

had a whale of a time. He got in with some very poor types attached to some sort of housing estate, a few leagues outside - Camerton - or something or other.

Flavia Never heard of it.

Claudia Its built along the Fosse Way, I believe, - you know the road Ceaser constructed over some prehistoric track that ran from Lindum to the South Coast. Hermia's brother says, if in a thousand years' time some enthusiastic band of archaeologists ever start excavating in that area, they'll come across some awful rubbish which will be most misleading.

Flavia For Jupiter's sake stop harping on Britannia. They'll never send Silvanus there. It will probably be Hispania or at the worst Germania and as soon as I can I shall follow him with little Marcia (Where is the child - gone out without her palla I'll be bound? How tiresome she is!) Perhaps you could look after my Samian ware dear, until I return.

Claudia (tantalisingly) Of course, I will, with pleasure. You know, Silvanus might bring you back a native lad as a slave. They're fair-haired you know and awfully cute.

Flavia I've told you, he won't be sent there. Besides, it will be bad for his chest after our soft climate. Still a fair-haired slave would be rather a pet.

Claudia (Looking at the water-clock) Well, I must be going - goodbye darling. Oh! here is Silvanus.

Silvanus Greetings, Claudia, must you really go?

Claudia I'm so sorry, just as you've arrived, but I must see that my slave has done the ironing before Vespasian comes home. He needs a clean toga (Exit)

Silvanus Thanks be to Minerva! I can't think why you have that women here. By the way, my love, I'm not going to the Colonies after all. The Civil Service Physician says I'm too thin to stand a foreign climate and the Government won't spend hundreds of sesterces for nothing. They're sending Septimus Valerius - on promotion.

NOTE: While it is true that the dictum of the important official mentioned by Silvanus in the pen-ultimate sentence of his closing utterance did, in fact, prevent a long exile in some unmentionable far-off spot for our revered Director of Excavations, uncharitable readers who have the temerity to link Mr. Wedlake's name with any of Miss Rook's characters are hereby sternly rebuked. In any case, the medical evidence cited is manifestly inapplicable. ED.

EDITORIAL MISCELLANEA.

The Editor has been compelled to exercise considerable patience in obtaining "copy" for this first issue of Camertonia. He believes, however, that the journal now in your hands, will bring you considerable pleasure. In the confidence that "Camertonia" can safely be left to speak for itself, he declines to make further comment.

Esme Murray (nee Rawkins), our first Hon. Treasurer, now pursues her new calling as a busy housewife in Sutton, Surrey. Her enthusiasm, competence and sound judgement played a great part in setting the C.E.C. firmly on its feet in the early days. Our grateful thanks, Esme, and our very best wishes.

Our friends of the Downside Archaeological Society have kindly sent us a copy of their "Proceedings". Though small in numbers, they always succeed in imparting the real professional touch to their publications, and are to be

Mrs. E.M. Clifford, F.S.A. is to lecture on "The Iron Age in the Cotswolds" on Tuesday, 13th March, at 7.30 p.m. in the Technical College.

Our Director of Excavations will give an illustrated lecture on "The Camerton Excavations", at the Victoria Hall, Radstock, at 7.0 p.m. on Thursday, 12th April.

Miss Melliush, our Excursion Secretary, has arranged excursions as follows :-

Saturday,	7th April	2.0 p.m.	Devizes and Lacock	Fare 7/-
† Sunday,	6th May	8.0 a.m.	National Museum of Wales Cardiff and Caerleon. Bring picnic lunch.	Fare 16/-
† The 30th April is the dead-line for booking this excursion.				
Sunday,	10th June	10 a.m.	Vale of the White Horse, Uffington Castle, Fairford etc. Bring picnic lunch.	Fare 11/-
Saturday,	14th July	2 p.m.	Woodchester Roman Pavement and Gloucester Museum.	Fare 7/6

North Parade, Bath, is departure point for all excursions.

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