

## DERBYSHIRE WARE — SOME CASUAL FINDS.

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I N the course of walks during the past twelve months I have found sherds of Romano-British pottery of the type known as Derbyshire Ware. (See *D.A.J.*, LXI and LXXII.)

1. In a ploughed field at Hopton near the track sometimes called the Chariot Way. (Map Reference S.K. 258547.)

2. At Alport Height. Here many pieces, including rims of at least five vessels, were found thickly spread over a small area of ground in the corner of a ploughed field. (Map Reference S.K. 306516.) All were found within five yards radius of the Ordnance Survey triangulation station: this stands on a small mound, part of which is now ploughed away.

3. At what is shewn on the new O.S. map as Deepdale. (Reference S.K. 166703.) A small piece was found in the soil of a molehill not far from a site on which some excavation was proceeding.

## FRANCIS THOMPSON.

Early Pioneer of Railway Architecture.

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WHO was Francis Thompson the early Victorian architect who specialised in railway buildings? We know from signed architect's drawings still in existence as well as from contemporary lithographs that he designed the Derby Station, built for the North Midland Railway in 1839, and the Midland Hotel built in 1840. Directories of the period show that he had an office in the Market Place. We know too that he built the station buildings at almost all the intermediate stations