B.	do.	VRBS ROMA. (As above).	(As above, but Mint Mark lost).	C. 17.
49.	B.	do.	CONSTANTINOPOLIS. Bust of Constantinople I.	Victory standing on prow of ship.	C. 21.
50.	B.	do.	CONSTANTINOPOLIS. (As above).	Victory on prow. — — TRP	C. 21.
51.	B.	Crispus.	CRISPVS NOBIL. C. Helmeted I.	BEATA TRANQVILLITAS Cippus surmounted by globe, three stars above. — PLON	C. 13.
52.	B.	do.	CRISPUS NOBIL. C. Helmeted, with cui- rass.	BEATA TRANQVILLITAS VOTIS XX. Cippus and globe. — PTR	C. 12.
53.	B.	do.	FL. IVL. CRISPVS NOB. CAES. Laureate r., draped.	VICTORIAE LAETAE PRINC. PERP. On a shield. VOT. P.R.	C. 152.
54.	B.	do.	IVL. CRISPVS NOB. C.	CAESARVM NOSTRORVM Within a wreath VOT. X. — PLON ~	C. 44.
55.	B.	Constantine II.	[CONST]ANTINVS IVN NOB. C.	CAESARVM NOSTROR [VM] Within a wreath VOT. X. — STR	C. 38.
56.	B.	do.	IMP. CONSTANTINVS A. C. (blundered for N.C.)	VICTORIAE LAETAE PRINC. PERP. Two figures standing facing each other. — PLN ?	C. 638.

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57.	B.	do.	[C]ONST[TANTI]NV[S] IVN. N. C. Radiate l.	BEAT. TRANQVLTAS. Cippus surmounted by globe, four stars above. F B — PLON	C. 5.
58.	B.	do.	CONSTANTINVS IVN. NOB. C. Laureate r.	GLORIA EXERCITVS. Two soldiers, holding spear and shield, facing each other, two stan- dards between. — TR.S	C. 122.
59.	B.	do.	CONSTANTINVS IUN. NOB. C. Laureate r.	GLORIA EXERCITVS. (As above, two stan- dards). — SLC	C. 127.
60.	B.	do.	CONSTANTINVS IV[N]. Laureate r.	GLORIA EXERCITVS. (Two standards) (‘From unauthorised mint.’)	comp. C. 113.
61.	B.	do. [Semi-barbar blundere	CONSTANTIN[VS] Laureate r. ous and Reverse Legend d.]	GRORIA EX (Two standards).	—
62.	B.	Constans.	CONSTAN[S P.F. AVG].	(Legend indecipher- able.) Two soldiers with one standard between.	—
63.	B.	do.	DN. CONSTANS P.F. AVG.	FEL. TEMP. REPARATIO. Emperor standing to l., on vessel, victory seated at helm to r.	C. 9.
64.	B.	do.	CONSTANS P.F. AVG. Diademed r.	VICTORIAE DD. AVGGQ. NN. Two Victories facing each other, and hold- ing wreaths. D — TRP	C. 176.

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65.	B.	Constantius II.	FL. IVL. CONSTANTIVS NOB. C. Laureate r., with cuirass.	GLORIA EXERCITVS. Two soldiers with two standards between. — TRS	C. 104.
66.	B.	do. TIVS NOB. C.	GLORIA EXERCITVS. (As above, but one standard). — TRP?	C. 92.
67.	B.	do.	CONSTANTIVS P.F. AVG. Laureate r. 'Head more like Constantine I probably from unauthorised mint.'	GLORIA EXERCITVS (As above, one standard.)	—
68.	B.	Valens.	Valens P.F. AVG. Diademed r.	SECVRITAS REIPVB [LICAE.] Victory l., holding palm branch and wreath. — * — SM. . .	C. 47.
169.	B.	Gratian.	DN. GRATIANVS P.F. AVG.	GLORIA ROMANORVM Emperor standing r., holding in l. h. labarum inscribed with 'Chi-Ro,' r. h. placed on head of kneeling captive. — M P — SISC	C. 23.
70.	B.	? AVG.	GLORIA EXERCITVS One standard inscribed with the 'Chi-Ro.' — PCONST	—

*Brick
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B.

In addition to the seventy coins described above there were thirty, four others which Mr. Pearce has been able to assign to the reigns of the following emperors:—

Vespasian (?)	..	1	Caracalla	..	1	Tetricus I and II	13
Trajan	..	2	Severus II	..	1	Carinus (?)	1
Hadrian	..	2	Gallienus	..	1	Carausius	2
M. Aurelius	..	1	Claudius II	..	2	Valentinian I	2
Julia Domna		1	Victorinus	..	2	Valens	2
			"Gloria Exercitus" (c. A.D. 330-337).				1

C.

The residue is made up of 16 Barbarous Radiate, 1 Barbarous "Urbs Roma," 3 "Gloria Exercitus" (illegible) and 10 quite illegible.

Finally there were also picked up during the excavations 4 Lead Pieces (c. 15th century), and 1 Nuremberg Jetton of about the same date.

¹ Two articles on the coins previously found at Little Chesters have appeared in the Journal, XIII, 108, and XV, 20. There is also a list of the coins found there in Glover's *History of Derbyshire*, i, 294. Glover describes 47, 50, 52, 54, 64 and 65. Mr. Bailey, in the articles referred to 40, 41,* 44,* 47,* 50,* 52, 54, 55, 58 and 64, those marked with an asterisk being illustrated. (Ed.).