

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

TONBRIDGE HIGH STREET.

THE question of widening the High Street, and consequently demolishing certain 15th century and later buildings, is as yet unsettled. The houses concerned do not include "The Chequers" Inn, but all below this as far as the bridge. The Kent County Council already owns some of these buildings but the leases do not fall in before 1939; those in private ownership are understood to be let on longer leases. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings has the matter in hand.

V. ELIZABETH BUXTON.

PRELIMINARY NOTE ON AN EXCAVATION MADE ON KINGSTON DOWN IN 1937.

CERTAIN irregularities in the surface of a field east of Watling Street within the parish of Kingston, but close to the boundary between that parish and Barham, interested me so much that, having obtained permission, I excavated here in the summer of 1937. The results are of sufficient importance to justify a short note now, leaving further particulars to a future date.

After sloping gently down hill the area in question terminates in a low bank. At the foot of this there is a depression, the flat floor of which is $2\frac{1}{2}$ metres wide. Beyond this the field continues its gradual slope towards Watling Street. The bank and the depression have been fully investigated, photographs have been taken, and a sectional drawing has been made. The stratification of the soil on the bank indicates much disturbance which may be of agricultural origin. The depression is obviously a road cut into the solid chalk, and bears a set of wheel marks exactly 1 metre apart. Its outer limits are $2\frac{1}{2}$ metres apart, so that

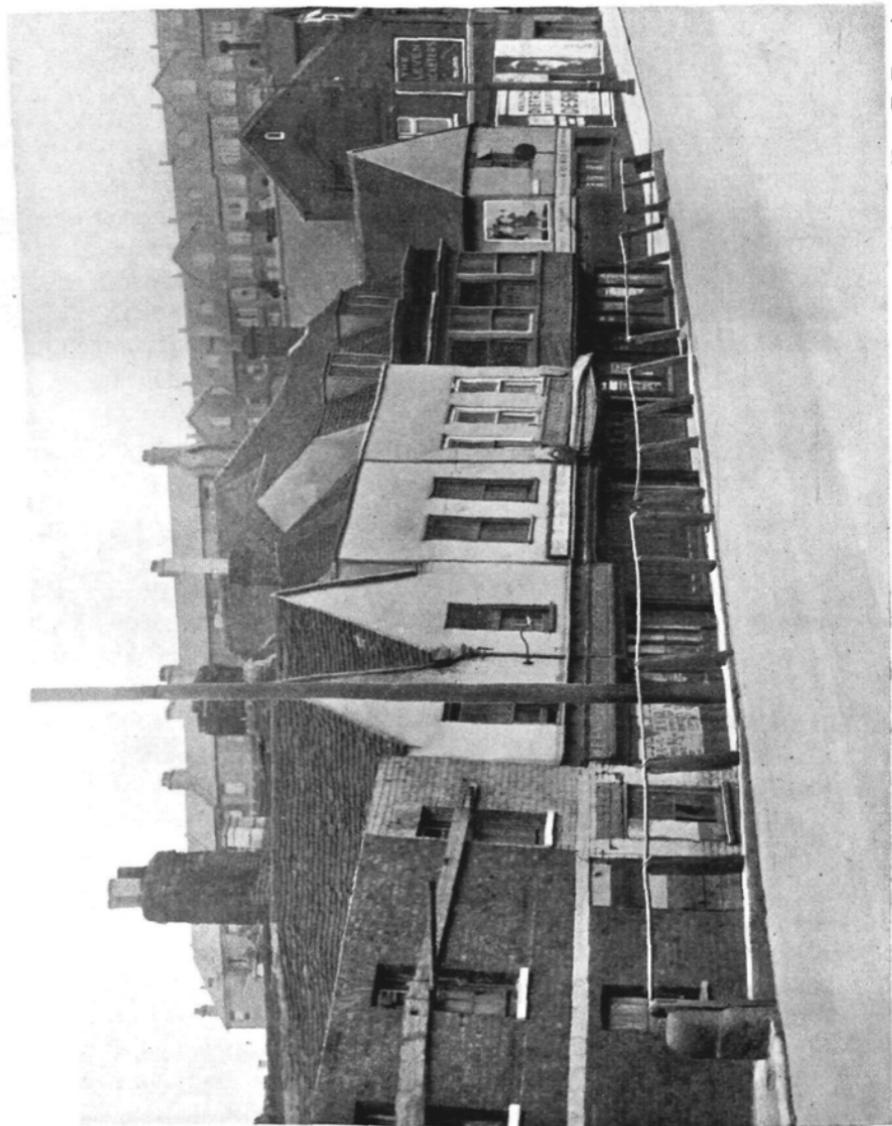


Photo : Chas. E. Francis.

EVERY LIBERTY, DARTFORD.

there would just be room for two vehicles, with wheels 1 metre apart, to pass. Bones, burnt-flints, and fragments of pottery sub-Roman in date, have been encountered.

M. D. COLLIER.

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THIS photograph was taken by Mr. C. E. Francis, Hon. Photographer to the Dartford Antiquarian Society, just previous to the demolition. It is valuable as a record and as an example of the disappearance of well known features along our main roads (see p. xlv).

A. CUMBERLAND.

RECVLVER CHURCH.

FROM THE *Kentish Gazette* OF 1809.

LEAD

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.

THE whole of the LEAD now covering the Spires and Roofs of RECVLVER CHURCH ; to be taken down and removed at the expense of the purchaser, within such time and agreeably with such particulars as may be learned, on application to Mr. JESSE WHITE, Chantry-lane, Canterbury. July 11th, 1809.