

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

NASH CHURCH.—On November 5th, 1857, the foundation stone of a Church at Nash, a populous hamlet in the parish of Thornton, was laid by the Hon. Richard Cavendish, of Thornton Hall, who, beside granting ground for the Church, Churchyard, and Schools, contributed £1,200 to the building fund. The intended Church is designed to hold nearly 300 persons, and is to consist of chancel with chancel aisle, and nave with north aisle. Architect, Mr. G. E. Street; builder, Mr. Wyatt, Oxford. The chancel was consecrated and opened for Divine Service on May 10, 1858.

ROMAN COINS.—A vessel, containing about 140 small Roman coins of brass, has been dug up by some labourers at Snelshall, near the site of the old Priory. Full particulars will hereafter be given by Rev. C. Lowndes.

SKELETONS AT HOOSHAW.—For an account of this discovery, see Report of the Annual Meeting.

RESTORATION OF MENTMORE CHURCH.—This Church has been completely restored, and a chancel and vestry added; in the former is a window of considerable proportions, corresponding with those in the rest of the edifice. The entire roof is of stained oak; the pulpit, reading desk, and seats, of the same wood. The aisles are paved with tiles, and can be heated throughout with hot air by well constructed flues. Mr. E. Stokes, architect; Mr. Myers, builder. Cost, £1,500; of which the Vicar contributed £300. A fine toned harmonium, presented by the Baroness Meyer de Rothschild, and a handsome Communion-cloth by the Vicar. The Church was reopened for Divine Service on May 11, 1858.

FONT AT STONY STRATFORD.—The late Hon. and Rev. C. G. Perceval, Rector of Calverton, who died 26th July, 1858, presented a handsome stone font to the Church at Stony Stratford.

CURIOS LEGEND ON A BELL.—The tenor bell in Ivinghoe Church, dated 1628, is thus inscribed "Sacra

manet Christi plebisque religio vana." (Query, has this inscription any national reference?)

HARVEST HOME.—At Prestwood this good old custom, under the auspices of the Incumbent, the Rev. T. Evetts, R.D., has become a parochial festival, and was observed this year on the 7th of September. The proceedings began with a Service in the Church, where a sermon was preached suited to the occasion. After Service, the clergyman, the farmers, and labourers, with a few friends from the neighbourhood, amounting in all to 140 persons, assembled in a tent formed of rick-cloths, and decorated with laurels and appropriate devices. Here an excellent dinner was provided, with abundance of roast beef and plum pudding. The dinner was succeeded by loyal and seasonable toasts, songs, and addresses, the clergyman always seizing an opportunity of saying a few earnest and affectionate words, on the necessity of making harvest home a day of innocent rejoicing, and not disgracing the Christian character, by turning God's choice gifts into an occasion of sin. After a day of thorough enjoyment, the assembly broke up at a seasonable hour, and dispersed in peace and with cheerfulness.

CONSECRATION FESTIVAL.—An anniversary Festival similar to the foregoing, is observed at Prestwood, under Mr. Evetts' sanction, to commemorate the consecration of the Church, which occurred on the 19th of October, 1849.

GUINEAS OF CHARLES II.—A small brass box, containing three guineas of Charles II's reign, has been found by some labourers, while grubbing up the root of a tree on Whaddon Chase, near Salden. Further particulars will be given by Rev. C. Lowndes.

OBITUARY WINDOW.—An obituary window was opened in Colnbrook Church, on 5th September, 1858, to commemorate the late John Goldie, Esq., by whose munificence the Church was endowed.

ANCIENT RING.—A labourer in his garden at Stone, hoed up a gold ring set with a red stone (either a ruby or a carbuncle) in its rude state. It weighs nearly half an ounce; is of very pure gold, and, though without any inscription, is supposed to be a ring of Investiture of the 15th century.

ROMAN BUILDING.—The foundations of a Roman building were discovered on 21st September, 1858, in the parish of Ellesborough. An interesting paper on the subject, by John Stone, Esq., of Terrick House, will appear in the next Number.

CHAPEL OF EASE AT WYCOMBE.—The foundation stone of a Chapel of ease for Wycombe Marsh, was laid on 23rd September, 1858.

HUMAN AND STAG BONES, &c.—A large number of human bones, the perfect head of a stag, parts of the antlers of several stags, and the head of a spear, were found, Nov., 1858, by some labourers, on Benhill, a farm near Aylesbury, in the occupation of Mr. Terry, who has presented the spear-head to the Society. We have much pleasure in announcing that Admiral Smyth purposes to prepare for the next meeting of the Society, a paper on this interesting discovery.

ANCIENT RELICS DISCOVERED.—On 24th December, 1858, Mr. Fordham, in ploughing up a low boggy meadow, on his farm at Little Kimble, turned up a barbed spear-head, which he has presented to the Society. He also discovered a piece of Roman pavement; some small copper coins of Maxentius and Constantius; a Legionary coin; a Francisca, or the iron head of a small axe used by the Franks as a casting-weapon; and a few English coins.

GREAT KIMBLE.—A parsonage-house is being built, and some great improvements effected in the chancel of the Church, of which a fuller notice will be given in our next Number. Architect, Mr. Lamb.

MARSWORTH CHURCH.—This Church, which was in a dilapidated condition, is undergoing thorough repair and restoration, the particulars of which will be given when the work is completed. Architect, Mr. W. Slater.

* * Members are requested to send to the Secretary early notice of any occurrences, bearing on Antiquities, Ecclesiology, local customs, or other memorabilia of their respective localities.
