

The character of the enamelled figure has been much speculated upon. Some colour has been given to the theory that it represented St. Neot by the fact that St. Neot was known to be Alfred's spiritual adviser and to be much venerated by him, and that he continually looked to him for guidance and protection.

Some have thought that it was intended to represent St. Cuthbert, and others Our Saviour, though there seems no warrant for this latter suggestion in the design or its ornamental surroundings.

Mr. Elliot Stock is about to issue a facsimile of this unique treasure.

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CHIPPING NORTON REGISTERS.—In reply to the query in the last number I may state that extracts from Chipping Norton Registers were privately printed by Sir Thomas Phillipps in folio. Only four pages however were issued.—G.F.T.S.

GIFTS TO THE READING MUSEUM. — A most interesting and valuable collection of coins has been presented to the Museum by Mr. H. B. Blandy which are now being arranged by the Rev. Alan Cheales, the Curator for Late Historic Archæology. Lord Arthur Hill has presented a fine collection of Roman and Greek pottery, containing about 270 specimens. The Trustees of the British Museum has given a copy of an important work "Illuminated Manuscripts in the British Museum, Miniature, Borders and Initials, reproduced in gold and colours."