

MISCELLANEA.

"The Mitre Tavern."

(Site xxii.)

Well-known to Cestrians of the generation preceding my own, was "The Mitre Tavern," an ancient building which stood at the East end of Eastgate Row, North, where the Westminster Bank now stands. Some years ago, when in conversation with the late Judge W. Wynne Ffoulkes, I happened to refer to it. He said he had a clear recollection of it; also that, following its removal, the remains of a Roman hypocaust were disclosed in excavating the site.

Messrs. Oakes and Griffith's Premises.

(Site xxiv.)

At that part of the site where the lettered Roman lead piping was discovered (*viz.*, at the rear of the premises, which was where excavating was required), I saw hypocaustal remains of a type entirely different from the usual pillared arrangements with which we are familiar at Chester; for, in this example, the *suspensura* had been supported by a system of horizontal flues, in the form of small passages. These flues were not arranged in parallel rows, but radiating, or divergent. Though similar examples of hypocaust construction are known at certain other Roman stations, there is, I believe, no record of such having been observed at *Deva*. I much regret that matters just then prevented my getting time for the securing of plan and measurements; indeed, it was merely by chance I happened to see the remains, which was soon after their partial exposure, the excavating not having then been completed.

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Chester, 13th January, 1928.

Frodsham Street West, Chester.

(Site lxxxix.)

In 1925, in excavating for Messrs. Cory's petrol tank, at a depth of six feet, slight remains of metalled road, alabaster figure of Fortuna of 2nd century, a small bottle of red ware, part of Samian bowl No. 37 (figure of stag) and coin.

ANTONINUS PIUS. 1 Æ. Sestertius.

Obv. ANTONINUS AVG PIVS P P TR P.

Head laureate r.

Rev. *In exergue* COS II [II] ? s c.

Consular procession Cæsar with sceptre in l. and r. stretched out and open standing in quadriga advancing right.

Holt, Denbighshire.

In April, 1927, on site of Roman barrack at Holt, Denbighshire, by the contributor and Mr. R. H. Linaker, F.S.A., Coin.

TRAIAN. 2 Æ. As.

Obv. IMP CAES NERVA TRAIAN AVG GERM P M

Head laureate r.

Rev. TR POT COS IIII P.P. S.C.

Winged Victory standing with right hand on shield. S P Q R .

A.D. 101-2. Condition very good.

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Chester, January, 1928.

