

No. XXI.—*An Account of Three Inscribed Stones, presented by WALTER CALVERLEY TREVELYAN, Esq., of Wallington, and a Letter descriptive thereof, addressed to John Adamson, Esq, Sec., dated 3rd April, 1839 ; to which are added, Mr. Nichols' Suggestions as to the reading thereon, from the Gentleman's Magazine for December, 1839.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I shall, in a day or two, send to you the Inscriptions herein mentioned, which I shall be obliged by your presenting for me to the Antiquarian Society. Mr. Hodgson gave me lately a printed list of Roman Altars, &c., in the Collection of the Society; in which I find four without donor's name, or locality. Excepting one, they were all given by me; and were all, I believe, found at or near the same place, Walbottle. They are those numbered in the list 85, 86, 87, 88. I find a note also of another, which does not appear in the list; but of which I sent you the dimensions, that a place might be prepared for it. It may possibly be one of those, which Mr. Hedley had given to me; but which, when he was forming his collection at Little Chesters, I returned to him, under the understanding, that, on his death, they were all to come to the Society. No. 85 of the Society's list most certainly is *not* Horsley's No. IV.

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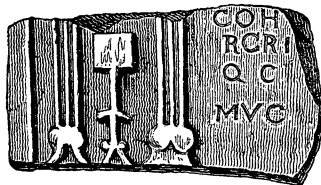


This inscription was found many years ago at the Roman Station of Bremenium (Riechester). Erroneous copies of it have been published in the *Archæologia*, Vol. VII., p. 183, and in the *Transactions of the Royal Society*, Vol. XLIV., p. 344. The Cohort of the Varduli is mentioned in two inscriptions given by Horsley (*vide* pl. 31, fig. 94, and pl. 57, fig. 26), the former was also found at Bremenium, the latter at Epiacum (Lan- chester).

The erasures in the last two lines have certainly not been made for the purpose of making room for bars, as suggested by Dr. Sharpe in his communication to the Royal Society, but probably were caused by the erasure of the name which once stood there, on the disgrace of the bearer of it.

Calpurnius Agricola was Proprætor of Britain under Marcus Aurelius,— (*vide* Horsley, p. 226; Northum. No. LIII.), could his name have been erased from this inscription? which, according to Mr. Nichols' account in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, December 1839, may be decyphered as follows: —“Imperatori Caesari Marco Aurelio Severo Antonino Pio Felici Augusto, Parthico Maximo, Britannico Maximo, Germanico Maximo, Pontifici Maximo, Tribunitiæ Potestatis XVIII. Imperialis III. Consulibus III. Proconsuli, Patri Patriæ, Cohors Prima Fida Vardulorum, Civium Romanorum Equitum Antoniniana fecit sub cura Legati Augustalis Proprætoris.”

Mr. Nichols states the inscription to be a dedication to the Emperor Caracalla, whose titles are all here set forth at full length. Its date, the eighteenth of his tribunitial and the third of his imperial authority (for III. instead of II., it either is, was, or should have been), answers to the year of Rome 968, and the year of our Lord 215.



A fragment of a monumental stone from Little Chesters, found there near Hadrian's Wall, in 1818, and given to me with several others, since returned to him, by the late Rev. A. Hedley, the owner of that station.

Mr. Nichols further describes this inscription thus:—"It is 15 inches in width. The inscription is too imperfect to form the grounds of safe conjecture; though we might imagine that we have found again the *VarduloR. Civium Romanorum Equitum*: and in the fourth line the letters MVC answer to a small stone, found at Walbottle (Horsley X.), inscribed > M VCIEN (*Centuria Mucieni*)". The carving at the side of this inscription apparently represents a military standard.



The above is a "third fragment, which is 14 inches in width, and had been for some time in Mr. Trevelyan's possession; and he rather believes it was found, with the preceding, at Little Chesters. It appears to commemorate Centuria Cohortis VIII. dicta(?) Vecili Clem [ens?]. Another memorial of the same cohort was seen by Camden at Bangor, inscribed

"> VECILIANA
 ". . . . VIII."*

* Mr. Nichols, in Gentleman's Magazine, December, 1839.