

## EXCAVATION AT DANESBOROUGH CAMP.

The large contour fort called Danesborough, in the parish of Wavendon, has hitherto received little attention; it is merely mentioned, without any description, by Allcroft in his "Earthwork of England." It appears to be indicated on the 1-inch map by Thos. Jefferys published in 1770.

The Historical Monuments Commissioners give a plan of it in their Report (Vol. II., p. 313), and a short description which implies the existence of entrances N.E. and S.W.

In the summer of 1924 it was decided to make some investigation by digging, with a view to dating this large and important fort of over eight acres. Leave was obtained from the Duke of Bedford, who owns the land, and some trial cuts were made close to the southwestern presumed entrance, under the auspices of a committee of the Bucks Architectural and Archæological Society.

A fully illustrated description of this work will appear in our next number, but meanwhile it may be stated briefly that, while no metal of any sort was discovered, an unmistakable hearth was found at a considerable depth in the fosse, and that a considerable quantity of broken pottery of Early Iron Age type was discovered, together with a very small but perfect pot, apparently of a pre-Roman type, found below the level of the hearth mentioned.

The evidence afforded by the discovery is of an important kind in assisting to date the work in which it occurred.