

OLD COINS: RECENT FINDS IN OR NEAR
WYCOMBE.

With reference to this article in the last issue of the RECORDS, IX., No. 3, we have been favoured with the following notes by our Vice-President, Sir John Evans, and, with Mr. Downs' consent, gladly print them:—

BRITWELL, BERKHAMSTED,

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DEAR SIR,—

I gladly hail the interesting paper on Old Coins found in or near High Wycombe, contributed to the RECORDS OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE by our honorary member, Mr. R. S. Downs. The appearance of such a paper will I hope be followed by that of other contributions to the numismatics of the county. I shall, I hope, be pardoned if I offer a few corrections on some minor points:—

P. 209. For Mazentius read Maxentius.

„ For VICTORIA LÆ ET PRINCEPS read
VICTORIAE LAETAE PRINC. PERP.

P. 210. There is no known Roman coin reading ROMVLVS ET REMVS. The coin was probably one of those of the VRBS ROMA type, with the wolf and twins on the reverse, the description of which has in some way been converted into an inscription.

P. 213. For Septimus read Septimius.

P. 214. For EBORICI read EBORACI.

P. 217. For BEATITUDO FELICITAS read BEATA
TRANQUILLITAS.

- P. 218. The coin of Elizabeth is not a penny, but either a three-farthing or a three-half-penny piece, as it has a rose behind the head.

"My face so thin
That in mine ear I durst not stick a rose
Lest men should say, Look, where three-farthings goes."
(Shakspeare, King John).

- P. 221. Roman. This coin must be of Caracalla, and not of Antoninus Pius.

- P. 210. There is an account of the discovery of ancient British coins at Keep Hill, illustrated by engravings of five of them in "Archæologia," Vol. XXII., p. 297. They seem to be all of Tasciovanus, the father of Cunobelinus. An account of the discovery is also given in the "Gentleman's Magazine," 1827, Vol. XXVII., p. 493. I have described the find in "Ancient British Coins," p. 227, and have mentioned another discovery of ancient British coins in a hollow flint at Wonersh, near Guildford. Besides those found at High Wycombe and at Whaddon Chase, coins of this class have been found at Buckingham, Chesham, Creslow, Cuddington, Ellesborough, Quainton, Thornborough, Wendover, Whichwood Forest, Aylesbury, Drayton Beauchamp, Fenny Stratford, Chalfont Park, near Slough, and Stoke Mandeville, of all of which I have given an account in the book already mentioned and its Supplement. At p. 556 I have called attention to the name of the descendants of Cunobeline having survived at Kimble until A.D. 903, when it appears in a Charter.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN EVANS.

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