

*A medieval floor-tile from Flixton.* This fragment of relief floor tile (Fig. 49) was found by Mr. Norman Scarfe in the ruined nave of Flixton St. Andrew Church, in soil disturbed by cattle. The tile was originally 6-7 ins. square, straight sided and of a hard, fine paste oxidised on the under surface and the sides, with a thickness of  $1\frac{3}{8}$  ins. The design is deeply impressed and the whole of the upper surface was originally covered with a thick glaze, green in the reduced areas and orange in the oxidised region.

The main design is clearly a Paschal Lamb with a flag surmounted by a cross. The head and forepart of the Lamb is outlined with a raised band. In the top right hand corner is a bird in flight; above the flag, in front of the Lamb and beneath it are apparently fish designs.

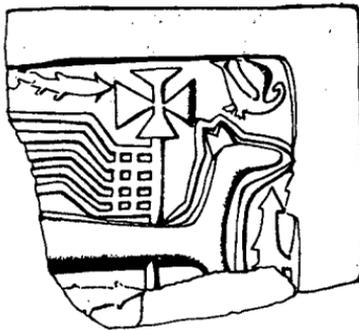


FIG. 49.—Tile from Flixton St. Andrew. Scale  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

There are traces of mortar on the back and sides, but its position of finding, loose in the nave, may not have been its original setting.

The tile is not apparently of the Bawsey type and no parallels or sources of origin are so far known.

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*Suffolk Churches.* Our member the Revd. John Fitch, rector of Brandon, has recently carried out a survey of the 470-odd churches in Suffolk, grading them according to their architectural and historical value, and indicating those in each category which are threatened with immediate redundancy and those which may be in the near future. This is the first time such a classification has been attempted and we owe Mr. Fitch a debt of gratitude for his excellent and charmingly written report. Altogether, over 200 churches are at risk, of which Mr. Fitch considers about 50 to be of outstanding merit and worthy of preservation at all costs, while nearly 30 others