

VII.—EXCAVATIONS AT CHESTERS IN SEPT. 1900.

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NOTE.

Since the notes on these excavations were written (p. 9), the Roumanian scholar and archaeologist, Prof. Tocilescu, has published an inscription which strikingly illustrates them. It was found in a Roman fort at Bumbeshti, near the south end of the Vulkan Pass over the Carpathians, and it testifies that this fort had in the second century ramparts of turves (*muri cespiticii*) but was rebuilt in stone A.D. 201 in the reign of Septimius Severus. When it was first erected we do not yet know, but it cannot be earlier than about A.D. 110, and there is some slight reason to ascribe it to about A.D. 138-140 (Hadrian or Pius). The inscription is as follows :—

Imp(erator) Caes(ar) L. Septimius Severus Pius Pertinax Augustus Arabic[us] · Adiab(enicus) Parth(icus) maximus, pontifex maximus, trib. pot. viiii, imp. xii, e[t] Imp(erator) Caes(ar) M. Aur(elius) Antoninus Pius felix Augustus trib. pot. iii, muros cesp[iticios] castro[ru]m coh. primae A[u]reliae Brittonum miliariae Antoniniana(e), vetust(ate) dila[psos], lapide eos restitue[r]unt per Octavium Julianum leg(atum) ipso[rum] pr(o) pr(aetore).

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