

DISCOVERIES IN IPSWICH AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

1. During the last year extensive excavations have been carried out by Mr. Reid Moir at Messrs. Bolton and Laughlin's brickfield, Ipswich, the Nursery, Martlesham, and at Bramford, by means of a grant of money from the Trustees of the Percy Sladen Memorial Fund.

The object of these diggings has been to find further implements and other remains of man, and it is pleasant to record that marked success has been achieved. In Messrs. Bolton and Laughlin's brickfield a remarkable series of finds has been made.

These comprise flint implements, very primitive pottery, hundreds of mammalian bones, and a portion of a human skull and a humerus. The flint implements and pottery have been found embedded at various depths in undisturbed strata, and in positions which Mr. Moir considers leave little doubt that considerable geological changes have occurred since their entombment.

Mr. Moir hopes to give a full account of these new discoveries in due course.

2. Major E. St. F. Moore has picked up on the beach at Felixstowe a portion of a Roman vessel with impressed potter's mark, ALBUCUI M. He has also obtained from Ipswich an ancient silver ring, *circa* 1500, representing the Annunciation.

3. My own researches in 1914 have been mainly in connection with the surface flints in Suffolk. I have visited eighteen localities, and collected a large

number of implements. Among the specimens found are arrow heads of various forms, several marked types of borers, trinacrial (three limbed) tools, choppers and knives, graving tools, long curved scrapers, double scrapers, steep-nosed scrapers and hollow scrapers, planes and elongated planes, almond-shaped implements, closely corresponding to the "Silex Amygdaloides," of Mousterian times, a "point a soie" of Aurignacien pattern, with other tools showing certain resemblances to those of the later Palæolithic culture. The chief points of interest suggested by a comparison of the specimens are the early development of the tang of the arrowhead, and the recognition of a standard of measurement applied to certain types of tools by early man. A remarkable series of flint-tools from Santon, with finger-hollows carefully worked out, has started a fresh line of enquiry which promises to prove of considerable importance. These discoveries were made while these notes were going to press.

In Elm Street, Ipswich, fragments of Roman pottery have come to light during building operations.

I have obtained a large stout bone needle measuring 103 m.m. by 12 m.m. at its widest part. The eye has been drilled by a blunt instrument, and shows the hour-glass section which is indicative of its antiquity. This also was found in Elm Street at a depth of 11 feet.

A coin of Aethelred II., which was dug up in Ipswich, has the name of LEOFRIC, a monyer of Ipswich, on the reverse. This came into my possession a month or two ago.

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