

GREAT FAKENHAM.

On January 14th a flock of about 40 Waxwings was seen here; and on the river specimens of Tufted Duck, Pintail, and Pochard have been noticed. In September these was a large flock of what, I believe, to have been Pink-footed Geese, which stayed for a couple of days.

R. B. CATON.

WOODBIDGE.—Lovers of antiquity who bewail the irreparable loss which has fallen upon the county by the ruthless destruction and transportation of its ancient dwellings, will be grateful to Mr. G. Pretzman for undertaking the repair and restoration of so interesting a building as Seckford Hall. The work is being carried out in a most judicious manner, for which great praise is due alike to the owner and to the workmen he has engaged.

V. B. REDSTONE.

DISCOVERIES IN IPSWICH AND THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD.

1. Mr. J. Reid Moir, F.G.S., is continuing his researches in Messrs. Bolton and Laughlin's brickyard at Ipswich. He has lately discovered a "workshop floor," which he attributes to the Lower-Middle Aurignacien Age. Another flint workthop has also been noticed by him during excavations in Ivry Street, Ipswich. The latest of Mr. Reid Moir's discoveries is a series of interments which he is still

investigating, also found at the brickyard. These he believes to be probably of Roman origin, but it is possible that more than one period is represented.

2. A Neolithic flint celt of rare type has been found by Dr. Rowe in the gravels, Foxhall Road, Ipswich. The implement is $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, by 2 inches at its greatest breadth, and is ground and polished at the cutting edge. It is of exceptionally good workmanship, and differs from the more ordinary celt in being unusually flat and thin. Although smaller, it closely resembles a tool from Burwell Fen, Cambridge, figured in Sir John Evans' "Ancient Stone Implements," page 72.

3. Four years research by Major Moore, of Walton, on the banks of shingle at the mouth of the Deben, has been rewarded by the finding of some seventy worked flints and small tools, of Neolithic age. Among them the discovery of an axe somewhat resembling the typical Danish kitchen-midden type is of great value; these finds being extremely rare in England. Further particulars of this collection will shortly be published. Major Moore has been particularly fortunate in securing valuable relics both from Felixstowe and Ipswich which have not hitherto been figured or described. From the vicinity of Walton Castle, on Felixstowe Beach, he has obtained the following:—

A small bronze duck (Ramano-British); a Roman bronze finger-ring with diamond shaped ornamentation; three fragments of bronze fibulæ; portions of Roman bronze toilet instruments; four silver or bronze-tinned Saxon Sceattæ, with inscription in runes (rare); silver Roman coin of the Empress Julia; ditto of Severus.

From various sites in Ipswich he has procured:—A bronze lamp, probably Roman, in the form of an

animal ; a British or Saxon spindle-whorl, beautifully ornamented with dots and circles ; a fine bronze Saxon key. ; a remarkable Saxon fibulæ (the brooch is of bronze with red enamel, and represents a horse rudely executed ; relics of Mediæval Ipswich include two religious medals in lead, representing the Holy Ghost as a winged figure, with the inscription "Gloria in Excelsis." ; an ancient bronze seal of some religious house, the subject being "The Sacred Face ;" a Pilgrim's badge of bronze, with the same design (this was found at Stoke, Ipswich, in 1913).

4. A large bronze bowl with ornamental base has been found 5 feet below the surface at Wickham Market. It is in the possession of Dr. J. R. Whitwell, of Melton, Suffolk, and will shortly be on view in the Layard Collection at Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich. The bowl contains a bone comb of Saxon type decorated with dots and circles.

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