

KING'S BROMLEY MANOR (near Litchfield, Staffordshire).

Two marbles from King's Bromley Manor were sold at the auction of the Kevorkian Collection by the American Art ~~Association~~ <sup>Galleries</sup>, New York, 20-21 Jan. 1928. These life size statues were said to have been brought to England by Sir William Hamilton in the eighteenth century and to have been acquired directly from the lane family to whom they had been bequeathed. The first <sup>lot</sup> (no. 375, ~~no.~~ p.194, <sup>[11]</sup> sold for \$2700) is a youthful, nude statue of Hermes or Apollo type, with a Julio-Claudian head. The statue was sold as "the youthful Emperor Augustus"; the legs and all of the support are restored. The second <sup>lot</sup> (no. 376, ~~no.~~ p.195, <sup>[11]</sup> sold for \$2200), also a standing figure, was labelled "Paris as a shepherd", an identification based on the youthful head with Phrygian cap. It is difficult to tell from the photograph whether this head belongs to the Praxitelean Sauroctonos or youthful Satyr-type body to which it has been joined (cf. the torso at HOVINGHAM HALL, Part I, p.136, pl.43, fig.16).

Mrs. W.H. Bromley Davenport writes (Aug.1956) that the house, which belonged to her mother-in-law, has been pulled down and all antiquities have been sold. Only two cottages remain of the estate.

Kirkby Wharfe (near Tadcaster, Yorkshire).

Parish Church of St. John Baptist.

Mr. R.P. Wright reports that the marble funerary plaque with Cupids flanking the inscription, which is CIL, VI, no.16709, was loose in the church tower in May 1943. It was excavated in the early nineteenth century digging about the Column of Phocas in the Forum Romanum.

The present vicar, the Rev. R.D.Shorten, has kindly furnished a very accurate drawing, showing that the relief is damaged on the left side and pierced by a hole  $2\frac{1}{2}$  x 3 ins., mentioned below. The present dimensions are  $28\frac{1}{2}$  in. across the top,  $30\frac{1}{2}$  in. across the bottom, 16 in. high, and approx. 2 in. of thickness. The Rev. Mr.Shorten writes (10 July 1956), "The tradition here is that it was unearthed close by here, some 50 yards or so from the church, during excavations near a farmhouse and out-buildings about 80 or more years ago, and that the hole in it had been hacked out when it had been used earlier still as a flagstone against some building, and was to take a fall-or rain-pipe. It has been supposed by some to be a funerary plaque going back to the Roman occupation of Tadcaster and also of Kirby Wharfe after the subjugation of the district by Julius Agricola. A note by an earlier Vicar casts doubt upon this supposition and also upon the authenticity and age of the slab. He appears to have considered it to be a 17th or 18th century stone possibly imported and brought here by Lord Londesborough (then of Grimston Park, and the Patron) some time about 1860. There is no clear

information about this, and the writer of the note is dead.  
He was Vicar in the 1920's. Village tradition prefers the other  
version, possibly from local pride in indications of antiquity".