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INTRODUCTION

THE present is the second instalment of a description of the *Classical Topography of the Roman Campagna*, which I hope to complete in the course of time. The scale upon which it is written demands, perhaps, some explanation—and for English readers some apology. I can understand that, for those who are not well acquainted with the localities of which I am treating, it may seem that there is a quite unnecessary fulness of detail, which may tend to obscure the points at issue. But my ambition is, so far as possible, to produce a description which shall be complete up to date (more I cannot claim) and which I shall then supplement as occasion arises—as indeed I am now doing for Part i,¹ the *Viae Collatina, Praenestina, and Labicana*, which appeared in *Papers*, i. 125 *sqq.* What may seem superfluous and even wearisome to the reader at a distance may be of more use to one who wishes to follow the description on the spot; and I must also confess to a not unnatural desire to claim credit for all that I have seen—inasmuch as I know well that there are sure to be plenty of gaps for others to fill.² With regard to the citations from previous writers, too, the perusal of the mass of existing literature is, as a reviewer of the first section of my work on the Campagna in the *Berliner Philologische Wochenschrift* (1903, 885 *sqq.*) remarked, a somewhat weary business; and, as I have been obliged to carry it through, with, I hope, a certain degree of completeness, for the purposes of the present work, it may not be amiss if I give my results in a fairly full form, so as to save other students the trouble of doing the same as I have done. It may be added that much unnecessary labour is caused to students by the custom of publishing practically (though not absolutely) identical reports of excavations in Rome and its neighbourhood in

¹ In the Addenda I confine myself to the more important points; bare references to the literature of the subject, whether too recent to be included in the original work, or not collected in time for it, are not as a rule given.

² I have not aimed at an exhaustive or complete description of the immediate suburbs of Rome: the great necropolis on the W. of the Via Salaria, for instance (*infra*, 11), would require a volume to itself.

both the *Notizie degli Scavi* and the *Bullettino Comunale* without, as a rule, the advantage of cross-references (*infra*, 41, n. 2). I need not say that there must be many omissions: though I have aimed at completeness, I know that it cannot, in the nature of the subject, be attained (*Papers*, i. 137). I have again limited myself to the consideration of the classical topography of the roads. With regard to the mediaeval period, Professor Tomassetti has dealt with the first two roads, and I shall frequently refer to his work. It appeared originally in the *Archivio della Società Romana di Storia Patria*, but my references are made to the reprint which appeared separately in 1892. The Via Tiburtina, on the other hand, he has not yet reached: while his description of the Viae Praenestina and Labicana is now in course of publication in *Archivio cit.* and has not yet appeared separately.

As I have already observed, the completion of several other important works now in course of publication will lighten the labours of the student considerably. I refer among others to Vols. vi. and xv. of the *Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum*, neither of which at present possesses indices, to Professor Lanciani's *Storia degli Scavi*, to Professor Wissowa's re-issue of Pauly's *Realencyclopädie*. It is to be regretted that there is no index of *provenances* in Kaibel's *Inscriptiones Graecae Italiae*: this is an omission which is unfortunately to be observed in several other works—notably in several of the catalogues of the chief museums of sculpture. The lack of such indices renders it difficult to attempt anything approaching completeness in one's record of discoveries in the Roman Campagna, without constructing a general index for one's own use—a task which I have not yet attempted.

The three roads which I have selected for examination, the Via Salaria, the Via Nomentana, and the Via Tiburtina, are of unequal interest to the student. The Via Salaria is, in its first portion at least, one of the oldest of Roman roads, for Antemnae and Fidenae were almost the earliest conquests of Rome in Latium; and the fact that it and the Via Latina are the exceptions to the rule that a road should take its name either from the place which it serves or from its constructor (*Papers*, i. 129) would seem to indicate that a considerable part of its course is of comparatively high antiquity.¹ Its name is said by our classical authorities to be derived from

¹ The passage of Livy (vii. 9. 6) in which he says that the Gauls in 361 B.C. 'ad tertium lapidem Salaria via trans pontem Anienis castra habuere' proves the antiquity of the road and the bridge, the latter playing an important part in the episode of Manlius Torquatus. As to the questions connected with the battle of the Allia, see *infra*, 23 *sqq.*

the fact that it was the route by which the Sabines came to fetch salt from the marshes of Ostia and Fregenae (Festus, p. 326 Müll. *Salaria autem* (via) propterea appellabatur, quod impetratum fuerit, ut ea liceret a mari in Sabinos salem portari: Paul. ex Fest. p. 327 Müll. *Salaria via Romae* est appellata, quia per eam Sabini sal a mari deferebant: Pliny, *H.N.* xxxi. 89, honoribus etiam militiaeque interponitur (sal), salariis inde dictis magna apud antiquos auctoritate, sicut adparet ex nomine *Salariae viae*, quoniam illa salem in Sabinos portari convenerat). In later times it became a thoroughfare of considerable importance, communicating as it did with Reate and the Adriatic coast. We have the inscriptions of five of its curatores, all men of senatorial rank and of some distinction (*Bull. Com.* 1891, 121; Pauly-Wissowa, *Realencycl.* iv. 1782). But it presents very few remains of antiquity along the part of its course which falls within the limits of the present work.¹ The Via Nomentana must also be of early origin, having had originally the name of Via Ficulensis (Livy, iii. 52. 3; *C.I.L.* xiv. p. 447): it was subsequently prolonged to Nomentum, but never became a road of first class importance,² and merged in the Via Salaria some miles further on.³ It possesses, however, more objects of interest than the Via Salaria. The Via Tiburtina, on the other hand, led to a very populous and important district—not only to the city of Tibur itself, but to a territory which rivalled the Alban Hills as a resort of the wealthy Romans in summer. It must have come into existence—probably not as a regularly constructed road—during the establishment of the Latin League; and though it became an important thoroughfare in later times,⁴ the first portion of it never lost its individuality, but retained its former appellation, the name Via Valeria being applied only to the portion of the road beyond Tibur (Strabo v. 3. 11, p. 238 ἡ Οὐαλερία δ' ἄρχεται μὲν ἀπὸ Τιβούρων, ἄγει δ' ἐπὶ Μάρσους καὶ Κορφίνιον τὴν τῶν Παλιγγων μητρόπολιν).⁵

This fact will partly explain the disproportionate amount of space that

¹ Persichetti's *Viaggio Archeologico sulla Via Salaria nel Circondario di Cittaducale* takes up the course of the road from Rieti onwards.

² Both the curatores of whom we have inscriptions are men of equestrian rank (*Bull. Com.* 1891, 129).

³ The question as to the exact point of junction is a difficult one (*infra*, 27 *sqq.*).

⁴ We have inscriptions of eight of its curatores, all men of senatorial rank (*Bull. Com.* 1891, 124) and distinguished career.

⁵ It is an open question whether the road ran beyond Cerfennia before the time of Claudius (*C.I.L.* ix. 5973; Besnier, *De Regione Paelignorum*, 108 n. 2).

I may seem to have devoted to it. Another reason is that archaeologists have been at work in Tivoli and its territory ever since the 15th century, and the literature of the subject is considerable—far more extensive than in the case of any other town in the neighbourhood of Rome. With Tivoli itself I do not propose to deal: that would form a sufficient subject for a separate monograph, and I have no new material to add. But I have thought it well to give a full description of the country round it, up to the gates of the town, in order, as far as possible, to cover the tracts of country between the great lines of road which form the main subject of these papers.

The maps which serve to illustrate the text have been prepared by the Italian Istituto Geografico Militare. It will be noticed that the first of them is on a smaller scale than the second: this is due to the fact that the military authorities do not now permit reproductions to be made from the map on the scale of 1: 25,000 in the immediate neighbourhood of the city, and that for some of the outlying districts it did not seem worth while to adopt the larger scale. The neighbourhood of Tivoli, on the other hand, is so full of remains of antiquity that it would have been impossible to show them properly upon a smaller map: and, even as it is, I am not sure that I have always avoided indistinctness. The positions are shown as nearly as possible, but without any claim to mathematical exactitude, inasmuch as they have not been determined by survey, but only by eye. The plans, too, which are given in the text, are sketch plans from my own measurements, though they have been worked up by a competent draughtsman, Signor Odoardo Ferretti, under my own supervision. The photographs are mostly my own, but my acknowledgments are due to Professor Lanciani for Figs. 27, 28, and to Miss Dora E. Bulwer for Figs. 15, 22, 24, 25, 26, 33.

As before, I must express my sincere thanks to Professor Lanciani and my father, with whom I have examined almost the whole of the district with which I am dealing. Others who have helped me will perhaps forgive me if their names are omitted, and believe that it is from no ingratitude on my part. But no English writer on Tivoli can omit to pay a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. F. A. Searle, of S. Antonio (*infra*, 161 *sqq.*), who, in the course of a long residence there, had made himself familiar with the topography of the district, and was ever ready to place his knowledge at the disposal of his friends. Those who knew him well can never return to Tivoli without a sense of loss; and I, who am among them,

feel that I can hardly do otherwise than dedicate these pages to his memory.

VIA SALARIA.

I.—FROM THE PORTA COLLINA TO CASTEL GIUBILEO

(*from the First to the Sixth mile*).

The Via Salaria, even in Republican times, undoubtedly started from the Porta Collina of the Servian wall, where it left the Via Nomentana on the right (Strabo v. 3. 1, p. 228, ἔσπρωται δὲ δι' αὐτῶν (τῶν Σαβίνων) ἡ Σαλαρία ὁδὸς οὐ πολλὴ οὖσα,¹ εἰς ἣν καὶ ἡ Νωμεντανὴ συμπίπτει κατὰ Ἡρητὸν τῆς Σαβίνης κώμην ὑπὲρ τοῦ Τιβέρεως κειμένη ἀπὸ τῆς αὐτῆς πύλης ἀρχομένη τῆς Κολλίνης; Festus p. 326 Müll. Salariam viam incipere ait a porta, quae nunc Collina a colle Quirinali dicitur). The gate itself was discovered in 1872 under the N.W. angle of the Finance Ministry (*Bull. Com.* 1876, 165) and an important inscription relating to the Via Caecilia, a branch of the Via Salaria, was found in the same place (*Not. Scav.* 1896, 87; *Röm. Mitt.* 1898, 193; *C.I.L.* vi. 31603).

The itineraries give the distances as follows (*C.I.L.* ix. p. 204)

<i>Antonianum</i> , pp. 306 seq. :	<i>Peutingeranum</i> :	<i>Ravennas</i> 4, 34 :
ab urbe	Fidenis	Fidenis
XVIII	XIII	
Ereto	Ereto	Eretum
XIII	XIII	Farfa
Vico novo	ad Novas	Nobis
XVI	XVI	
Reate	Reate	

Mommsen (*ibid.* 582) reconstructs as follows

ab urbe Fidenas m. p. V
 Fidenas Eretum m. p. XIII ab urbe m. p. XIX
 Ereto ad Novas s. Vicum Novum m. p. XIII ab urbe m. p. XXXIII.

¹ The expression is somewhat strange and its meaning hard to see.

On p. 464, however, he speaks of the 'Osteria nuova de' Massacci (ubi mansio fuit ad Novas sive Vicus novus m. p. xxxii a Roma, m. p. xvi a Reate)' and in commenting on the two milestones numbered xxxi of Augustus and of Julian the Apostate (*C.I.L.* ix. 5943, 5944) he speaks of them as existing 'prope Ponticelli (a meridie mansionis Vicinovi . . . m. p. xvii vel xviii a Reate) ad S. Mariae della Quercia.' But a measurement along the road as marked by Kiepert gives only about fifteen miles from Reate to Osteria Nuova, which is on the map less than two miles from Madonna della Quercia, which is again about a mile and a half from the 29th mile from Rome, shown on the edge of my map (No. i.) a little beyond the Ponte del Diavolo. (It must further be noted that the line of the road as given by Kiepert in his *Carta dell' Italia Centrale* (passing N.N.E. from the Osteria Nerola first along the line of the boundary of the provinces of Rome and Perugia, and then along a communal boundary past the Osteria dell' Olmo) though it is likely enough to be ancient (I have not explored it) can hardly be taken to be the Via Salaria, inasmuch as by following it the road would miss both the Ponte del Diavolo and the milestones at the Madonna della Quercia, while the distance would be still further reduced.) The measurements in my map, however, can only be approximate, as the course of the road is uncertain, and they have very probably been made in rather too straight a line.¹ In any case, assuming that the milestones at the Madonna della Quercia are not far from their original position—whether they are *in situ* or no, we are not told—the discrepancy of half a mile may fairly claim excuse. From Osteria Nuova again it is, on the map, a short two miles to the Ponte Buido, which Persichetti rightly, as it seems, identifies with the 'pons in fluvio ad miliarium xxxv' of *C.I.L.* vi. 31603, at which the Via Caecilia diverged from the Via Salaria (*Röm. Mitt.* 1898, 197).

These considerations have an important bearing on the question of the site of Eretum, which is somewhat uncertain. Fidenae was undoubtedly 5 miles from Rome (*infra*, 18) and according to the Antonine Itinerary Eretum would lie 13 miles further on, according to the *Tabula Peutingerana* 14. The former agrees better with the statement of Dionysius (xi. 3) that it lay 140 stadia ($17\frac{1}{2}$ miles) from Rome, and near

¹ It will be seen that the catacombs of S. Anthimus are, according to them, about $22\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Rome, whereas our ancient authorities vary, some indicating them as 22, others as 28 miles from Rome (*infra*, 31).

the Tiber ; but the latter seems to suit the position of the 'pons in fluvio ad milliarium xxxv' inasmuch as 'ad milliarium xxxv' covers, according to Latin usage, the whole extent up to the 36th milestone. The views of topographers on the subject are various (*infra*, 27 *sqq.*).

As to the initial portion of the road, a difficult point is raised by the catalogues of Christian cemeteries, which take us back to the fourth century. In these we find the Via Salaria Vetus distinguished from the Via Salaria (Nova).¹ The Nova is undoubtedly the straight road from the Porta Collina to the Porta Salaria of the Aurelian wall, and so on along the line followed by the modern road ; but as to the Vetus there is more question.² De Rossi (*Bull. Crist.* 1894, 6 *sqq.*) makes it diverge from the Nova at the Porta Collina, identifying it with a road which passes under the Aurelian wall (which blocked its course completely) between the second and third towers to the W. of the Porta Salaria, and thence ran up to the Bivio del Leoncino, at the E. angle of the villa Borghese.³ He then makes it follow the Via dei Parioli, sending off a branch from the bivio to join the Salaria Nova. The three cemeteries which the catalogues⁴ mention as existing along its course are, that of Pamphilus, that of S. Hermes, or of Basilla, and a third called 'ad Septem Palumbas,' 'ad caput S. Iohannis,' or 'ad Clivum Cucumeris,' the first and second of which have been discovered (Marucchi, *Guida delle Catacombe Romane* (1903) 520 *sqq.*), the former at the point of divergence of the Vicolo di S. Filippo, the latter in a vineyard now belonging to the German College, rather further along, on the S.W. side of the road. The third has not yet been found, but must be upon the descent (in which traces of the ancient paving may be seen⁵) to the N.W. of the cemetery of S. Hermes.

¹ The word Nova is not actually used in the catalogues, which speak of it simply as Via Salaria ; but the addition is convenient as serving to distinguish the two roads, and is generally made.

² By an unfortunate error for which I am responsible the district to the W. of the Salaria Nova has not been included in my map : though the smallness of its scale would hardly have admitted of the necessary clearness in indicating the topographical details of this district.

³ Its pavement was found in 1891 at 3 mètres below the modern level, just outside the Aurelian wall, and 3 mètres further down was found another pavement of gravel, pointing to its being a road of considerable antiquity (*Bull. Com.* 1891, 290 ; *Not. Scav.* 1891, 132).

⁴ A recently discovered catalogue is given by Stevenson (*Bull. Crist.* 1897, 255), but it does not add to our knowledge of this district.

⁵ The Vicolo delle Tre Madonne, the Vicolo dell' Arco Oscuro (both of which diverge S.S.W. from this road) and the cross road connecting them N.E. of the Villa di Papa Giulio are all, probably, of ancient origin, as are, indeed, all the lanes in this district (*Bull. Com.* 1891, 144).

If, however, we follow this descent we arrive at the foot of the Monti Parioli, not far from the Ponte Molle; and if we accept the name of Via Salaria Vetus for this road, we must, if we wish to press the meaning of the name for the whole road,¹ either suppose that it pursued a winding course to the W. and N. of Antemnæ to reach the crossing of the Anio, or else abandon any attempt to connect it with the line of the road as we know it.

It might be possible, on the other hand, to assume that the Vicolo di S. Filippo, which is certainly an ancient road, represents the line of the primitive Via Salaria, though in that case it might be objected that neither the cemetery of S. Hermes nor the Clivus Cucumeris lies actually upon its line; and we have no evidence that it ever descended to the bridge over the Anio. Tomassetti, *Vie Nomentana e Salaria*, 6 seems to favour this view. Lanciani solves the difficulty in another way (*Forma Urbis*, 2, 9, 16), making the Salaria Vetus begin in the Via Capo le Case, the Porta Pinciana being left as an aperture² for it in the Aurelian wall, and join the road regarded by De Rossi and others (cf. Gatti, *Not. Scav.* 1899, 51) as the Salaria Vetus—but which he marks as ‘Diverticulum a Via Salaria Vetere ad Portam Collinam’ (*Forma Urbis*, 3)—at the Bivio del Leoncino, and the Salaria Nova a little further on—before the crossing of the new Viale dei Parioli.³ In that case one would have to assume that it originally left the Servian wall by the Porta Ratumena or Fontinalis at the N.E. angle of the

The discovery of pavement *in situ* in the Via dei Parioli, and of a fragment of a sepulchral inscription, is described in *Bull. Com.* 1892, 292. I copied there, at the beginning of the descent, a tufa cippus still *in situ* on the S.W. edge of the road, bearing the following inscription in letters of the last century of the Republic. The letters are 8 cm. high.

V	S	·	I	I	Q
N	·	F	R	O	N
P	E	·	X	X	·
I	N				
R	O	·	P	X	X

In the Vicolo di S. Filippo a cippus of the Aqua Virgo may still be seen *in situ* (*C.I.L.* vi. 31565d).

¹ This is, probably, hardly necessary. Aringhi, *Roma Subterranea*, ii. 94, quotes an instrument of Charlemagne, preserved in the Archives of S. Peter's, which speaks of the ‘Salaria vetus quae dividitur ad pontem Molui.’

² Jordan, *Topogr.* i. 1. 354; Lanciani, *Ruins and Excavations*, 75.

³ It became known as Via Pinciana in the early middle ages, and William of Malmesbury say of it ‘cum pervenit ad Salarium nomen perdit’ (Urlichs, *Cod. Urb. Rom. Top.* 87).

Capitoline hill, diverging from the Via Flaminia not far from the gate, or more probably by the Porta Salutaris or Quirinalis (a little below the Quattro Fontane). This would add another mile to its course (rather more in the first case, rather less in the second) which would perhaps suit the Itineraries better (*supra*, 8) but the supposition is somewhat improbable for other reasons; and it is open to the objection which applies to the Vicolo di S. Filippo, but in an even stronger form, as such a line passes to the E. even of the Cemetery of Pamphilus. Fabretti (*De Aquis*, Diss. iii, Tab. ii) places the divergence of the two roads at the Porta Salaria, and Lanciani (*Forma Urbis*, 3) does mark a 'Diverticulum a Via Salaria Vetere ad Portam Sariam,' following Bufalini (1551).

The discoveries which have been made between the Porta Collina and the Porta Salaria do not concern us here. The Porta Salaria is, as it stands, entirely modern, having been rebuilt after the bombardment of September 20th, 1870. The removal of the towers of the gate of Honorius¹ led to the discovery of several tombs (Lanciani, *Ruins and Excavations*, 75; Jordan,² *Topogr.* i. 3. 437). Immediately outside the gate, to the W. of the road, begins one of the most extensive cemeteries that have come to light in the outskirts of the city. The majority of the tombs belong, as Professor Hülsen remarks (*loc. cit.*) to the lower orders, and many of them are columbaria. Thousands of tombs have been found in the last two centuries, and it appears that the troops stationed in the Praetorian Camp were buried here. Several columbaria belonging to the end of the Republican and the beginning of the Imperial period, and in a very fine state of preservation, were found in 1896-1900 on the site now occupied by a new Carmelite monastery. They were arranged in four rows, separated by three narrow roads, parallel to the Via Salaria Vetus of De Rossi (Gatti, *Not. Scav. cit.*). The inscriptions are given in *C.I.L.* vi. p. 3439 *sqq.* and *Not. Scav.* 1900, 499, 574 (cf. 634), 1901, 15, and earlier discoveries are summarized by Hülsen (*loc. cit.*) and Homo, *Essai sur le Règne de l'Empereur Aurélien* (*Bibliothèque des Écoles Françaises* fasc. 89) p. 229, n. 6. Other discoveries are still occurring in this necropolis in consequence of building operations (cf. *Not. Scav. passim* and especially 1904, 436).

¹ A view of the gate, which had two round towers and three windows above the arch, may be found in Nibby and Gell, *Mura di Roma*, tav. viii.

² This, the concluding volume of the work, is from the pen of Prof. Hülsen, who has kindly allowed me to see the work in proof.

The inscription *C.I.L.* vi. 10241, found in 1725, in the Vigna Pelura outside the Porta Salaria, gives us the name of a landowner in this district. 'D. M. M. Herenni Proti . . . fecerunt parentes . . . chirographum ollaria n. iiii cineraria n. . . iiii intransibilibus parte laeva que sunt in monumento T. Flavi Apollodori quod est Via Salaria in agro Volusi Basilides ientibus ab urbe parte sinistra.'

Important mausolea are rare, though a striking exception is formed by the fine round mausoleum of Lucilius Paetus in the Vigna Bertone (*C.I.L.* vi. 32932). It consists of a circular base, 34 mètres in diameter, of blocks of travertine, which encloses a mass of earth upon which a conical mound was probably placed. The sepulchral chamber was perhaps transformed into a Christian burying place late in the fourth century (Marucchi, *Catacombe*, 388 n. 1). Here and elsewhere the tombs of the second and third centuries A.D. lie at a much higher level, and Professor Lanciani conjectures (*Pagan and Christian Rome*, 284) that the earth which Trajan excavated for the construction of his Forum was dumped here.

A cippus of the pomerium as enlarged by Claudius was found (whether *in situ* or not we do not know) in the Vigna Naro in 1738, at about 300 mètres from the Porta Salaria (*C.I.L.* vi. 31537c); and a cippus of the octroi line of Marcus Aurelius was copied 'in Via Salaria' by the Anonymus Einsiedlensis. If Lanciani's conjecture, that the wall of Aurelian followed the octroi line, is correct, it must originally have stood close to the gate (*Bull. Com.* 1892, 94; *Homo, op. cit.* 233). On the E. of the road there seem to have been hardly any tombs. A road goes off to join the Via Nomentana (the Vicolo della Fontana) forming the boundary of the Villa Albani, which very likely follows an ancient line (Lanciani, *Forma Urbis*, 3—after Bufalini). Its course is uncertain for a while: it may have fallen into the Via Nomentana at the first kilomètre; but it seems more probable that it went straight on, its line being taken up again by the Vicolo degli Alberoni, in the boundary walls of which there are several paving stones, and which seems to follow an old line; and that it then went on through the valley and joined the cross road known as the Vicolo di S. Agnese (*infra*, 13). Of the Via dei Parioli and the Vicolo di S. Filippo we have already spoken (*supra*, 9, 10). Remains of Roman villas are scanty, and Lanciani (*Bull. Com.* 1891, 147) cautions his readers that many of the architectural fragments to be seen in the vineyards are not of local provenance.

The Via Salaria turns several degrees further E. and then runs straight on between the boundary walls of modern villas.

Lanciani, *Storia degli Scavi*, i. 170, cites from Albertini, *Opusculum de Mirabilibus* (ed. 1515) f. 63^v, the description of a tomb ‘extra urbem uia Salaria prope portā . . . in uinea ad similitudinem templi constructum, in quo Caeris et Bacchi picturae cum uitibus et uasibus hydriarū depictae uisunt. quae omnia Petrus Paulus de Symeonib. ro. mihi oñdit apud uineā non lōge a porta Salaria.’ He considers that the reference is not to S. Costanza (*infra*, 42) but to a tomb belonging to the Via Salaria, of which we have no other record. He also (*op. cit.* 220) mentions a permission given on Nov. 29, 1523, to Catherine of Albano, to excavate in her own vineyard on the Via Salaria.

The site of the first milestone would fall a little beyond the new Viale dei Parioli, and the second close to the catacomb of S. Priscilla.

A little before the latter is reached, the Vicolo di S. Agnese, which almost certainly represents the line of an ancient road, goes off E.S.E. to the Via Nomentana in a straight line, reaching it close to the church of S. Agnese. On the N.W. side of the Via Salaria at this point the tufa blocks of the margo may be seen for some distance under the modern boundary wall.¹

In this district, between the two roads, according to Duchesne (*Lib. Pont.* i. 197 n. 82), was situated the Civitas Figlina: cf. the passion of S. Susanna (*Acta SS.* Aug. ii. 632) who is said to have been buried ‘iuxta corpora sanctorum Chrysanthi et Dariae Via Salaria, in arenario iuxta sanctum Alexandrum, in civitate Figlina,’² and that of SS. Marius, Martha and others (*Acta SS.* Ian. ii. 216) ‘tenuit (imperator) cclx christianos Via Salaria, quos iussit ut in figlinis foras muros portae Salariae . . . includerentur.’ Tomassetti, however, (*op. cit.* 28) prefers to connect the Civitas Figlina with Ficulea (*infra*, 61 *sqq.*) but wrongly. The brickworks of the Via Salaria were of considerable importance (*C.I.L.* xv. 478-529,³ 683), those of the Via Nomentana less extensive (*ibid.* 677-682) but their exact site is not to be gathered from the stamps. The only possible brick earth

¹ Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 25 n. 1, erroneously refers some of the discoveries of tombs made immediately outside the Aurelian walls to this portion of the road.

² For S. Chrysanthus and S. Daria see Marucchi, *op. cit.* 404. The S. Alexander mentioned is a son of S. Felicitas (*ibid.* 400).

³ Nos. 530-532 also belong to the *figlinae* of the Via Salaria, but probably (not certainly) to kilns situated further along the road, in the Sabine territory.

is to be found in the valleys of the Anio and Tiber (*Bull. Com.* 1892, 92 n. 2: cf. *ibid.* 91 for the use of bricks from these brickworks in buildings in the neighbourhood of the Praetorian Camp).

The road soon turns to run due N. and descends through a cutting, which has been considerably enlarged in modern times, to the Ponte Salario. Near the beginning of the cutting, on the left, is the entrance to the catacomb of S. Priscilla, which extends also under the road (as does the 'Coemeterium Iordanorum', less than a mile further back). It is fully described by Marucchi, *Catacombe Romane*, 416 sqq. Close by, in the Villa Amici, a columbarium with paintings was found by D'Agincourt (*C.I.L.* vi. 7997-8011). The hill above the catacomb was known in the 16th century as the Monte delle Gioie (De Rossi, *Bull. Crist.* 1890, 97; Lanciani, *Bull. Com.* 1891, 323; *Storia degli Scavi*, i. 73). Further down, on the right of the descent, four tombs were discovered in 1879, the remains of two of which are still visible (cf. *Not. Scav.* 1883, 82),¹ while the paving of the old road was recently uncovered in clearing out the modern ditch.

On the left of the road is the hill, now crowned by a fort, once occupied by the primitive village of Antemnae said to have been conquered by Romulus.² The meaning of the name is explained as 'ante amnem i.e. Anienem' by Varro, *L.L.* v. 28, inasmuch as it stands at the point where the Anio falls into the Tiber, thus occupying a position of great strength. Plutarch (*Sulla*, 30) mentions it in connexion with the battle of the Porta Collina in 82 B.C. in such a manner as to indicate that it was not far from the city. Strabo mentions it, with Collatia, Fidenae, and Labici, as among the old fortified towns near Rome which had in his time become mere villages, *Κολλατία δ' ἦν καὶ Ἀντέμναι καὶ Φιδῆναι καὶ Λαβικὸν καὶ ἄλλα τοιαῦτα τότε μὲν πολίχνια, νῦν δὲ κῶμαι, κτήσεις ἰδιωτῶν, ἀπὸ τριάκοντα ἢ μικρῶ πλειόνων τῆς Ῥώμης σταδίων*³ (v. 3. 2, p. 230), and Pliny (*H.N.* iii. 68) names it among the cities of Latium which had disappeared in his day. The indications given by our ancient authorities are sufficiently clear to make the identification certain, and there has never been any real doubt as to the site: while absolute certainty was brought by the excavations in connexion with the construction of the fort

¹ The 'Ruderi' marked in the map are not ancient.

² Hülsen in Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* i. 2350.

³ The inclusion of Labici is a piece of careless writing, for as Strabo himself well knew (v. 3. 9, p. 237) it was fifteen or more miles from Rome.

in 1882–86 (*Not. Scav.* 1882, 415; 1883, 16; 1886, 24; 1887, 64; cf. Lanciani, *Ruins and Excavations*, 111), when the remains of the primitive city were discovered. Some traces of walling were found both on the N. and S., at two points where the existence of gates is probable (Nibby, *Analisi*, i. 161, supposes that there were four gates in all, but Lanciani admits three only), built in somewhat irregular opus quadratum of blocks of capellaccio (an inferior variety of tufa), not very carefully squared, 0·89 m. in length on an average, and 0·59 in height (*Ruins and Excavations*, *cit.*). Remains of the foundations of huts were also discovered, and a good deal of local pottery, corresponding to that found in the earlier strata of the Esquiline necropolis, with a considerable admixture of Etruscan bucchero and Graeco-Chalcidian ware; and there were even a few sporadic objects of the stone age.

The water supply of the city was well cared for: besides the springs at the foot of the hill on the N., there were several wells and a cistern within the circuit of the walls. One of the former is no less than 54 feet deep, while the cistern (*Ruins and Excavations*, fig. 43), destroyed soon after its discovery, was of great interest.

The N. portion of the site was later on occupied by a villa at the end of the Republican or commencement of the Imperial period, considerable remains of which were found, among them a cistern divided into three chambers. Two brick stamps of the first century A.D. (*C.I.L.* xv. 670b, 864) were found loose near these ruins. On the E. side some burials under tiles were discovered, dating perhaps from the time of the abandonment of the villa: the coins found with the bodies were illegible. Two inscribed cippi were also found in use in the repairs of the villa itself. It may be that the discoveries of 1822, of which Tomassetti speaks (*op. cit.* 30),¹ are to be referred to this site—remains of a villa ‘sulla collinetta da cui si gode verso tramontana la prospettiva del basso Aniene.’ If so, the find-spot of the sarcophagus with a relief of the Nereids must be on the E. of the road. Or, if we refer the villa to a site E. of the Ponte Salario (*infra*, 45), then the sarcophagus may have been found near the Sedia del Diavolo (*ibid.*).

The comparison which Professor Lanciani makes and develops between Antemnae and the early city on the Palatine is interesting and important;

¹ He also mentions excavations made in the tenuta of Ponte Salario in 1821, the result of which is unknown.

and it is a pity that military exigencies rendered it impossible to explore the site thoroughly, and to preserve the remains which were discovered. I do not know even where the pottery that was found is kept.

The Ponte Salario by which the road crosses the Anio has been thrice destroyed in comparatively recent times, and little of the ancient structure now remains except the greater portion of the small arches on each side. It was cut in 1849 for a length of fifteen mètres by the French in their attack on Rome (*Rapport de la Commission Mixte pour constater les dégâts, etc.* (Paris, 1850), 42). A photograph of it after it was blown up in 1867 is given in Lanciani's *Destruction of Ancient Rome*, p. 149, fig. 26. Canina (*Edifizi*, vi. tav. 178) gives views of it. It had one central arch and two smaller side arches of tufa with voussoirs of travertine. The parapets which were thrown into the river in 1798, bore the inscription of Narses, who restored the bridge under Justinian in 565 A.D.¹ (*C.I.L.* vi. 1199).

Not far from the bridge the funeral inscription of C. Sallustius Martialis, a soldier of the 10th Cohors Urbana, and holding a post called 'a quaestionibus praefecti urbis' was seen in the 16th century 'in praedio Cardinalis Tranensis' (*C.I.L.* vi. 2880 = 32718).

On the left of the road a little beyond the bridge is a large square tomb of tufa concrete (the facing of rectangular blocks, having, as usual, disappeared) with a chamber in the form of a Greek cross within, and a mediaeval tower above. The Staff map marks a tomb on the right also; but the loose blocks in the field at this point may belong to the old bridge.

From the Ponte Salario the modern high road follows the valley of the Tiber² as far as the railway station of Passo Correse, keeping at the foot

¹ Nibby, *op. cit.* ii. 594, cites Procopius, *Bell. Goth.* iii. 24, *fin.*, as stating that Narses destroyed all the bridges over the Anio; but the passage runs *ἡ δὲ πάλαιος ἀφίκοντο πάσας σχεδόν τι τὰς τοῦ Τιβερίου γεφύρας διελόντες, ὥπως μὴ Ῥωμαῖοι εὐπετῶς σφίσιν ἐπιέναι οἰοί τε ὄσι. γέφυραν μέντοι μίαν, ἣ Μιλβίου ἐπάνυμός ἐστι, διαφθεῖραι οὐδ' αὖτε ἴσχυσαν, ἐπεὶ ἄγχιατα τῆς πόλεως ἐτύχανεν οὐσα.* It certainly looks, however, as if Procopius had here, as in iii. 10 (where he says that Tibur lay on the Tiber about 120 stadia (15 miles)—a rough measurement—from Rome, so that Totila's occupation of it prevented the Romans from bringing provisions down by river from Tuscany!), confused the Anio with the Tiber. The Pons Milvius is of course the bridge by which the Via Flaminia crosses the Tiber, and there was no bridge across the Tiber above it until the Via Flaminia recrossed it near Otricoli, nor any bridge below it, except those actually within the city of Rome. Besides, it would have been the bridges over the Anio which it was important to destroy.

Bartoli (*Mem.* 135, in Fea, *Misc.* i. 260) notices that, during winter flood in the time of Innocent XI, one of the banks of the river fell in, and a large marble sarcophagus was found by some boatmen, who broke it to pieces, thinking that treasure was concealed in it. He does not give the exact locality of the discovery.

² Guattani's view (*Mon. Sabini*, i. 40, cf. 147 n.—the book which he there cites is unknown

of the hills which flank it on the E., and hardly ever changing in level. No traces of pavement have, so far as I know, been discovered except in 1889, when a few paving stones were found in a hole made below Villa Spada for a telegraph pole along the railway (*Not. Scav.* 1889, 110). The ancient road, therefore, kept more under the hills than the modern, as the remains of tombs indicate (*infra*, 20), but the level was much the same. Westphal (*Römische Kampagne*, 127, 128) remarks that there are no traces of the old road along the modern one except, in places, up to the 16th mile, large paving stones of limestone; and remains of ancient buildings are comparatively scanty. This fact has considerably complicated the difficult problem as to the exact point at which the ancient Via Salaria left the river valley (*infra*, 27).

On the right of the road, close to the Torre Boschetto, are some remains in opus reticulatum, belonging probably to a villa. The Torre Serpentara does not seem to rest upon ancient foundations; no traces, at least, are at present to be seen, the brickwork of the lower part of the tower being mediaeval; and there are no other remains to be seen until we arrive at Fidenæ. Lanciani (*Bull. Com.* 1891, 328) records the discovery of a cinerary urn and of a roof tile with the stamp *C.I.L.* xv. 864 between the Torre Serpentara and the fountain of the farmhouse S. of the Villa Spada.

The site of Fidenæ, which was for some while the frontier of the Roman territory and often in the hands of Veii,¹ can be fairly closely fixed. Cluver (*Italia antiqua*, 656 l. 2) placed it a little beyond Castel Giubileo, N.E. of Casale di Sette Bagni, and Kircher (*Latium*, 219) followed him, while Nibby (*op. cit.* ii. 51), Gell (*Topography of Rome and its Vicinity*, 248), and Dennis (*Cities and Cemeteries of Etruria*, i. 48) place the arx at Castel Giubileo, and the city on the height to the E. on the further side of the Via Salaria. It is unlikely that the town should have been cut in two by the high road, so that Holste (*ad Cluv. loc. cit.*) is probably right in fixing the site at Villa Spada; and his view has been followed by the majority of modern topographers, though Nissen (*Ital. Landeskunde*, ii. 605) prefers Nibby's view. It must be confessed, however, that though proof is not

to me, and the reference cannot be to a main road, but to a mere lane) that the road may have taken to the hills directly after the bridge, is incorrect. Holste (*ad Cluv.* p. 709, l. 22) is referring to the divergence after Malpasso (*infra*, 24).

¹ For its history in early times cf. *C.I.L.* xiv. p. 453.

lacking that the Roman village stood by the road, just below the Villa Spada to the S., remains of an earlier period, and, in particular, traces of walls or artificial defences, are conspicuous by their absence: while the nature of the ground is such that one site is really as good as another. Excavations might very likely solve the problem, but nothing of the kind has so far been undertaken: while the existence of undoubted tombs cut in the low tufa cliffs N. of the Villa Spada, on the E. edge of the railway, tombs which belong probably to pre-Roman times, does not suffice to exactly determine the site of the earliest settlement. We have, however, no reason to suppose that there has been any material change. We know from the Tabula Peutingerana that in imperial times Fidenae lay on the Via Salaria, and Dionysius (ii. 53, iii. 27, x. 22) gives the distance at 40 stadia (5 miles)—though Eutropius (i. 4, 19) puts it at 6 miles from Rome—and tells us (as does Livy, iv. 34. 6) that it lay near the Tiber. And various discoveries have confirmed the identification with the Villa Spada, which, as will be seen from the map, is just over five miles from the Porta Collina. The site is well enough adapted for a primitive settlement, being isolated on every side by fairly deep valleys, except for a narrow stretch to the E.N.E. of the Villa Spada, which itself occupies the S.W. portion of the plateau, and must have served as the acropolis. It has been occupied by a villa¹ of the imperial period of which an open water reservoir is the most conspicuous portion remaining,² and not by the Roman village, which lay rather at the foot of the hill close to the high road. The accounts of its desolation are probably to some extent exaggerated: Cicero (*de leg. agr.* ii. 35. 96) speaks of it as almost deserted, classing it with Labici and Collatia; Strabo (*supra*, 14) mentions it with Collatia and Antemnae as an old town, the site of which had then passed into private hands: Horace (*Epist.* i. 11. 8) and Juvenal (vi. 57, x. 100) scorn it as the type of desolation, ranking it with Gabii, which, however, enjoyed a certain amount of prosperity under the Empire (cf. *Papers*, i. 188). We hear, too, of the collapse of a temporary amphitheatre at Fidenae in A.D. 27, in which many

¹ The brickstamp 931b, of the period of Hadrian, copied at Villa Spada in 1741, may belong to this building.

² A little to the E. of this reservoir a round shaft 68 cm. in diameter with footholes (descending probably to a subterranean cistern) has recently been found; and some caves further E., though now much altered, may have served for the same purpose, as a round shaft communicating with them from above seems to be of Roman origin (Gori, *Dal Ponte Salario a Fidene Crustumero ed Ere'o*—reprinted from *Giorn. Arcad.* clxxiv. (1863)—9). It may be noted that the contention of this author, that the Via Salaria came up to the Villa Spada itself, is quite unwarranted (*supra*, 17).

thousand persons perished—Suetonius (*Tib.* 40) puts the number of killed at 20,000, Tacitus (*Ann.* iv. 63) the total number of casualties at 50,000. Most of the spectators must, it is true, have come from Rome: and the structure was probably erected on the flat ground by the river for convenience.

The place must have possessed, however, a certain importance as a post station.¹ Close to the road, in 1889, was found the actual curia² of the village, a hall facing W., the back wall of which was formed by the rock itself, cut perpendicularly and cemented: while the W. wall had an arch formed by two pilasters and two columns. It was decorated with marble, and on the pavement lay a marble base, which no doubt supported a statue, with a dedication to M. Aurelius by the Senatus Fidenatium, made during the lifetime of Antoninus Pius (140 A.D.) and some fragments of other inscriptions and parts of two statues (*Not. Scav.* 1889, 108; *Eph. Epig.* vii. 1268–1270, 1275). The ‘Casale di Villa Spada,’ the farmhouse immediately to the S. of the hill, is built upon a portion of a brick edifice of the Roman period:³ the foundations of some of its walls may also be seen in the floor of the yard, and various fragments have been observed here (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4060; *Bull. Com.* 1891, 327). It was very likely here that the boundary stone bearing the inscription *public(um) Fidenatium) L. Manili(us) Q.F. L. Marci(us) L.F. duo virei iii terminavere*, which is attributed to the early part of the first century B.C., was copied fifty years ago. It has now disappeared (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4063).

Two other inscriptions of which we have record were probably found in the curia.

The first (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4057) is a dedication of unknown date (some time early in the second century) to the Numen Domus Augustae of a building or statue which was restored by the Senate after a fire (the place and date of its discovery are unknown); and the other (*ibid.* 4058) is a dedication to

¹ The quarries of Fidenae are mentioned by Vitruvius (ii. 7. 1) and Pliny (*H.N.* xxxvi. 167) as producing soft stone. The tufa here is, as a fact, not of a very good quality.

² Its site is indicated on the map a little to the S.W. of the F of Fidenae.

³ Nibby (*Schede*, iv. 1^a) describes it as follows: ‘ruderi di una fabbrica di opera laterizia composta principalmente del cryptoportico (a) con fenestre e feritoie nell’ alto. La costruzione è di mattoni sottili con inter . . . e somiglia a quella delle terme Antoniane; forse è un avanzo di villa o di una parte della Fidene romana’ (cf. *Viaggio*, i. 76). He then passes to the reservoir at the Villa ‘Edificio quadrato ad emplecton di scaglie di selce forse avanzo di conserva: la larghezza è di passi ord. 25 la lunghezza di 6. 8. [?] il lato settentrionale è in parte rovinato; il meridionale ed occid. hanno ristaur di opera mista dei tempi bassi.’

The reference is to some volumes of Nibby’s MS. notes now in my possession (*Papers*, i. 177 n.).

Gallienus (in which the two chief magistrates of the place still bear the title of dictator) by the Senate itself found in 1767 'near the Villa Spada.'

The village cannot have extended far to the N. of the Curia, for there would have been no space for it at the foot of the hills: and, besides, about 100 yards to the N. of it (or rather more) just below the Villa Spada itself a tomb was discovered in 1889, consisting of two chambers cut in the rock, the outer of which had a mosaic floor, while upon the architrave over the doorway leading to the inner chamber was the inscription 'Ti(berio) Apronio Apolloni f(ilio) Fab(ia) Apollonio | hic sepultus est.' From this inscription we learn for the first time the tribe to which Fidenae belonged. The tomb had apparently been made use of for later burials, one of the tiles of which bore the stamp *C.I.L.* xv. 408e (reign of Caracalla?) and another, the Christian monogram X of the Constantinian period (*Not. Scav.* 1889, 110; *Eph. Epig.* vii. 1273; *Bull. Com.* 1891, 326).

The inscription is republished with the reading Atronio, with a full description of the tomb—as though it were a new discovery!—in *Bull. Com.* 1905, 110; cf. *Rendiconti Lincei*, 1904, 391; *Not. Scav.* 1904, 402. Whether the new reading or the old is correct I do not know, as the tomb is rightly kept closed for its better preservation. Two hundred yards N. of the Curia some tombs of the 3rd century A.D. were discovered, the bodies being covered by tiles forming a pent roof; the tiles in one case bore the stamp *C.I.L.* xv. 831 (A.D. 123-128), and at the end of the tomb a marble slab was fixed into the ground, which bore the sepulchral inscription (*Not. Scav.* 1889, 109; *Eph. Epig.* vii. 1274).

Other sepulchral inscriptions will be found in *C.I.L.* xiv. 4067, 4072: while two Greek inscriptions (Kaibel, *I.G.I.* 1688, 1689) of the Christian period are dealt with by De Rossi in *Bull. Crist.* 1892, 43 *sqq.* and tav. ii, who refutes the common idea that Fidenae was ever an episcopal see. Guattani (writing in 1828) says 'fu di recente in Villa Spada tentato uno scavamento, ma con poco profitto, non essendosi trovato che un' urna di marmo con un teschio coperto di una richissima stoffa messa ad oro, che al tocco dell' aria si disfece al solito' (*Mon. Sabini*, ii. 360). Whether the reference is to Castellani's excavations seems doubtful. Another part of the necropolis of the Roman village of Fidenae was situated to the N.E. of the Villa Spada, at the point marked 62 mètres above sea-level on the staff map. Here, in 1883, a group of tombs and sarcophagi were found: one of the latter was decorated with a basrelief representing

Theseus slaying the Minotaur (*Arch. Zeit.* 1884, 273) and bore the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 4062. Here was also found the fragment *ibid.* 4059 (see the correction in *Eph. Epig.* vii. 1267, and De Rossi, *Bull. Crist.* 1887, 153) belonging to the tombstone of a tribune of the 20th legion of the 1st or 2nd century A.D.

A terra-cotta sarcophagus with the stamp *C.I.L.* xiv. 4073 and a lamp bearing the stamp *C.I.L.* xv. 6557 were also found.

Besides the tombs, remains of a farmhouse, with the dolia arranged in quincunx fashion, came to light (*Not. Scav.* 1883, 372). Fragments of brick, etc. are still to be seen on the ground: one which I saw bore an unknown stamp. Upon the same hill, but a little further to the S., apparently, a

villa was discovered a few years later; the atrium was paved with mosaic, and architectural fragments of marble were present. In the walls a copy of the brickstamp *C.I.L.* xv. 375 (126 A.D.) was seen (*Bull. Com.* 1891, 327).

The next hill to the N. is, as we have seen, the site selected by some authors for the city of Fidenae. Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 61)¹ notices the abundance of fragments of pottery (which I was unable to find), some remains in opus reticulatum near the S.W. angle of the plateau, and a subterranean passage cut in the rock (indicated also by Dennis, *op. cit.* 48, and D on plan), which has been explored by Tomassetti (*op. cit.* 78), who found that

¹ In his earlier work, the *Viaggio* (i. 85) published in 1819, he states that squared blocks of stone (not *in situ*) were to be seen, which must have belonged to the walls. At that time he placed the arx at the highest point of the hill over the modern road, excluding Castel Giubileo from the circuit of the town.

it led to a reservoir with several branches and vertical shafts communicating with the upper air, of a type common in the Roman Campagna. The entrance is roundheaded, about 5 feet high and a foot and a half in width, and looks like the exit of a drain.

That, however, it could have been the *cuniculus* by which, according to Livy (iv. 22), the Romans penetrated into the arx is most improbable: and, besides, if the arx was at Villa Spada, as Tomassetti rightly supposes (though he is in error in calling Villa Spada a stronger position than Castel Giubileo), the passage is in the wrong hill! Gori (*op. cit.* 9) speaks as if it was at Villa Spada. Close by Dennis indicates a large cave (E), now closed by a gate, but which, according to him, has several ramifications (to the N.E. of which is a shaft such as Tomassetti describes, one side of which has been quarried away), and a tomb (G),¹ and on the W. side of the hill above the railway are several more tombs.

Just beyond the site of the 6th milestone a modern road goes off to a bridge over the Tiber, in the construction of which remains of a building of the second century after Christ were discovered; among the chambers were two well preserved bath rooms with hypocausts, and fragments of columns of porta santa (Iasian) marble 0'38m. in diameter were found (*Bull. Com.* 1891, 328). Lanciani conjectures that this building may have formed a part of the post station of Fidenae, relying on Eutropius (*supra*, 18). The road now passes between the hill of Castel Giubileo and the tableland on the E. The site of Castel Giubileo is a very fine one (Fig. 1), and it was natural that the acropolis of Fidenae should have been placed there by some topographers. It appears to have been occupied in Roman times, to judge from the existence of fragments of marble columns, etc., though no traces of actual buildings exist. The inscriptions that have been copied there (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4066, 4070, 4071) have very likely been brought from the tombs of the Via Salaria. The caves indicated by Dennis on the lower slopes of the hill have fallen in, but may still be traced. The mediaeval history of the place is given by Tomassetti (*op. cit.* 80 *sqq.*).

¹ It may be noticed in passing that the tombs he indicates above the Casale di Villa Spada are no longer visible—perhaps owing to the fall of the rock. Some damage has very likely occurred to the tombs—though not at all recently as far as one can tell—from quarrying. Lanciani (*Storia degli Scavi*, i. 205) mentions the letting of a quarry near Castel Giubileo in 1521.

II.—FROM CASTEL GIUBILEO TO OSTERIA NUOVA

(*from the Sixth to the Thirty-first mile*).

About half a mile beyond Castel Giubileo is the Fosso della Buffalotta, and on the N. of it the Casale di Sette Bagni, between which and the railway are various remains. On the E. edge of the railway behind a signalman's house are the concrete foundation walls (preserved to a considerable height) of a large villa, and further up remains in opus reticulatum, of which Gori (*op. cit.* 22) speaks as though they were tombs: while further towards the E. are two water reservoirs, to the easternmost of which, situated close to the casale, Tomassetti appears to allude (p. 86 n. 2), though the arch is of brickwork, not of opus quadratum. To the E. of the casale are large caves: and here Dennis (*op. cit.* 50) places the chief necropolis of Fidenae. Further to the N.E. on the top of the hill is a large reservoir, with at least three chambers, each measuring 10·9 by 2·5 mètres inside, and connected by openings placed slightly on the skew to one another, so as to reduce the pressure, as in the so-called Sette Sale at Rome (really a reservoir belonging to the Golden House of Nero). Gori (*op. cit.* 22) wishes to place Crustumium here, following Cingolani and Ameti: the latter often reflects Fabretti's views, and it is therefore probably here that we must place the building of *opus incertum*, seen by Ciampini (*Vetera Monimenta*, i. 67) on an excursion in Fabretti's company. The hill is bounded on the N. by the Fosso di Malpasso, which is joined by the Fosso della Buffalotta just to the E. of the road which crosses them both by the Ponte di Malpasso. The bridge consisted until 1832 of remains of three periods—opus quadratum of tufa of the original structure, a brick arch with a double ring of brickwork, the stamps in which dated from 126–129 A.D. and were preserved by Nibby,¹ and an arch of comparatively modern date. A view is given (Nibby, *Analisi*, i. 129) by Guattani, *Mon. Sabini*, i. tav. 2 (opp. p. 43).

The identification of the stream with the Allia² (Nibby seems to refer rather to the Fosso della Buffalotta, the more important of the two) seems doubtful, inasmuch as the distance from Rome is insufficient (*infra*).

¹ *C.I.L.* xv. 506b, 507b, 702. From *Schede*, iv. 1^v it appears that *ibid.* 506a was also found.

² *C.I.L.* xiv. 4064 (a fragment apparently of a sepulchral inscription) was copied 'in agro Crustumino ad Alliam' by Detlefsen.

Not very far from this point, according to Gell and Nibby,¹ the ancient Via Salaria left the valley of the Tiber, and ran towards Nomentum. The theory is, however, a very improbable one, and is conditioned by the desire to place Eretum at Grotta Marozza (*infra*, 71). The road which they indicate as the Via Salaria is in all probability a mere *deverticulum* (so Hülsen and Lindner, *Alliaschlacht*, 20 n. 3).

We may notice that the Tabula Peutingerana makes a branch go to the right from Fidenae to Nomentum and join the Via Nomentana there. This may be what Nibby considers the original Via Salaria (Desjardins, *Tab. Peut.* 176).

A mile or more further on the Casale Marcigliana rises on a hill above the road. No traces of antiquity are visible there at present, excepting a plain marble sarcophagus in the courtyard: but Nibby (*op. cit.* ii. 303) saw a sepulchral cippus with the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 4065, now in the Lateran, and several architectural fragments. The inscription, however, and perhaps the architectural fragments also, seems to have come from the excavations described *infra*, 48. Gori (*op. cit.* 26) speaks of two tombs cut in the rock, with plaster lining, on the right of the high road below Casale Marcigliana.

Beyond Casale Marcigliana no traces of antiquity are visible for some distance, excepting a well preserved reservoir at the Torretta or Marcigliana Vecchia,² the path leading to which from the E.S.E. very likely follows the line of an ancient road.

The Allia, from which the terrible defeat which the Romans suffered at the hands of the Gauls in 390 B.C. took its name, has been rightly identified by Hülsen and Lindner (*op. cit.*), following Westphal (*Röm. Kampagne*, 127),² Gell (*Topography of Rome and its Vicinity*, 43), and Kiepert, with the Fosso Bettina;³ for both Livy (v. 37) and Plutarch (*Cam.* 18) place it at about 11 miles from Rome, and the former speaks of the

¹ *Op. cit.* 44; *op. cit.* iii. 634. The view is not due to them, but may be found in the older maps of the Campagna, and in Holste (*ad Cluv.* p. 709, l. 22). Desjardins (*Topographie du Latium*, 22) propounds the rather strange theory that this road was a somewhat late correction of the original road—which, running along the river valley, would be liable to be interfered with by floods—and that it did *not* join the Via Nomentana, but returned to the original road after Monte Rotondo.

² This is the site selected by Cluver (*Italia antiqua*, 658, l. 45) for Crustumerium—but wrongly (*infra*, 50, 51).

³ Cf. also Hülsen in Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* i. 1585. This view seems, however, to appear first in Holste (*ad Cluv.* p. 709, l. 23).

stream as 'Crustumini montibus praealto defluens alveo' (*infra*, 51). But the two full accounts of the battle which we have—that of Livy and that of Diodorus (v. 114)—differ with regard to the site of the battle, the former putting it on the left, the latter on the right bank of the Tiber. The question of the relative value of the two accounts has been much debated. Hülsen and Lindner (*op. cit.*) after a careful study of the ground, decide in favour of Diodorus, as Mommsen had already done (*Hermes*, xiii. 515 = *Röm. Forsch.* ii. 297), but their view has not been accepted by Pais (*Storia di Roma*, i. 281, n. 1) nor by Richter (*Beiträge zur röm. Topogr.* i. *Alliaschlacht und Serviusmauer*). The latter insists strongly on the fact of the impregnability of Rome from an attack delivered by an enemy on the right bank opposite the city, owing to the difficulty of crossing the river.¹ It is this fact, which, according to him, explains the importance of Fidenae in the early wars between Rome and Veii; even admitting, as he does, that the repeated defections and recaptures of Fidenae are by no means all to be accepted as historical events, he regards it as the key to the position in all this warfare, inasmuch as it was near it that the Veientes, descending the valley of the Cremera, would naturally cross the river. He explains the flight of that portion of the Roman army which escaped, to Veii (and not to Rome), by the fact that the Gauls had already cut off the passage to the city—which, even if the river did not run closer to the foot of the hills than it does now, is quite conceivable: while the absence of any effort on their part to relieve Rome may have been due to the difficulty already pointed out of crossing the river near the city and to the smallness of their numbers.

He does not, however, touch the chief point made by Hülsen and Lindner, that the ground on the left bank does not agree nearly so well with either description of the battle itself as that on the right. In this the military experience of the second of the two writers must count for much: and their explanation of the confusion made by Livy and other writers of the Augustan period is also important—that it may be due to the fact that

¹ There seems to be some inconsistency in saying (7 *fin.*) in connexion with this argument 'die Befestigungen des republikanischen Roms sind durch die zahlreichen Reste und durch Beschreibungen bis in die Einzelheiten gut bekannt; die so gut wie uneinnehmbare Befestigung war am festesten an der Tiberseite'; and in then (17 *ad fin.*) placing the present walls after the Gaulish invasion—though it is not denied that Rome had walls of some kind—not, however, 'so gut wie uneinnehmbare,' for 'jedenfalls hat die Gallierkatastrophe die Römer darüber aufgeklärt, dass ihre Stadtbefestigung . . . dem Ansturm eines grossen Heeres nicht Stand zu halten vermochte' (18 *fin.*).

the Lucaria were celebrated in a grove on the left bank of the Tiber, between it and the road, and were connected in popular belief with the flight of some of the fugitives thither (Fest. *epit.* p. 119 Müll. 'Lucaria festa in luco colebant Romani, qui permagnus inter viam Salariam et Tiberim fuit, pro eo quod victi a Gallis fugientes e proelio ibi se occultaverint') while, as a matter of fact, the festival is of far older origin and belongs to the oldest form of the Roman calendar (*C.I.L.* i.² p. 298). Another important question is with regard to the route taken by the Gauls in coming from Clusium: to arrive on the left bank of the Tiber they must have crossed it at some point higher up, and of this we hear nothing. The question will, however, always remain an open one: it is clear that there is much to be said on both sides, and I cannot say that I am prepared to come to a decision.

Westphal notes some unimportant remains of ancient walls on the left of the road after Marcigliana Vecchia (*op. cit.* 127), while Gell considers the mound on this side, almost opposite to it, to be a tumulus (*op. cit.* map).

The statues of Bacchus and Ariadne (Visconti, *Mus. Pio-Clem.* i. 81, 82, tav. xlv, xlv) are said to have been found 'nel ristoramento della via che da Roma conduce a Monte Rotondo' and sent to the museum by order of Cardinal Rezzonico.

There are some remains of a villa in brick work between the Casale S. Colomba and the high road. *C.I.L.* xiv. 3940, a sepulchral inscription in elegiacs, was found here. I was also informed that ruins had been recently destroyed in the Vigna Valle Ricca, up the valley E. of Fontana di Papa.

A little to the S. of the railway station, a path ascends to Monte Rotondo, which very likely follows an ancient line.¹ At Monte Rotondo it may have forked, one branch going to Mentana, another to join the prolongation of the Via Nomentana, though there are no certain traces of antiquity on either. The town occupies a fine position on a hill, but there is no reason for supposing that the site is that of an ancient city—Eretum certainly was not situated here, as Raphael Volaterranus, Cluver (*Italia antiqua*, p. 667, l. 54, and, apparently, if silence gives consent, Holste) and other authors have supposed; for, as Dessau (*C.I.L.* xiv. p. 439) points out, it is by no means at the right distance from Rome. Nor can Gell's identification of the site with that of Crustumerium (*op. cit.* 190) be defended. Several sepulchral inscriptions have, not unnaturally, been collected in and

¹ Gori (*op. cit.* 31) thought it to be the Via Salaria, and saw near the first chapel what he believed to be a milestone of it!

near the town (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3932–3939¹), though only nos. 3938–3939 seem to be still preserved, but none of them present features of any interest, and their provenance is in no case certain.

Stevenson notes (*Vat. Lat.* 10551, f. 5) 'iscrizione di Ereto

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from the MS. of Fontanini in the Library of S. Mark's, Venice. It is obviously Christian.

Guattani (*Mon. Sabini*, ii. 354) mentions some excavations at Casale di S. Matteo (or the Cappuccini Vecchi) made by a certain Federici, in which busts and fragments of statues smaller than life size were found, and an entire Eros; the objects were presented by the discoverer to some English people who were spending the summer there.

Gori (*op. cit.* 63) considers that the house just W. of the Cappuccini where are still preserved *C.I.L.* xiv. 3938, 3939, occupies the site of an ancient villa. He says also that the road leading to the Casino dei Maoli is ancient—the reference is to that running S. to the Fosso Ormeto (*infra*, 49).

The road running due N. from Monte Rotondo probably—in fact almost certainly—follows an ancient line, though no actual traces of paving are to be seen. A large bridge with twelve arches, belonging to an aqueduct, on the W. of it, half way to La Mola, does not seem to be ancient: there are, on the other hand, remains of a villa on the E. of it, just before it descends into the valley. At La Mola traces of antiquity are absent. It seems probable, however, that at this point it fell into a *deverticulum* from the Via Salaria. We have now to enquire at what point the latter left the valley of the Tiber.

The question is intimately connected with that as to the site of Eretum, which must be sought 14 miles from Fidenae (*Tab. Pent.*), i.e. 19 miles from Rome, or 18 miles from Rome (*Itin. Ant.*).

Strabo (v. 3. I. p. 228) indicates it as a Sabine² village situated above the Tiber (τῆς Σαβίνης κώμην ὑπὲρ τοῦ Τιβέρεως κειμένην) at the point where

¹ 3937 was copied at the Osteria delle Capannuole 1½ mile off on the high road.

² See *C.I.L.* xiv. p. 439.

the Via Nomentana joins the Via Salaria and not far from the Aquae Labanae (τὰ Λαβανὰ ὕδατα, οὐκ ἄπωθεν τούτων [Ἀλβούλων] ἐν τῇ Νωμεντανῇ καὶ τοῖς περὶ Ἑρητὸν τόποις, *ibid.* 11, p. 238), cf. Verg. *Aen.* vii. 711 'Ereti manus omnis, oliviferaeque Mutuescae' (Serv. *in. loc.* 'Eretum oppidum dictum est ἀπὸ τῆς Ἑρας, id est, a Iunone, quae illic colitur': cf. Solin. ii. 10). Dionys. iii. 32. γίνετο δ' αὐτῶν περὶ πόλιν Ἑρητὸν ἀπὸ σταδίων ἑπτὰ¹ καὶ ἑκατὸν τῆς Ῥώμης ἀγών (13 $\frac{3}{8}$ miles). *id.* xi. 3. διέστηκε δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς Ῥώμης ἡ πόλις αὕτη στάδια τεσσαράκοντα καὶ ἑκατὸν (17 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles²) πλησίον οὖσα Τιβέρεως ποταμοῦ.

There is much difference of opinion as to its site. The oldest topographers put it at Monte Rotondo (*supra*, 26), Mannert at Fiora (ix. pt. 1. p. 521), Gell (*op. cit.* 201), Nibby (*op. cit.* ii. 143) at Grotta Marozza (*infra*, 71), Gori at Casale Manzi, a little to the N.W. of Mentana (*infra*, 71), Reichard (*Orb. Ant.* tab. xi.) at Cretone. All these views are erroneous: but the truth was seen by Chaupy (*Maison de Campagne d'Horace*, iii. 88), Guattani (*op. cit.* i. 134), Westphal (*op. cit.* 128), Nibby (in his article *Delle Vie degli Antichi*—an appendix to *Nardini's Roma Antica*, vol. iv.—p. 88), Canina (*Carta della Campagna Romana*) and Kiepert. Desjardins (*Tab. Peut.* 162: cf. *Latium*, 20) is inclined to agree with Canina as to the site of the post station, but to put the original town at Monte Rotondo. There is no evidence for this, but it would be in agreement with what was the case at Labici and elsewhere.

The last group of writers all place it a little way—a mile or so—to the E. of the modern road, on the low hills above it, the exact site depending upon the view they take as to its distance from Rome. The line of the road is at present anything but clear at this point, for no traces exist on the spot. The remains, too, which are to be seen are somewhat insignificant: nothing is preserved above ground, and the indications on the map represent as a rule mere heaps of débris. (The mark to the N. of La Mola refers to a rectangular shaft 30 or 40 feet deep, of which there are several more in a line running E. and W. They are possibly shafts communicating with a pozzolana pit, but their date and purpose remain uncertain without a more thorough exploration than I was able to make.) Chaupy, on the other hand, who explored the ground in 1768, gives a far

¹ Cod. Urbinas 105 has ἐξήκοντα, which would make the distance 20 miles.

² Cf. Holste *ad Cluv.* p. 668, l. 25, who remarks that there is no contradiction between the passages, as the site of the battle may well be described as near the town when it was only 33 stades (4 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles) away.

more definite account, which, if it be accepted in its entirety, leaves little doubt as to the site of Eretum. He places the point where the Via Salaria leaves the valley of the Tiber at about the 18th ancient mile from Rome (corresponding more or less with the 17th modern mile) just after the Ponte di Casa Cotta (which should be that just to the S. of the Cant^{ra} Casa Cotta of our map) where, he says, he saw traces of pavement, some of the stones being *in situ*, while others had been removed. From this point the ancient road diverged from the modern towards the right, 'vers une éminence qu'on trouve couverte de ruines, qu'on reconnoissoit jusqu'au carême dernier (1768) pour ceux d'une Cité, à un mur même flanqué de tours, qui renfermoit beaucoup d'autres ruines. Le lieu se trouve d'autant plus près de la rivière qu'elle forme justement là une coude qui l'en approche' (*loc. cit.*). A little further on (p. 91) he tells us that the name of the place was Rimane, and adds 'L'enceinte n'étoit que de petite étendue, et autant par la manière de ses Tours que par sa fabrique, elle ne s'annonçoit que pour un ouvrage des tems moiens, au lieu que les ruines des Edifices du milieu remontent visiblement aux plus anciens. . . . J'ai dit que tel avoit été le lieu jusqu'au Carême dernier. Je l'avois revu en effet tel que je l'ai peint dans un voyage à ma Campagne fait pendant le Carnaval, mais lorsque j'y suis retourné aux Fêtes de Paques j'ai trouvé que tout le mur d'enceinte avoit disparu. Il avoit été barbarement détruit entre ces deux tems pour la réparation du chemin, ce qui a fait perdre aux ruines le caractère de ruines de Ville qu'il rendoit sensible.'

The nature of the older ruins within the enceinte would be doubtful, as he does not further describe them, did not Gell (*op. cit.* 204) speak of them as being of *opus reticulatum*, of which I cannot say that I saw any traces. But that we have here the site of Eretum (occupied apparently by a mediaeval castle) seems increasingly probable from the fact that Chaupy, in going towards it from Torre Fiora (*infra*, 74), not along the road, but across the fields, saw 'vis-à-vis l'Hôtellerie de Moricone' a considerable piece of ancient paving running towards the ruins he had discovered.¹ He was,

¹ Guattani (*Mon. Sabini*, i. 47) speaks of traces of it seen by Prosseda a little while before he wrote, but says that they had been destroyed: 'A voler riconoscere da questa parte il confluyente delle due vie per mezzo di selci rimasti in opera e fuor d'opera, è duopo volgere a sinistra (dalla Nomentana) per la via che conduce a M. Libretti, e deviando a sinistra ancora giungere alla Collina di Rimane; ove per quei campi non è difficile rinvenirne. Lo Chaupy ve gli ha visti, ed anche ultimamente il nostro Signor Prosseda. Ma come i campagnoli Sabini hanno spianato affatto gli avanzi di Ereto così i selciaroli negozianti di vie hanno fatto man bassa sulle consolari antiche massime sulla Nomentana che era forse la più conservata.'

however, in some doubt (and this is particularly unfortunate) whether to attribute it to the prolongation of the Via Nomentana to Eretum, or to what he imagines to have been 'ce qu'on appela anciennement la vieille Salaire,¹ qui d'Eretum pût tourner vers l'endroit dont je parle et passer au lieu appelé la Madonna de la Spiga et sous Monte Libretti où l'on en voit les vestiges les plus sensibles devant la vigne du Prince, au lieu que la nouvelle suivoit la ligne droite tracée par les ruines des monumens qui en restent vers l'Eglise de S. Antime,² là tournoit un peu à droite par le bois de Monte Libretti, traversoit la Vallée qu'il borde, et ne rejoignoit l'ancienne qu'après plusieurs milles sur la colline à la descente de la Vallée de Nérola par le milieu de laquelle elle tournoit avec elle une colline que le chemin moderne coupe.'

Gell (*op. cit.* 203) remarks that 'it is exceedingly difficult to fix with precision upon the places mentioned by this writer, or to connect intelligibly his narrations.' His own theory, that Eretum was at Grotta Marozza, is, as we have already said, incorrect: but his whole conception of the facts is vitiated by his supposition that the Via Salaria Vetus ran past Mentana. He is wrong, too, in supposing that the road which at 'mile xxi falls into the Via Nomentana from the seventeenth mile of the lower Via Salaria' (*i.e.* that which runs N. of the Colle del Forno) must be that of which Chaupy speaks. I have already had occasion to make use of Chaupy's accounts of what he saw (*Papers*, i. 272) and they appear to me to be of considerable value. The doubt as to the existence of a road running from the prolongation of the Via Nomentana to Rimane is particularly unfortunate, as no traces of any such road are, as far as I know, to be found—and this is an important point in the determination of the site of Eretum (*supra*, 27). The discovery of pavement just N. of the Ponte di Casa Cotta is not positive evidence, it is true, that the Via Salaria left the river only there, for it is probable that the road along the Tiber valley follows an ancient line (so Westphal, *loc. cit.*): though the account of the course of the Via Salaria given in *Not. Scav.* 1892, 240 is somewhat curious: 'I solerti signori Cozza e Pasqui nel tracciare le antiche vie della Sabina, avevano scorto che la

¹ We shall see (*infra*, 74) that this is merely the continuation of the Via Nomentana. Canina falls into the same error.

² He says above (p. 76), 'on en voit les grands pavés dispersés dans la montée qui la précède immédiatement.'

Salaria, venendo da Curi, passava, presso il Tevere, il fiume Farfa, e quindi risaliva rasentando a sinistra il sepolcro ora scoperto (near the mouth of the Farfa on its right bank, above the railway to Florence) del quale restava fuori un frammento della cornice. Hanno poi mostrato che proseguiva verso *Forum Novum*, ora Vescovio.' That an ancient road followed this course may be treated as almost certain: but it is equally certain that it was not the Via Salaria proper.

From it seems to have diverged a *deverticulum* about half a mile N. of Casa Cotta, to judge by a cutting through the hill to the W. of point 51,¹ though the prolongation of it is not clear either to the N. or the S., and it certainly cannot belong to the Via Salaria itself. The latter must have gone straight on as indicated in the map, though no traces of it now exist, so far as I know: a little before the 22nd mile, according to my reckoning, it reaches the church which Chaupy (*op. cit.* 75) rightly believed to be that of S. Anthimus, whose name the hill on which it stands still bears. He saw there columns of granite, of one of which Stevenson² observed a fragment, and, on the ascent immediately preceding it, traces of the pavement of the ancient road. Stevenson (*Bull. Crist.* 1896, 160) mentions the church, of which nothing but the apse of mediaeval work now remains standing, and his discovery of the cemetery in which the martyr was buried a little way to the E. of Monte Maggiore. The distance from Rome of the site of his tomb is variously given as the 22nd and the 28th mile (Kraus, *Realencyclopädie*, ii. 124).

Monte Maggiore itself may occupy an ancient site, but there are no traces of antiquity. There are various ancient fragments in the garden, including two circular *putealia* with reliefs. None of these are necessarily of local provenance, but may have been brought here from Rome by Prince Sciarra, to whom the villa until recently belonged. One of the doorsteps of the villa itself is partly formed by a block of marble (the half of a cippus, no doubt, the lower part being left rough for insertion in the ground) bearing the following fragmentary inscription:

¹ I should imagine that it was to this cutting that the following note of Stevenson's (*Vat. Lat.* 10551, f. 33) refers: '1896. D. Carlo Villari mi dice che dopo Monterotondo sulla via ferrata si vede come una strada antica che attraversa la tenuta di Montemaggiore.' I do not think the course of the Via Salaria itself can be so easily detected that it could be seen from the railway.

² For all this district much valuable information is contained in a volume of Stevenson's MS. notes, now in the Vatican (*Vat. Lat.* 10551, 55 *sqq.*).

The letters are 65 mm. high.

Just S. of Monte Maggiore runs the modern road to Monte Libretti (*infra*, 74). This appears to follow an ancient line: there is no pavement on the older track which cuts off some of the windings of the present road, but there are one or two pavingstones *in situ* in the bank on the S. side of the cutting a little way to the W. of the Casa Falconieri, about 2 mètres above the present level.

There are no traces of the Via Salaria, so far as I know, on the descent from Monte Maggiore to the Fosso Carolano, but immediately after this is crossed its line may be clearly seen ascending 35° N. of E. through a deep cutting (Fig. 2). On its S.E. edge are traces of buildings running parallel to it, mainly in brick: they have only recently been laid bare by the removal of the brushwood, the ground having been newly brought under cultivation, and have been much destroyed, so that little but débris is visible above ground. I saw a fragment of a pediment in white marble, from a tomb or small shrine, the top of a sepulchral cippus (none of the inscribed portion was preserved), a threshold block of sandstone 1·92 m. long by 0·68 wide, and a fragment of a brick pilaster covered with plaster painted red, measuring 42 by 36 cm. This may serve to show that this large group of buildings must have been of some importance—possibly they are the ruins of a halting-place on the road half-way between Eretum and Vicus Novus. There is nothing to indicate a date, except a fragmentary brickstamp, round or lunate (the whole curve is not preserved), bearing the inscription

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which is, so far as I know, unpublished. Stevenson, in his notes already cited, describes his exploration in October, 1896, along this section of the road, beginning from the further end (near the Fabbrica Palmieri): and it is to his notes that I am indebted for my knowledge of its existence. The ruins of which I have just spoken he apparently did not see, as the brushwood had probably not yet been cleared: nor does he notice the cutting which I have mentioned. But he brings forward a most important piece of evidence that this road is the old Salaria, and that the modern road (which runs by Fara Sabina station, and there turns eastwards) follows a different course, namely, the inscription upon the bridge by which the modern road crosses the Fosso Corese, which runs thus: 'Ex auctoritate d. n. Pii. vi. P. M. Ordo et Populus Reatinorum, quod Salariam veterem quae est inter agrum Curensensem et querceta Nerulana aquarum alluvies et negligentia superiorum temporum penitus interceperat nec iter comitantibus tutum praestabat, et viam novam stratam lapide inter utriusque fines aperuerunt et pontem a solo ex pecunia publica et conlatitia fecerunt (etc.: dated 1793).' Stevenson comments as follows 'The inscription speaks of an absolutely new road, which would join the old one precisely "ad querceta Nerulana," i.e. at the Colle delle Sterparelle (the hill to the N. of the Fosso Carolano, which the road crosses diagonally), upon which is the boundary between the territory of Nerola and that of Monte Libretti, and where a portion still remains of the ancient oak forest which once covered this district. We must suppose that the Salaria diverged from the modern road before the station of Fara Sabina, and perhaps ran along the side of the Fosso Carolano up to the point where I have discovered its remains: it is certain that there are no traces of the ancient road between the station and the Fabbrica Palmieri, while traces may be observed further on.' It will be plainly seen from this account that Stevenson was not clear as to the course of the Via Salaria nearer Rome: it is, however, noticeable that I was told on the spot that the old road had come up the valley of the Fosso Carolano, and not down from Monte Maggiore. No traces, however, exist in the valley, though one may fairly suppose that a *deverticulum* once traversed it.

A little way beyond, on the S.E. side of the line of the road, a large block of puddingstone is embedded in the ground: it is probably part of the foundations of a tomb: and a little further on again, just before the point where the old line would fall into the modern path, several pavingstones of limestone may be seen in the field walls. Near the point where a modern path diverges N.N.E. the large blocks of limestone of the *crepido* are to be seen running 35° E. of N. Near this point Stevenson seems to have observed the remains of several buildings on each side of the road, especially of water reservoirs. The corn was already fairly high in places at the time of my visit, but I saw the platform of a villa on the N.W. of the road.

Near the conjectural site of the 25th milestone the road reaches a new house, and here in a field wall are many more blocks from the *crepido* of the road: two seem to be *in situ* on the S.E. edge of the modern path, and give the width of the road as 4.50 mètres (just over fifteen feet) and its direction as 30° E. of N. Here is a large reservoir with four chambers, one of which I measured as 3.90 mètres in width, and S.E. of it are remains of substruction walls. The Via Salaria soon reaches the Osteria della Creta (the house at 218 mètres), just beyond which is the Fabbrica Palmieri. Here it is joined by the prolongation of the Via Nomentana, with which I shall deal when I come to speak of that road (*infra*, 76), and also by the modern road from Fara Sabina station, which probably does not follow an ancient line. We must, however, mention a few remains near to its course, and it may be well to include a few remarks on the site of Cures.

To the W. of the Osteria della Creta are the foundations of a villa, but no other ruins are visible until we reach the Grotta S. Andrea, which is the platform of a large villa with a cryptoporticus on its S. and W. sides: the platform is built in rough *opus quadratum* of conglomerate, and concrete.

The Grotta Volpe, some way to the S., is a water reservoir: and another reservoir will be found further W., just to the N. of the modern road, some distance to the S. of which, on the slopes above the Fosso Carolano, there is some brick débris.

Just before we reach the bridge over the Fosso Corese, a path diverges N.N.E. and then almost due N. This is the line given by Kiepert (*Carta dell' Italia Centrale*) as that of the road leading to Cures. The modern road to Fara Sabina on the W. bank of the Fosso Corese may also follow an ancient line.

The site of Cures and the excavations of 1874-5 are described by

Lanciani in *Commentationes Philologae in honorem Th. Mommseni* (1877), 411 *sqq.*: while their continuation in 1877 is mentioned in *Not. Scav.* 1877, 245. The site consists of a hill with two summits, round the base of which runs the Fosso Corese. Nibby's idea (*Analisi*, i. 537) that it included the whole triangle between the Fosso Corese and the Fosso Carolano, as far E. as point 181 on our map, is absurd. The western summit was occupied by the necropolis, the eastern by the citadel (here stands the church of S. Maria degli Arci), and the lower ground between the two by the city itself. Some traces of the walls of the citadel, and of the cutting which separated it from the rest of the town, were recognized: while in the necropolis a few graves of the imperial period, the bodies being buried under tiles, were discovered.

The excavations brought to light a part of the principal temple, the forum (in which were found the inscriptions *C.I.L.* ix. 4957, 4961, 4970, 4976, 4979, 4982: others previously discovered there are given *ibid.* 4962, 4963), the baths (*ibid.* 4953, 4971, and *C.I.L.* xv. 401, 849, 1036, 2393), and some remains of private houses.

Cures is, as is well known, connected with the earliest history of Rome, as the home of Titus Tatius, who, according to the legend, founded the Sabine settlement on the Quirinal, and of Numa. At the beginning of the imperial period it is spoken of as an unimportant place, but the inscriptions seem to indicate that it rose to greater prosperity in the 2nd century A.D., as did so many of the country towns of Italy.

The classical literature with regard to it is summarized by Mommsen in *C.I.L.* ix. p. 471, and by Hülsen in Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* iv. 1814, while Tomassetti (*op. cit.* 119 *sqq.*) deals fully with the mediaeval history of the place. In the territory of Cures, near the 25th mile from Rome, was the cemetery of SS. Tiburtius, Hyacinthus, and Alexander (*Bull. Crist.* 1880, 107).

Capmartin de Chaupy, after having identified the site by means of the inscription *C.I.L.* ix. 4962, was so pleased with the discovery that he established himself in the Casino d'Arci, and proposed to collect there whatever he could find of the antiquities of the town (*op. cit.* iii. 79).

About a mile and a half to the W. of Cures, outside the limits of our map, is the ruin known as the Grotte di Torri, which by some writers (e.g. Cluver, *Italia antiqua*, and Galletti, *Gabio antica città di Sabina scoperta ove è ora Torri ovvero le grotte di Torri*) was supposed to be an ancient city,

while others have found in it the site of a temple (Chaupy, *op. cit.* iii. 82). The ruins consist, however, as a fact, of an enormous rectangular platform, measuring about 96 by 93 mètres, having an outer wall faced with quasi-horizontal work, very neatly jointed, with the faces of the blocks smoothed. Inside this external wall a cryptoporticus, the walls of which are faced with opus incertum, can be traced on all sides except on the S.S.E.; and on the W.S.W. there are two passages, the outer 3·67 mètres in width, the inner 4 mètres, the first of which is lighted by slit windows, 0·67 by 0·13 mètre on the outside, where they pierce the external wall. In the centre of the platform is a large water reservoir, above which is a courtyard 13·60 by 7·38 mètres, surrounded by a gutter of slabs of travertine.

The total thickness of the outer wall, from the face of the external blocks to the face of the opus incertum of the cryptoporticus, is only 1·2 mètre, the external wall being only a single block thick, so that by no possibility could it have stood alone to a height of 4 or 5 mètres. The attempts that have been made to see in this building the ruins of a primitive city are therefore futile: it is nothing more than a very large villa of Roman date.¹ It has recently been described in a paper by Giovenale (well illustrated with photographs) in *Dissertazioni dell' Accad. Pontif. d' Archeologia*, Series ii, vol. vii, 351 sqq. Figs. 9-14.

On one of the blocks of the W.S.W. side at the W.N.W. angle are three phalli together (see Fig. 3), and on the N.N.W. side (low down) a lion. It may be worth noting that Gell (*op. cit.* 193) has again misunderstood Chaupy, who places these perfectly correctly at Grotte di Torri, and not at S. Pietro, a church which apparently stood at or near the point (181 on the map) where the road turns off to the village of Corese. Other descriptions of Grotte di Torri (such as Guattani, *Mon. Sabini*, ii. 336; *Ann. Inst.* 1829, 66; 1834, 106; Fonteanive, *Avanzi Ciclopici della Provincia Romana*, 52) are of no great importance.

After this digression, we may now return to the Via Salaria, which we left at the Osteria della Creta. Stevenson notes that at the precise point of divergence of the modern road to Moricone a marble sarcophagus was found, which still serves as a fountain at the Osteria, its cover, which was found with it, being lost. Just N. of this building, on the W. edge of the road, are the foundations of an ancient building, and on the hill a mile to the N., to the E. of the Casa S. Croce, is the platform of a villa

¹ Galletti mentions the discovery of a large dolium there in his time (1757).

(Vespignani, *Ann. Inst.* 1834, 107). At the 27th (ancient) mile from Rome we reach the Ponte Mercato: the present bridge is new, but there are remains of an older one, not necessarily of Roman date, in concrete, 3·35 mètres in width. This would correspond fairly well with that of the Ponte Buido, given by Marchese Persichetti, who, excluding the *crepidines*, estimates the width of the actual roadway at something under 3 mètres.

On the N. edge of the old road is a tomb—a round mass of concrete, within which is a square chamber with three rectangular niches, lined with brick and opus reticulatum. Beyond this a line of stones marks the course of the old road, which crosses the modern just before the site of the 28th milestone, and follows a valley in an N.E. direction. The older highroad ran almost due N. from the Osteria Nerola, forming the boundary between the provinces of Rome and Perugia for a little way, and, further on, that between the communes of Fara Sabina and Ponticelli. Whether this follows an ancient line or not—whether, indeed, the Via Salaria ever went that way—I do not know, as I have not yet explored it (*supra*, 8): but through the valley of which I have spoken the Via Salaria can be clearly traced. The roadway is about 6 mètres wide, and the *crepidines* 0·60 m. each. On the S.E. side of it, on a projecting hill, is a large platform, upon which are some unfluted columns of puddingstone 0·60 m. in diameter: the place bears the name of S. Margherita, but it is an ancient site, though a church may have been erected there in later times. Not far off (where I have marked a ‘drain’ on the map) is a roundheaded channel cut in the rock, which may have served to supply water, as there are still springs in the neighbourhood. A little further on, below the road, are the remains of a building in brick and concrete. Three hundred yards beyond this is the so-called Ponte del Diavolo, an embankment wall in opus quadratum of local conglomerate, with the N.W. side alone free, by which the road is supported in its ascent on the S.E. slopes of the valley, which it now abandons for the time. It is about 20 mètres in length, with a turn in the middle, according to the plan of Vespignani (*Ann. Inst. cit.* Tav. C), 7·40 mètres in height at the highest part, and 10 mètres in width.¹ There is a parapet on the N.W. side 60 cm. in width, while that on

¹ Vespignani makes it only 4 mètres, but I quote my own measurement. It will be seen, too, that the measurements of his plan do not agree with those of his elevation, the latter being, it would seem, correct. Apparently the scale of the former is about one half too small, which would make the total length about 40 mètres.

the S.E. side, which must have served as a footpath, is no less than 2·30 mètres wide. There are eight buttresses, and between the fifth and sixth from the S. end there is an aperture for drainage 1·87 mètre in height, and varying in width from 1·7 mètre at the top to 1·42 at the bottom, the two upper side stones converging slightly. The blocks are practically rectangular, the vertical joints not being always quite perpendicular, and are large, from 65 to 75 cm. in height. The lowest course projects slightly, and the buttresses project from 65 to 80 cm. Fig. 4 shows a view of the central portion of this bridge (a view of which is also given by Vespignani).

A mile and a half further is the Madonna della Quercia, and a short two miles on the site of the post station of ad Novas or Vicus Novus (*supra*, 8); and here we may fittingly abandon the study of the Via Salaria, which we have already followed for a considerable distance beyond what are, strictly speaking, the limits of the Roman Campagna.

VIA NOMENTANA.

I.—FROM THE PORTA COLLINA TO THE PONTE NOMENTANO

(*from the First to the Third mile*).

The Via Nomentana¹ diverged to the right from the Via Salaria at the Porta Collina itself, and, running to the S.E. of the present Via Venti Settembre, soon reached the Porta Nomentana of the Aurelian wall, 75 mètres to the S.E. of the modern Porta Pia. It had two semicircular towers with square bases, the right hand of which, now removed, stood upon the tomb of Q. Haterius (*C.I.L.* vi. 1426; Homo, *op. cit.* 243). Immediately to the S.E. of it is a small postern (Lanciani, *Forma Urbis*, 3).

An interesting discovery made close to the N.E. angle of the Castra Praetoria is recorded in *Not. Scav.* 1888, 733. At a distance of 10·50 mètres from the wall of the camp a building orientated in correspondence with it was found, which from the brickstamps found in its walls (*C.I.L.* xv.

¹ It may be well to remark that Ovid, when he tells us (*Fasti*, iv. 905 *sqq.*) that, on his return from Nomentum to Rome, he met the procession going to the grove of Robigus, which was situated at the 5th mile of the Via Claudia, was not returning to the city itself, but to his gardens, which were on the right bank of the Tiber, near the bifurcation of the Via Flaminia and the Via Claudia (Mommson in *C.I.L.* i². 316).

1578a) belonged to the time of Diocletian, and which lay at a level considerably (3·50 mètres) below that at which the foundations of the camp commence. This fact indicates that it was Aurelian who lowered the level of the ground outside the camp, when he incorporated it in the line of his city wall, and not Honorius, as might have been supposed (Homo, *op. cit.* 267).

About 60 mètres of the pavement of the road were found in the Villa Patrizi, on the right of the modern road outside the gate, in 1886 (*Bull. Com.* 1886, 156 ; *Not. Scav.* 1886, 160).

The road takes a curiously indirect course, winding considerably, though the ground is not difficult (Lanciani, *Forma Urbis*, 3, 4). Its course was flanked by many tombs,¹ though an extensive cemetery does not seem to have been connected with it. Some 250 mètres to the E. of the road, to the N. of the Castra Praetoria, the remains of a villa were discovered in Feb. 1869, which perhaps belonged to Trajan (*Forma Urbis, cit.* ; *C.I.L.* xv. 7263, 7304),² and a little to the N. of this is the catacomb of S. Nicomedes (Marucchi, *Catacombe Romane*, 341, *sqq.*). A little to the N. of these a road diverged from the Via Nomentana to the E.S.E. at right angles ;³ its pavement was laid bare in 1888, and found to be 3 mètres in width, and to have been flanked by tombs of the late republican or early imperial period, to which belonged the fragmentary inscriptions *C.I.L.* vi. 32899, 36718, and a fine sepulchral relief of husband and wife. A large Mausoleum is indeed shown on the N.N.E. side of the road by Bufalini.

At one point the remains of a building which was probably a bath were found on the N.N.E. edge of the road : and the atrium of a villa had been discovered a little to the N. at the Vaccareccia some years before. These discoveries took place during the prolongation of the Viale dei Parioli (under the name of Viale della Regina) in 1888⁴ and in making the drains fragments of fluted pilasters of giallo antico (Numidian marble) were

¹ For the various discoveries made in the Villa Patrizi see *Not. Scav.* and *Bull. Com. passim* (from 1885 onwards).

² The first of these pipes is attributed by Dressel to Augustus.

³ About the same place another road ran southwards to the Praetorian Camp : it is described as having been found about 500 mètres from the gate, on the right of the modern road, and as running from N. to S. It lay 1·70 metre below the modern level and was 2·50 mètres in width (*Not. Scav.* 1903, 93 ; *Bull. Com.* 1903, 290).

The tomb inscription, Kaibel, *I.G.I.* 1444, is given as having been found 'in vinea viae Nomentanae' : while 2069 was found on the same road in 1601. Both are recorded by Sirmond.

⁴ Some remains of a Christian cemetery were also discovered (*Bull. Com.* 1888, 148, 174).

found and some brickstamps—among them *C.I.L.* xv. 283, 1279 (1st cent. A.D.). Further details will be found in *Not. Scav.* 1888, 734 : cf. *Bull. Com.* 1889, 89. The road, if prolonged, would soon fall into the Vicolo di S. Agnese (the Vicolo di Pietralata of the Pianta del Censo, 1839), itself an ancient road (shown in Bufalini's plan) which diverges from the Via Cupa (*infra*, 93) to the E. of the N.E. angle of the Praetorian Camp, and runs parallel to the Via Nomentana for a while, then sending off a branch (also ancient) nearly at right angles, which returns to the main road a little before S. Agnese is reached. Whether the prolongation of the former road beyond this branch, towards the valley of the Anio (or, indeed, its prolongation S.W. towards Rome), is ancient or not, is uncertain : but in the portions indicated the existence of pavingstones can even now be adduced as proof. In the vineyard at No. 4 of the Vicolo di Pietralata a tomb, covered 'alla cappucina' (*i.e.* by two rows of tiles inclined towards one another) with tiles bearing the stamps *C.I.L.* xv. 595a, 1075b, was found in 1901 at the considerable depth of 12 mètres below ground (*Not. Scav.* 1901, 423 ; *Bull. Com.* 1901, 285).

The pavement of the Via Nomentana was found in 1902, at 1.80 mètre below the present level, under the modern road, close to the angle of the Via Cagliari¹ (*Not. Scav.* 1902, 358 ; *Bull. Com.* 1902, 206) and it had already crossed to the left of the modern road by the time that the diverticulum of which we have spoken diverged from it : for in the construction of the Viale della Regina, in 1891, its pavement was discovered 63 mètres to the left (N.W.) and a sepulchral relief with four busts of members of the same family (the Aletii) was found not far off (*Not. Scav.* 1889, 70 ; *Bull. Com.* 1889, 216 ; *C.I.L.* vi. 34357). Two cippi were found on the same side in 1904, still *in situ*, at the angle of the Via Novara and the Via Alessandria. They limited the area belonging to a tomb (which was not discovered) the front line of which was according to the inscription (which is practically identical on both) 12 feet. The cippi are said, however, to have been found 3.90 mètres apart—a full 13 feet. The measurement *may* have been taken from centre to centre, in which case we must subtract 50 cm. (*i.e.* half the width of each cippus) and then we get 3.40 mètres, which is too little (*Not. Scav.* 1904, 195 ; *Bull. Com.* 1904, 200). On the same side still, either about 200 (*Not. Scav.* 1900, 192) or 300 (*Bull. Com.* 1900, 233) mètres beyond the Viale della Regina, a sepulchral cippus of the usual type

¹ A fragment of a Greek inscription (no doubt from a tomb) was found.

was found. On the right, a little further back, in laying the foundations of a new church of S. Joseph, a round shaft lined with *opus reticulatum*, 7.50 m. deep, leading to a passage cut in the rock, and fragments of statues were found (*Not. Scav.* 1904, 158; *Bull. Com.* 1904, 357).

The road now descends somewhat sharply. From the point we have reached, the exact course of the road as far as S. Agnese has until lately been somewhat uncertain, though it can never have been far from the modern road,¹ but the pavement was discovered in 1902 near the turning off of the Via Pasqualina at the bottom of the descent, in making the new sewer in connexion with the widening of the modern road, at 2 mètres below the present ground level. A sepulchral cippus was discovered at the same place, at a depth of 4.50 mètres (*Not. Scav.* 1902, 468; *Bull. Com.* 1902, 208).² Further details would, however, have been welcome, especially in view of the doubt as to the course of the road: we do not know how much of the pavement was discovered, nor whether the direction in which the road was running could be determined. If only a few stones were found, it is quite possible that they only belonged to a *deverticulum*. The widening of the road has led to the discovery of a considerable number of tombs (many of them columbaria) on the right in the Villa Torlonia and the Villa Mirafiori, and nearer to S. Agnese, and of two small Christian burying places in the former villa (*Not. Scav., Bull. Com.* 1902, 1903, *passim*; *Bull. Crist.* 1902, 258; 1903, 285).

At S. Agnese (if not before) the ancient road must coincide with the modern. The church and the catacomb are dealt with by Marucchi (*Basiliques et Églises*, 468; *Catacombe*, 347).³ To the W.N.W. is the round

¹ Bartolini (*S. Agnese*, 118) is wrong in stating that the ancient road crossed the modern after the Villa Torlonia, passing N. of S. Agnese and through the valley by the Sedia del Diavolo (*infra*, 45).

² A comparison of these two accounts, which are both from the same pen, will show an extreme case of the difficulty to which I have alluded above (3, 4). In the former the site of the discovery is described as 'presso il muro di recinto dell' Istituto delle Suore della Provvidenza,' in the latter as 'dall' altro lato della via Nomentana (from the Villa Torlonia) presso l'imbocco della via Pasqualina.' To one unfamiliar with the nomenclature of the streets of the newest quarters of Rome, which is not always to be learnt from the ordinary maps, neither description is of very much use: and there is considerable danger that it might be supposed that two different places were referred to. But, further, the discovery of the pavement of the road is mentioned only in *Bull. Com.*, while for the measurements of the cippus and to learn the depth at which it was found, one must go to *Not. Scav.* It would seem to the unprejudiced observer that it would be a better method of proceeding to give a complete account of the discovery in one periodical: the course at present adopted is somewhat annoying (cf. *Class. Rev.* 1903, 329; 1904, 137).

³ The sepulchral inscription, Kaibel, *I.G.I.* 1857, was found here in the 16th century. We may notice the discovery in the restoration of 1620 of the series of eight bas-reliefs, which are

mausoleum of Constantia, daughter of Constantine, with the circus-shaped cemetery attached to it (*Papers*, ii. 20). The porphyry sarcophagus removed from it is now in the Vatican (Helbig, *Führer*, i. no. 322). The mosaics which adorn the vaulting of the aisle are well known works of the 4th century (cf. Marucchi, *Catacombe*, 365). Those of the dome were destroyed in the 17th century, but drawings of them exist in the sketch-book of Francesco d'Olanda in the Escorial (cod. 28-I-20 f. 22, 27—reproduced by Egger, *Kritisches Verzeichnis der architektonischen Handzeichnungen der k.k. Hof-Bibliothek in Wien*, taf. ii.) in Vienna (Egger, *op. cit.* n. 104) Berlin (*Kunstgewerbemuseum*, A. 376,23) Windsor (*Vitt.* 18) Eton (iv. 96) and elsewhere. Cf. *Bull. Crist.* 1883, 93 *sqq.* for references to the MS. of Ugonio at Ferrara, in which these mosaics are described in detail. The common name 'Temple of Bacchus' was no doubt applied to it from the character of the mosaics of the circular aisle, which represent vintage scenes, and are largely pagan in character.¹ That the circus-shaped enclosure in front, supported by lofty substructures, the whole being in inferior opus mixtum, also served as a cemetery is proved by the discoveries of tombs recorded (1) by Flaminio Vacca (*mem.* 47 in Fea, *Misc.* i. 74).² 'A S. Agnese fuori di porta Pia, vi è accanto il tempio di Bacco con grande incolonnato di forma ovata.'³ Ivi sotto furono trovate molte grotte alte un uomo, larghe da cinque palmi, tutte foderate da ogni intorno con lastre di marmo. Io non so giudicare a che servissero anticamente: ma essendovisi trovate delle ossa, si crede fossero de' martiri, i quali in quel

now in the Palazzo Spada (Helbig, *Führer*, ii. nos. 989-996: two others in the Capitol, *ibid.* i. 469, 470, belong to the same set). The place whence they came is uncertain: at S. Agnese they were used as building material, while the other two were found, one in the Piazza SS. Apostoli, the other on the Aventine. A statue of Hercules (wrongly restored as killing the Hydra) also in the Capitol, was found here (*ibid.* i. no. 412) and so was the statue of the drunken old woman (*ibid.* i. no. 439, cf. Bartoli, *mem.* 100, in Fea, *Misc.* i. 250). The cippus bearing the funeral inscription of Q. Vedennius Moderatus, who rose to be *architectus armamentarii imperatoris* (*C.I.L.* vi. 2725) was also found close to S. Agnese in 1816. It has an interesting relief of a Roman catapult (*Röm. Mitt.* 1904, 255). For later discoveries see *Not. Scav.* 1885, 251; 1901, 423; and for Christian antiquities *ibid.* 1901, 14, 489; 1902, 366. See also Addenda, *infra*, 208.

¹ Excavations in the interior (*Not. Scav.* 1888, 507, 570, 732) led to the discovery of a baptismal font and several fragments of inscriptions: the building would seem, therefore, to have served as a baptistery at one time, though it is probable that this was not its original purpose.

² Vacca, *mem.* 124, records on his father's authority the discovery in the Vigna of Angeluccio da Viterbo near S. Agnese of the statue of a sow—in the mouth of which was a metal plate with the inscription *amplius si laboraveris*. Whether there is any truth in any part of the story I hardly know.

³ Fea's note (la forma è rotonda) shows that he misunderstood the reference, which is not to the mausoleum itself, but to the space in front of it.

luogo stessero per paura de' tiranni'; (2) by Piranesi (*Antichità Romane*, ii. 21, 22); (3) by Fea (*Varietà di Notizie*, 169), 'si prova cogli scavi fatti da me nel 1806 avanti il sepolcro, ora Chiesa di S. Costanza, che . . . il recinto avanti ad essa era un Cemeterio de' famigliari di lei, quale si rilevò dalle casse sepolcrali in marmo, e monete del tempo: primo Cemeterio Cristiano sopra terra; non mai un Ippodromo, o Circo per corse di Cavalli, o carrette; come si spaccia volgarmente nei libri antiquari, e architettonici.' Its original purpose is, however, uncertain.

In the garden attached to S. Agnese is the inscription *C.I.L.* vi. 1467 = 34085 Celeri Neronis Augusti l. a . . . o, which is by some (e.g. Lanciani, *Destruction of Ancient Rome*, 20) referred to Celer, one of the architects of the Golden House of Nero: but the point is somewhat doubtful (cf. E. Caetani-Lovatelli, *Attraverso il Mondo Antico*, 153).

In the 'vigna già Franz, poi Castelli e Maraini,' almost opposite the church, were found the lead pipes bearing the inscription *C.I.L.* xv. 7487: and in a vineyard near the church is said to have been found in 1826 the head no. 55 of the Fitzwilliam Museum, which Michaelis (*Ancient Marbles*, 259) considers to be a forgery.

Remains of a villa in the Vigna Selvaggini near S. Agnese are referred to by Tomassetti (*op. cit.* 26).

On the right of the road, beyond the church, is the Vigna Rufini, now Solis-Ciogni, in which in 1822 a columbarium was found, which apparently was in use shortly after the death of Augustus (*C.I.L.* vi. 8012-8062). Other sepulchral inscriptions* from the same vineyard are given *ibid.* 8063-8084, 12140.

In the Vigna Crostarosa, on the left, Stevenson copied on Jan. 18th, 1895, the following inscriptions which appear to be unpublished (*Vat. Lat.* 10565 f. 57^v)

'titoletto marmoreo, buone lettere'

‘nella parete avanti all’ ingresso del casino frammento di cornice,’

Here Michele Stefano de Rossi noticed remains of constructions in tufa, belonging to a fortified enclosure ‘resembling those of the rear of the agger of Servius on the Quirinal,’ while in the valley below (that of the Fosso di S. Agnese, between the Via Nomentana and the Via Salaria) he discovered fragments of archaic pottery: and in this valley Giovanni Battista de Rossi places the Palus Capreae (or Caprae), considering it to be identical with the locality *ad Caprea* mentioned in connexion with the *Coemeterium Maius* (*Bull. Com.* 1883, 244 *sqq.*; cf. Pais, *Storia di Roma*, i. 2. 740). The Palus Capreae is generally placed in the Campus Martius by topographers, and it seems difficult to accept De Rossi’s view, which is contrary to the indications given by Livy (i. 16) ‘cum ad exercitum recensendum contionem in campo ad Caprae paludem haberet’ and what we learn of its site from other writers (see Hülsen in Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* iii. 1545).

The valley is crossed by the Aqua Virgo, and it may be to this that reference is made in the description of the tombs found near the Via Nomentana in 1604 ‘prope arcus Anienis veteris’ (*C.I.L.* vi. 8085–8116, cf. p. 3454)—for the Anio Vetus certainly did not pass this way.

The Via Nomentana, from S. Agnese as far as the bridge, followed the line taken by the modern road. Tomassetti, it is true, (*op. cit.* 29, n. 2) states that certain tombs found in the Vigna Leopardi, about 500 yards from S. Agnese on the left, ran obliquely towards the river (the inscriptions are given in *Bull. Com.* 1886, 337 (nos. 1383–6)—with them was found the brickstamp *C.I.L.* xv. 754a, of the time of Marcus Aurelius (?)—but do not seem to have found their way into *C.I.L.* vi.), and he therefore concludes that the road bifurcated. Along the modern road, a little further on the left, opposite the Osteria Mangani, there are remains of a wall in *opus quadratum*, belonging either to a tomb or to the *crepido* of the road itself: and in the construction of the fort on the right, just above the railway, the foundations of a large tomb were destroyed, and also remains of earlier burials—fragments of bones mixed with ‘monochrome Italo-Greek iridescent pottery’—in a stratum of vegetable soil, below which was a

virgin layer, of clay, gravel, and river sand, full of fossils. On the S.E. side foundations were found (*Not. Scav.* 1884, 347). On the left-hand side of the road, some 200 yards away from it in the valley, is the tomb known as the Sedia del Diavolo, a very fine specimen of work of the 2nd or 3rd century A.D. consisting of two chambers one above the other (with an antechamber at the lower level) the lower faced with opus mixtum of not very good style, the upper with fine brickwork of an ornamental type (Fig. 5). The lower chamber has three slit windows and several niches on each side, and has a ceiling with quadripartite vaulting, while the upper chamber was roofed with a dome, an interesting stage in the development of this class of architecture, though the pendentives are not as yet perfectly spherical (so Rivoira, *Origini dell' Architettura Lombarda*, i. 31 *sqq.* and Fig. 52, but cf. Giovannoni, *La Sala Termale della villa Liciniana e le Cupole Romane*—reprinted from *Annali della Soc. degli Ingegneri ed Architetti Italiani*, 1904—p. 34, n. 3).

This tomb has been used by Tomassetti (*loc. cit.*) as evidence that one branch, at least, of the Via Nomentana passed this way, which seems to me from an examination of the ground improbable, but it may have been approached by a diverticulum going towards the Via Salaria, though there are no actual traces of it. In the quarries to the N. are the foundations of a villa, with an extensive system of reservoirs for water storage, cut in the rock: the galleries measure as usual about 1.50 mètre high and 0.85 wide, and are lined with cement. It was probably here that the discovery was made, alluded to in *Not. Scav.* 1884, 348, of a wall with a painted dado and stucco decoration above: the latter in one part represented a portion of a skeleton.

The Via Nomentana now descends sharply to the valley of the Anio. On the left are modern brickworks, in which were found some tombs formed with tiles 'a capanna' (*Not. Scav.* 1886, 54). We soon reach the Ponte Nomentano. But little of the original bridge remains: it is generally believed, like the Ponte Salario, to have been rebuilt by Narses (*supra*, 16): but it has been considerably transformed, even since his day, and now has only one arch in use: it is crowned by a picturesque tower of uncertain date (Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 35). For the damage done to it in 1849, when it was cut by the French for a length of seven mètres, cf. *Rapport de la Commission Mixte*, 41.

Immediately after the bridge, a hill rises on the right of the road,

which is generally known as the Mons Sacer, and very likely rightly. Livy (ii. 32) tells us that it 'trans Anienem amnem est, tria ab urbe milia passuum' and Festus (p. 318 Müll.) agrees 'Sacer mons appellatur trans Anienem, paulo ultra tertium miliarium : ' cf. also Dionys. vi. 45. It is an isolated hill, a stronger position than would be found on the Via Salaria at this distance from Rome : while further E. the Anio is more than 3 miles from the city. Close to the road, behind the osteria, in making a quarry, the foundations of a tomb, 5 mètres each way, were found, and behind it the remains of a villa : while upon the top of the hill is a water reservoir which probably supplied the latter (*Not. Scav. loc. cit.*). Further on, on the same side, are remains of another tomb in concrete, which is probably that of which the Doric cornice was drawn by various Renaissance architects, including Andreas Coner, while a plan is given by the unknown artist who added certain sketches to the album (*Papers*, ii. pl. 8A, 75 ; p. 14, 42). On the left is a large round tomb, with a circular chamber with rectangular niches inside : and further on are traces in concrete of another.

II.—THE VIA PATINARIA

(*Via delle Vigne Nuove and its Branches*).

Just after the group of tombs described, a road diverges to the N., which is now known as the Via delle Vigne Nuove. This, though it retains but little trace of antiquity, is certainly an ancient road—the cutting made for it to the W. of Casale Mangani may be noticed, and also its straightness of line. Just below the Casale in a quarry are foundations in concrete, belonging no doubt to some villa.

Shortly afterwards there branches off from it a road, now called Via della Buffalotta, which is also ancient, and with which we shall deal below.

A little way further on, to the E. of the road, is the Casale Chiari, which occupies the site of a large villa with the remains of a large reservoir in *opus reticulatum*, with tufa voussoirs in the arches. There are also remains of cisterns cut in the rock : but no brickwork is now standing (cf. Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 43). This has been identified—and no doubt correctly—with the villa of Phaon, to which Nero fled and in which he committed suicide. (Suetonius, *Nero*, 48, 'offerente Phaonte liberto

suburbanum suum inter Salariam et Nomentanam viam circa quantum miliarium'): and an interesting confirmation of the identification was the discovery made in 1891 of the cinerary urn of Claudia Egloge, in all probability the nurse of Nero, who provided for his burial (Suet. *ib.* 50, 'reliquias Egloge et Alexandria nutrices cum Acte concubina gentili Domitiorum monumento condiderunt.' See *C.I.L.* vi. 34916; *Bull. Com.* 1891, 227; *Not. Scav.* 1891, 337; Lanciani, *Pagan and Christian Rome*, 185 *sqq.* We also know the name of the road: the Catalogus Imperatorum notes 'Nero occisus Patinaria via.' The name, but without any topographical details, occurs also in the Notitia and Curiosum (Richter, *Topogr.* 382). The attempt of Lugari (*Monumenti antichi al iv miglio della Via Appia*, 40 *sqq.*) to transfer it to a *deverticulum* of the Via Appia is unfortunate.

A little more than a kilomètre further on the modern road becomes a mere track: on the E. of it, near the Segnale (point 62 on the map), are the foundations of a tomb (?), and further on is the Torre Redicicoli, which no doubt occupies an ancient site: there are various fragments of coloured marbles, and we observed a brick with a plain stamp 27 mm. in diameter (Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 89). Beyond this point the road cannot be traced: but it very likely ran on N.E. to join the Via della Buffalotta, to which we may now return. To the E. of this at the second kilomètre are traces of excavations, possibly of those described in *Bull. Inst.* 1831, 39, as being 'a mile from the high road, on a hill, near the first turning after the Ponte Nomentano,' in which were found some remains of dwelling houses, two statuettes, a lead pipe and some coins; they were closed as unsuccessful, after having employed 20 men for 2 weeks. To the N.E. again is the Casale della Cecchina (*infra*, 52). Just beyond there is a cutting traversed by the modern road which seems to be of ancient origin. Beyond this point there are no traces of antiquity for some distance. At point 49 a road diverges to the N.E., which leads to the Casale Torre S. Giovanni (*infra*, 50). The main road passes E. of the Casale Belladonna and the Casale Buffalotta. There are many pavingstones under the bridge which crosses the stream (Fosso Buffalotta, or, higher up, delle Spallette di S. Margherita), and the road continues on the further side of it, still in a straight line (due N.) until it passes, on the left, the Chiesuola Buffalotta—a tomb of ornamental brickwork, the front being of yellow bricks, the sides of red (compare the tomb beyond Casale dei Pazzi—

infra, 53). Soon after this it appears to divide into three branches, two of which turn N.W. to cross the Fosso Formicola, while the third keeps straight on. All the three must have fallen into the ancient road from Malpasso to Mentana (*supra*, 24). The first of the two branches which run N.W. leaves the remains of a villa on the S. and passes just S.W. of another brick tomb, which faces N.W.: the inner chamber measures 4.50 by 2.80 mètres: the ruins to the N.W. of it are mediaeval, though they no doubt occupy an ancient site. Brick débris is to be found all over the plateau. There is a circular chamber cut in the rock on the edge of the stream, into which run three water channels: the front of it has a plastered niche with traces of painting (rosettes, etc.), so that it may have been a fountain, the front of which was ornamented—a kind of nymphaeum, in fact. Close by are caves, which may be pre-Roman tombs (*Journal of Brit. and Amer. Arch. Soc.* ii. 206).

Important excavations were made by Castellani 'nella tenuta (della Marcigliana) lungo l'andamento della Salaria antica, presso la Buffalotta l'anno 1825 e 1826' (Nibby, *op. cit.* ii. 303). The site should probably be sought at or near these ruins, which are not far from the N. boundary of the Tenuta Buffalotta, according to Cingolani's map. Amati alludes to the site of the discoveries vaguely as 'at Fidenae'; but a comparison with the passage in Nibby makes it clear that we have to attribute to these excavations the finding of Kaibel, *I.G.I.* 1346 (the tombstone of Aelia Caecilia Philippa, which Nibby enumerates as a Latin inscription!), 1440 (the tombstone of Atticilla), and perhaps some more Greek inscriptions (Dessau, *C.I.L.* xiv. 4065, speaks of 'several,' though Nibby mentions no others, except that of Naevia Spendusa, which may have been either Greek or Latin), though the lack of a 'recensus locorum recentiorum' makes it impossible to ascertain the truth; also (in all probability) of *C.I.L.* xiv. 4056, a dedication to Hercules Victor, found 'dallo scavo fidenate riaperto; mi dice (Sig. Castellani) in quadrone di marmo, in mezzo ad una stanza che per avere i muri di stagno e tubi per l'acqua, giudica un bagno' (Amati, *Vat. Lat.* 9735, f. 58); it may be noticed that Nibby speaks of 'avanzi di bagno del tempo degli Antonini,' of the weight bearing the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 4124, 1 (dated A.D. 47), probably of the Latin sepulchral inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 4065 (*supra*, 24) 4068, 4069 and certainly of the brickstamps *C.I.L.* xv. 931b (period of Hadrian) 2111 (corrupt) and the lead pipe inscribed MAECIL... (*Ibid.* 7711) which occur

on the same page of Amati's notes as *I.G.I.* 1346.¹ Nibby also mentions the discovery of fragments of basreliefs and decorations in terracotta, four bronze feet belonging to a bed in the form of lions' claws and decorated with figures of victory, which were found within a jar, and a large rhyton of marble, adorned with vine leaves and ivy in relief; and also of brickstamps bearing the date 123 A.D. One is inclined to wonder whether the 'grande scavo (fidenate) detto alla Belladonna,' in which brickstamps of this very date (*C.I.L.* xv. 487, c. 7 'ex praedis Iuli Eutacti Salarese') and the lead pipe *ibid.* 7473 which also bears Iulius Eutactus' name were found, is not in reality to be attributed to the same locality, though Belladonna is a little way S.E. of Buffalotta, and part of a different property.² The portion of Amati's notes from which these details are taken belongs to the year 1826 (Lanciani, *Silloge aquaria*, no. 433). In 1833 further excavations at the site mentioned above led to the discovery of a large black and white mosaic pavement representing Tritons and Nereids, and of fragments of statuary (Nibby, *loc. cit.*; *Diss. Accad. Pont. Arch.* v. 28; *Bull. Inst.* 1834, 2; *Diario di Roma*, 6 Aprile 1833, no. 28). Tomassetti (*op. cit.* 90) refers to a plan of these ruins made in the time of Alexander VII. now in the Archivio di Stato, which I have not yet consulted. About a kilomètre to the E. of them is apparently a tumulus, indicated by a round mark on the map.³ The second branch road passes N.E. of the ruins, while, as has been said, the third keeps straight on, and then turns to the N.W. Here it joins the road already alluded to (*supra*, 24), of the further course of which towards Nomentum we may briefly speak now.

It takes a somewhat tortuous line, the country being broken up by deep ravines, and after a time follows the deep valley of a tributary of the Fosso Ormeto, and then, for a while, this stream itself. The cuttings made for it are the only evidence of its antiquity at present, though Nibby (*op. cit.* iii. 634) says that it preserved in his day many remains of its ancient pavement, and indicates it in his map as traceable as far as the Fosso Ormeto. Before reaching this point, it passes on the E. and W.

¹ Whether a copy of *C.I.L.* xv. 7626 was also found here is doubtful; Amati may have been mistaken in attributing it to Fidenae as well as to Ficulea (*infra*, 59).

² In *Eph. Epigr.* vii. 1271, the locality is vaguely given as Fidenae.

³ Gell (*op. cit.* 45 and map) indicates two other tumuli, one some way to the E. of the Casale S. Colomba, near the source of the Fosso Bettina, the other to the S. of S. Colomba, and apparently a little way S. of the Fosso Bettina (though his map is not very clear). I have not examined either.

some unimportant remains of villas, which will be found indicated on the map. After it, as far as Mentana (*infra*, 70) the modern path certainly presents no traces of antiquity.

We must now return to the Via di Tor S. Giovanni. This presents no definite traces of antiquity, but is very probably ancient, to judge by the existence of a few pavingstones at the fountain W.N.W. of the Casale Tor S. Giovanni, and of a cutting to the N.W., by which it would ascend to the plateau. Close to the 6th kilomètre of the road are unimportant ruins in brickwork, and 500 yards S. of the casale, on the E. of the probable line of the ancient road, are two round shafts cut in the rock, which may have communicated with cisterns. The casale seems to occupy an ancient site: immediately to the E. of it are two long narrow water reservoirs at right angles to one another. About a kilomètre N.N.W. of the casale are the remains of another villa in the banks of a stream, to which the road probably led. Whether it went further, I do not know: but it may well have joined the others of which we have just spoken at point 75 on the map.

Some way to the E. was found a white marble sepulchral cippus, which is now at the casale; it bears the following inscription

	D	M
	ANNIAE · TYCHE	
urceus	M · ANNIVS	patera
	IVVENALIS	
	CONIVGI · B · M · F	

The letters are 4 cm. in height, and the cippus itself measures 51 cm. in width by 49 cm. in height. The date, from the form of the G, is probably the 2nd century A.D. (see *Papers*, i. 248).

In this district, we may say between Tor S. Giovanni and the Tiber, is to be sought the site of Crustumerium,¹ though no remains of it exist. It is frequently mentioned in the early history of Rome (Hülsem in Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* iv. 1727); and according to Pliny (*H.N.* iii. 53: 'Tiberis citra xvi milia passuum urbis Veientem agrum a Crustumino, dein Fidenatem Latinumque a Vaticano dirimens'), Dionysius (ii. 53, ἀγομένης γὰρ εἰς τὴν Ῥώμην ἀγορᾶς ἐν σκάφαις ποταμηγοῖς, ἣν Κρουστουμερίνοι

¹ There are various forms of the name.

πιεζομένοις ὑπὸ λιμοῦ Ῥωμαίοις ἀπέστειλαν, ὡσάμενοι κατὰ πλῆθος ἐπὶ τὰς σκάφας οἱ Φιδιηναῖοι τὴν ἀγορὰν διήρπασαν κ.τ.λ.) and Livy (who speaks of the Allia as descending from the Crustumini montes, v. 37, cf. also iii. 42, 'ab Ereto (Romani) per silentium noctis profugi propius urbem inter Fidenas Crustumeriamque loco edito castra communierant') it must have lain hereabouts: and though the place itself had entirely disappeared (the city was finally conquered in 500 B.C., according to Liv. ii. 19, the tribus Crustumina being formed probably in 471 B.C.), and Pliny—this time correctly—names it among the lost cities of Latium (*H.N.* iii. 68), the name seems to have clung to the district, the fertility of which, and especially the pears which it produced, remained famous. Cf. Varro, *R.R.* i. 14, 'ad viam Salariam, in agro Crustumino, videre licet locis aliquot coniunctos aggeres cum fossis, ne flumen agris noceret.'

It was apparently on the edge of the Sabine territory; it is mentioned, with Caenina and Antemnae, among the Sabine cities in the story of the rape of the Sabine women, but among the Prisci Latini in Liv. i. 38, Dionys. iii. 49, and the latter tells us (ii. 36) that it was an Alban colony of far greater antiquity than Rome. Various erroneous opinions as to its site have already been dealt with (*supra*, 24 n. 2, 26). The view of Chaupy (*op. cit.* iii. 140) and Nibby (*op. cit.* i. 523) that it is to be sought at Tor S. Giovanni, or better, in the Macchia di Tor S. Giovanni, just N. of the casale—is very likely correct, as the site would be eminently suitable. Father P. P. Mackey (*Journal of the Brit. and Am. Arch. Soc. cit.*) inclines, but with some hesitation, to place the arx at the ruins S. of point 75 on the map (*supra*, 48) owing to the presence of what he believes to be early tombs. Either view would agree with Livy's description of the position of the Allia, which is an important element in the determination of the site, and it is impossible in the present state of our knowledge to be more exact.

III.—FROM THE PONTE NOMENTANO TO THE RUDERI DEL COAZZO (from the Third to the Fifth mile).

We now return to the Via Nomentana, which we left just beyond the bridge over the Anio. The cutting through the hill, by which the road descends to the stream before the fifth kilomètre, is probably of ancient origin.

Unimportant remains in opus reticulatum—of tombs, no doubt—are visible on the left, both before and after the bridge, and just before the fifth kilomètre stone there is a sepulchral cippus of tufa still *in situ* (*C.I.L.* vi. 14271, C. Calvisidius | c. f. Ser. | in fro. ped. xix.—or xii. as we read it: Nibby, *Schede*, i. 46, has xiii.).

At this point an ancient road seems to diverge 30° S. of E.: paving-stones and a cutting through the tufa are evidences in favour of its antiquity: it can be traced to a point just S.W. of the Torre di Aguzzano, where it appears to stop. To the S.E. is a tomb, and further on the remains of a villa, but the road cannot be traced further. The track going E. from the Torre di Aguzzano to join the road described *infra*, 99, is of purely modern origin.

To the left a track goes off N. to the Casale della Cecchina, which may be of ancient origin, though Nibby (*Schede, cit.*) was unable to detect any traces; there are many paving-stones at the Casale, and fragments of columns and architectural members, as though there had been some ancient villa here: the site is a fine one, commanding a good view (Nibby, *Analisi*, i. 449).

There are traces of walling at the Casale dei Pazzi on both sides of the road: and in *Bull. Inst.* 1831, 39, we are told of excavations opposite the Casale, not far from the road, in which finely stuccoed walls were discovered, going to a considerable depth, and two terracotta urns: while work quite close to the road brought to light a building of blocks of travertine, with a semi-colossal statue of an emperor (apparently that now in the Museo Torlonia, no. 5 in Visconti's catalogue) and some sepulchral inscriptions. Among them was no doubt *C.I.L.* vi. 1435, an inscription (whether sepulchral or not is uncertain, as the end is wanting) in honour of A. Iunius Pastor, consul ordinarius in 163 A.D., found 'allo scavo dei sigg. Inglesi alla Cecchina Via Nomentana.' The road descends again through a cutting of ancient origin, which has recently been deepened (two ancient drains cut in the rock having been thus exposed), to a bridge over the Fosso della Cecchina, in which there were some traces of ancient paving, though the bridge itself is modern: an actual section of the ancient road, however, could be seen in the cutting beyond it. (Nibby, *Schede, cit.*)

Near the top of the hill a track goes off S.S.E. to the Casale di Aguzzano, which occupies an ancient site: there are foundations of opus quadratum under it, and the circular fowlhouse near it rests upon a round

brick building, while close by is a wall in opus reticulatum. There are also two travertine sarcophagi here. It is to the Tenuta di Aguzzano that the tufa quarry belongs in which were discovered the two inscriptions mentioned *infra*, 100.

A little further along, on the right, is the brick tomb known as the Torraccio della Cecchina, or di Spuntapiedi: it is similar in construction to the Sedia del Diavolo, and is built of red and yellow bricks, the former in front, the latter at the sides. The lower chamber (not now accessible) had four niches and was reached by a staircase on the outside, while the upper chamber had four niches also (*Analisi, loc. cit.*; further details are given in *Schede*, i. 47). Both retain traces of decoration in painted stucco. The construction of the dome is similar to that of the Sedia del Diavolo (Rivoira, *op. cit.* i. 31, Fig. 51). The façade towards the road has two slit windows, between which is a festoon in relief, cut in the brick.

The cutting made for the old road, or for the extraction of its materials can be seen on the S.E. edge of the modern road. Nibby (*Schede, cit.*) observes this fact, and notices another tomb of *opus quadratum* on the left, of which no traces are now left, and, about a quarter of a mile beyond the first, a well-preserved piece of pavement in the modern road. Here he saw clear traces, he says, of an ancient road crossing the Via Nomentana, both on the right and the left, which I have not been able to detect; and they are not indicated in his map.

The excavations described in *Bull. Inst.* 1831, 39, as a mile beyond Casale dei Pazzi, and beyond the tomb known as Spuntapiedi, on the right of the road, led to the discovery of some sepulchral chambers: two of them contained marble sarcophagi—the first, four small ones; the second, a very large one, with a Victory on a column, and two Roman soldiers at each angle. It may have been here that the lead pipe *C.I.L.* xv. 7600a (*Aurelius Agathangelus fecit*) was discovered: we are told that it was found ‘at the sixth mile of the Via Nomentana in the tenuta della Cecchina in 1830’—an indication which agrees well enough with this site. A little further on, on the right, are the Ruder del Coazzo, of which everything standing is mediaeval, though the site is probably ancient (Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 40, n. 1). To the W. of them an ancient road diverges to the right (now known as the Strada Vecchia di Palombara), which will require a section to itself: while another diverges S. to the Via Tiburtina past the Casale S. Basilio (*infra*, 99).

III.—THE 'STRADA VECCHIA DI PALOMBARA.'

At the point where this road leaves the Via Nomentana the cutting made for it is clearly traceable, and several paving-stones may be seen a little further on: while, after point 59 on the map, the cuttings, which run just to the N. of the modern track, are conspicuous, and there is pavement preserved in them. To the W. of the road are two water reservoirs and other ruins: while the Casale delle Vittorie itself rests upon an ancient building. In the tenuta, but probably on the E. side of the road which passes the Casale on the E. (which is quite modern) in the quarto Valle Valente, excavations were made in 1856 (cf. *Giorn. Arcad.* cxliv. (1856) 17), in the course of which were found remains of ancient buildings of a good period, including a fine doorway with a threshold of travertine, and a fluted column of tufa on each side; fragments of statues and bas-reliefs, including heads of animals which served as fountain jets; the sepulchral inscription *C.I.L.* vi. 15947, and the lead pipes *C.I.L.* xiv. 4016, 4017 (= xv. 7460, 7534a). The first bears the name of L. Funisulanus Vettonianus, the successor of Frontinus as *curator aquarum* in 106.

From the building to which it belonged, and of which he was the owner, may also have come the inscription *C.I.L.* vi. 29703, which records the gift by certain Funisulani, who were Augustales, to their fellow-citizens in some Italian town (not Rome itself) of a set of weights and measures (*pondera et mensurae*), and the decoration by them of an exedra. This inscription was found not far from the fine statue of Antinous described in *Bull. Com.* 1886, 209, and tav. vii., in the course of excavations for the Banca Nazionale in Rome,¹ but the inscription, as will be clear from its contents, obviously does not belong to Rome itself: nor did the Antinous stand in its original position, but upon a stratum of rubbish 6 feet deep, and it bore traces of having been under water for a considerable time. It had evidently been transported thither in the Middle Ages: and the suggestion that both it and the inscription come from this villa has much to recommend it (*Bull. Com.* 1886, 189 *sqq.*). The second of the two lead pipes bears the inscription *Q. Servili Pudentis Ti. Claudius Phoenix fec.* Q. Servilius Pudens, who appears as an owner of brickworks in 123—139 (*C.I.L.* xv. 346, 349, 350, 1429—1440), must have been almost the

¹ The statue is preserved in the courtyard of the bank itself.

immediate successor of L. Funisulanus Vettonianus in the ownership of the villa.

Tomassetti (*op. cit.* 46, n. 3) mentions other excavations made here under the Pontifical Government by Rocchi, the results of which are unknown.

To the S. of the road we are following is a villa, and, after another cutting through the hill, the ancient road is joined by the modern, near the 14th kilomètre of the latter.

On the right, on a hill across the stream, is the large Casale di Marco Simone or Castel Cesi (for to that family it belonged until 1678—Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 307). It occupies, in all probability, an ancient site: immediately to the E. of it are vaulted substructures in concrete, the nature of which is uncertain: while at the Casale itself is a sarcophagus (described in *Bull. Inst.* 1833, 100) with a group of the Three Graces in the centre of the front under a large niche, and two other figures on each side in smaller niches.¹

A mile to the N.E. is the Casale di Marco Simone Vecchio, where there are no traces of antiquity. Martelli (*Ubicazione di Ficana* (1828), 3—a dissertation preserved in a volume of *Miscellanea* (J 168) in the library of the German Institute) places Ficana (which he confuses with Ficulea) at this point: but his reputation is not a good one (*C.I.L.* ix. p. 388). He calls the Strada Vecchia di Palombara 'Via Ficulensis,' and apparently saw the traces of its course of which we have spoken. He mentions, besides 'baths, temples, sarcophagi, naumachiae (he refers to the Laghetto—*infra*, 104), aqueducts, roads, and inscriptions,' that he copied some brickstamps and inscriptions on lead pipes in the house of Signor Caretti, tenant of Marco Simone: and in the macchia he saw four Doric columns with their capitals, and in the stream the pavement of an ancient road. He also notices the existence of sarcophagi in the garden of Castel Cesi, and the discovery of coins, fragments of statues and a gold bracelet. He concludes by saying that 'the two subterranean temples which can be reached by a narrow, half-concealed passage under Marco Simone Vecchio' are of considerable importance: these are, however, in all probability, merely caves in the tufa. Canina states (*Bull. Inst.* 1831, 29) that excavations were undertaken in the Tenuta of Marco Simone (which

¹ The remains further to the S.E. will be described *infra*, 104 *sqq.*, in connexion with the Strada Vecchia di Montecelio—and so also the inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 3993–5. Other sepulchral inscriptions found in the tenuta are given *ibid.* 3996–9, and two lead pipes, 4000, 4000a (= xv. 7621, 7709).

belonged to the Borghese) not far from Mentana, resulting in the discovery of baths with black and white mosaic pavements, of little importance, and of other objects of no particular value.

Ficulea, as we shall see, was situated elsewhere : but Corniculum should perhaps be sought hereabouts, on the authority of Dionysius, i. 16, who says that the Aborigines founded Ἀντεμνάτας καὶ Τελληνεῖς (see *infra*, 62, n. 2) καὶ Φικολέους τοὺς πρὸς τοῖς καλουμένοις Κορνίκοις ὄρεσι καὶ Τιβουρτίνοισι, from which it would appear that it must lie between Ficulea and Tibur. (So Bormann, *Allat. Chorogr.* 255, who puts it where Nibby puts Caenina (*infra*, 65), though in his map he marks it on the left of the Via Nomentana—it is, however, to be remembered that Bormann, though a good topographer, was writing without ever having seen the Campagna (preface, iv, v)—and Hülsen in Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* iv. 1604). The other passages in which it is mentioned do not give us any information as to its site ; it was, so the legend tells us, conquered by Tarquinius Priscus : but in later days it is only mentioned casually by Florus, i. 11, 6 (Cora—quis credat?—et Algildum terrori fuerunt : Satricum atque Corniculum provinciae), and in Pliny's catalogue of the lost cities of Latium. Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 366) and Abeken (*Mittelitalien*, 78) put it at Montecelio (*infra*, 181), Gell (*op. cit.* 54) at S. Angelo (*infra*, 186), both views being inspired by Kircher's opinion (*Vet. Lat.* 222) as to the Montes Corniculani, though he himself puts it 'not far from Eretum (Monte Rotondo), where is now the church called Marchitella, at the Torre Vergata, near the Fosso Magliano, two miles from the Montes Corniculani.' One would imagine that he was thinking of a site to the E. of the Osteria delle Molette. Torre Vergata is a common name in the Campagna Romana (Nibby, *Analisi*, iii. 250), and the church I cannot place.

Further to the N.E., on the Monte Prato Rotondo, in the Tenuta dell'Inviolatella, are the remains of two more villas : and to the N. again is a water channel cut in the rock, of Roman date. The remains to the N.W. of the Fosso del Capo (less correctly Cupo, on the large scale map), in the Tenuta del Pilo Rotto, are described *infra*, 106.

On the W. of the road, which presents no actual traces of antiquity, except that paving-stones are used as kerb-stones (Westphal, *op. cit.* 125, says that he saw frequent remains of ancient paving), are the remains of three villas, while to the E., almost opposite the Osteria delle Molette, is a water reservoir.

From the Osteria a path diverges to the N.W., joining the Via Nomentana near Mentana, which, in all probability, follows the line of an ancient road from Nomentum to Tibur, indicated on the Tabula Peutingerana (*infra*, 68); continuing past point 105 on the map, in an easterly direction, more or less along the line of the path, it would fall into the path marked Via di Montecelio on Map ii.,¹ and arrive at Tibur in very little more than the nine miles given by the Tabula. Dessau (*C.I.L.* xiv. p. 440, n. 1) wrongly gives the distance as eight miles, and remarks that it is much less than the truth.

The section between Osteria delle Molette and the road from Lago dei Tartari to Montecelio presents no traces of antiquity; and this is the cause of my having omitted to continue the dotted line along its course. Perhaps, too, the ancient road did not run quite straight, but ran first to the S., towards point 65, and then followed the N. bank of the Fosso del Capo (*infra*, 107). If so, it would join the line of the Via di Montecelio just N. of point 102 on the W. edge of Map ii.

A little after the Osteria delle Molette, on the E. of the road, is the Casale Pichini, which is built upon an ancient reservoir, and near it are traces of other buildings, and two mediaeval towers. Further on, to the W., is the Casale di Greppe, with mediaeval ruins near it. I was told at Mentana that here, in 1898, granaries had been discovered underground with the corn, still preserved, in powder. A similar find is recorded in Cassio's *Memorie di S. Silvia*, 183. To the S.E. of Osteria Nuova, too, there are unimportant ruins. A little beyond this point another road diverges W. to Mentana, which probably follows an ancient line (*infra*, 70). Martelli (*loc. cit.*) and Westphal (*loc. cit.*) notice traces of the ancient road above the Osteria Nuova; they are no longer visible.

To the E. of the road we are following, just at the point where a modern road ascends to S. Angelo, is a building bearing the name of Molino del Moro, which rests upon a water-reservoir of opus reticulatum. A little to the N.E. are the ruins known as Le Pezze (*infra*, 187), and to the N.E. again the large circular reservoir described *ibid.* The former have inadvertently been omitted from both my maps.

On a hill to the W. of the road, to the E. of the Valle Oscura, are the remains of extensive buildings, recently rendered more visible by the removal of the macchia and the spread of cultivation. Their existence is

¹ I refer to the path coming N.W. from Tivoli.

noticed by Guattani (*Mon. Sabini*, ii. 353), who calls them the *grotte belle* (remarking that further on in the forest he found traces of ancient roads—which I did not see—and of water channels); and Gori (*op. cit.* 67) mentions them. There are two water reservoirs, both above ground, one measuring 10·18 by 5·94 mètres, the other 7·75 mètres square; Guattani gives plans of both. There are also traces of substructures and large quantities of brick and other débris. To the N.W. is another reservoir. E. of the road at point 144 are the remains of the platform of a villa, and to the E., on the hill, a circular reservoir; while further N., on the Colle Giachetti, are the remains of a large reservoir with two chambers, and many fragments of brick from the villa which it supplied—among them one bearing a fragment of a rectangular stamp } LIO which I have not as yet identified.

Our road soon turns at right angles, and runs eastwards to Palombara; the track going off W. past Castel Chiodato¹ to Monte Rotondo may very likely follow an ancient line (*infra*, 71), and the same² is true of that running N. to Monte Venere (*infra*, 83) and of that which runs S. from the Ponte Levatore (*infra*, 180).

To the E. of this last point there is a large villa above the modern road on the N.; and some way to the N. of it are the remains of another (among the ruins of which were the torsi of two small male statues), and, further on again, of a church (*infra*, 72). The road presents no definite traces of antiquity; the cuttings in the last portion of its course are deep, but have certainly been enlarged, if they are of ancient origin. With Palombara itself we shall deal further on (*infra*, 76 *sqq.*).

IV.—FROM THE RUDERI DEL COAZZO TO MENTANA

(*from the Fifth to the Fourteenth mile*).

After this long digression, we return to the Via Nomentana, which we left just beyond the Ruderi del Coazzo, and not far from the eighth kilomètre. Before the latter is reached, the modern road crosses over,

¹ At Castel Chiodato the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3930/1 was seen upon the holy-water basin (no doubt, as so often, a Roman cinerary urn converted to this use): but it is no longer in existence.

² Westphal (*op. cit.* 125) notes that after the so-called Molino del Moro traces of antiquity are wanting in any of these roads.

leaving the ancient road on the left. There are various remains on the left of the road, of no great importance—of villas or tombs: those at the point marked Ficulea on the Staff Map belong to the former.

The Casale Coazzo apparently occupies an ancient site; there is a wall indeed in the floor of the yard,¹ and fragments of columns, etc., are to be seen—also many paving-stones, which probably do not come from the Via Nomentana, the pavement of which, four mètres wide, is intact for some distance. Indeed, in *Bull. Inst.* 1854, 17, the existence of an ancient road is mentioned, and excavations in the tenuta in the Quarto del Casale (the exact spot is uncertain) are described; the sepulchral inscriptions *C.I.L.* vi. 2164, 2165, in honour of two brothers, Manius Valerius Saturninus and Manius Valerius Bassus, both haruspices and both tribunes of the 3rd legion (Cyrenaica), and four fine mosaic pavements were found in the course of them; also the brickstamp *C.I.L.* xv. 1008 (after 108 A.D.). To the N. of the Casale is the site of another villa.

To the N. again, on the further side of a deep valley, is the Casale della Cesarina. It does not itself of necessity occupy an ancient site; but about half a mile to the N.E. excavations were made by Vescovali in the winter of 1824, and in the ruins of a villa which seemed to have been utterly destroyed there were found a lion and several heads in marble, one representing Lucilla, the wife of Lucius Verus, the sepulchral inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 4011,² 4033, and a fragment, preserved only in *Schede cit.*

In *Schede*, iii. 36, the last line is given as LONGV. Here was also found the brickstamp *C.I.L.* xv. 509 (133 A.D.) and a lead pipe with the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 4018 = xv. 7626.

The important inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 4012 seems to have been found

¹ Here was probably found the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 4005, the provenance of which is quite uncertain, as it was used in a 'selciato' or road pavement.

² So Nibby in *Analisi*, ii. 50, and *Schede*, iii. 36; in *Schede*, i. 177, he states that it was used as a step at the Casale.

about half a mile further N.E., and, apparently, from what Nibby says, not *in situ*, but in the ruins of another villa which I have not visited.¹ *Ibid.* 4019 (the epistyle of a tomb) was discovered under similar circumstances in use as a threshold. The fact is unfortunate, as *C.I.L.* xiv. 4012 runs thus: 'M. Consius, M. l. Cerinthus, accensus velatus, immunis cum sim, ex voluntate mea et impensa mea clivom stravi, lapide ab imo susum longum pedes cccxl, latum cum marginibus pedes viiii (fit quod stravi milia pedum [square feet] mmmlx): iterum eundem clivom ab imo levavi et clivom medium fregi et depressi impensa mea, regione Ficulensi pago Ulmano et Transulmano Peleciano usque ad Martis et ultra.' The topographical importance of the inscription would have been great if it had been discovered *in situ*. It is true that Amati (*Giorn. Arcad.* xxxli. (1826) 98) says that it was found 'in piedi sulla via di cui tratta, visibile ancora in gran parte,' though Fea (*Bull. Inst.* 1831, 126) merely says 'esaminate diligentemente le varie collinette intorno, colle valli intermedie, osservai

¹ It may be worth while to give the original text of the two accounts, which differ slightly in details. That in *Schede*, iii. 36 runs thus: 'Nel Novembre dell' anno 1824 furono intrapresi scavi nel tenimento della Cesarina poco oltre il casale in una fimbria di colle parallela a quella nella quale sorge il casale. Essi furono continuati nei mesi seguenti anche di la di quella punta, e dappertutto vi furono trovati indizi ed avanzi di villette che insieme doveano formare uno o più paghi siccome dalla iscrizione che più sotto riporto (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4012) può dedursi. Il fiumicello che scorre sotto la Cesarina forse fu detto Ulmano. Deviando dalla via Nomentana poco oltre il Torraccio della Cecchina al V. m(iglio) a sinistra si scende all' Ulmano e passatolo sopra ponte si sale al casale della Cesarina che è circa 1 m. dopo il diverticolo. Ivi trovasi impiegato come gradino un masso quadrilungo di travertino colla iscrizione seguente (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4011). Oggi questo masso è in Roma. (Il casale fu degli Sforza e n'è prova l'arme rapp(resentante) un' orso legato ad una colonna.)

'Nello scavo sulla fimbria opposta a questo casale furono trovati pavimenti di camere da bagno, e queste iscrizioni sepolcrali' (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4033 and the fragment given above) '... leggesi in una figlina ivi rinvenuta' *C.I.L.* xv. 509. 2. (A.D. 133)—508a, which I found there belongs to the same year, and has practically the same legend, 'Hibero et Sisenna cos. ex. pr. Ulp(i) Ulpian(i) Sal(arese).' 'Ivi pure fu trovato un condotto colla epigrafe *C.I.L.* xiv. 4018 sovente ripetuta. A poca distanza da questo scavo, forse un mezzo miglio più oltre, fra i ruderi di camere ben decorate di marmi fini, porfido, serpentino etc. frammenti di colonne si trovò la lapide seguente (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4012) ... che sembra essere stata inserita in un muro.' The account in *Analisi*, ii. 50 is similar. On the copy is the note 'trovata alla Cesarina più di $\frac{1}{2}$ miglio a nord del casale.'

The account in *Schede*, i. 117 says 'Il casale è di costruzione per quanto apparisce intieramente moderna: vi si trovano però d' intorno sparsi massi di travertino: un tempo fu de' Colonna come si vede da un arma rovesciata non antichissima che ha una colonna sormontata da un aquila a cui è incatenato un orso: per uno scalino è impiegato un gran travertino (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4011).

'Un buon quarto di miglio a sett. del casale sono stati fatti nell' inverno dell' anno 1824 scavi, e si sono trovate camere appartenente ad una villa sontuosa del primo periodo del secondo secolo, con pavim. di marmo ma che sembrava aver sofferto l'ultima distruzione: ivi si sono scoperte (un leone *adit.*) parecchie teste una delle quali di Lucilla moglie di Lucio vero, molti frammenti di giallo, rosso, alabastro, africano, verde e serpentino, e due iscrizioni' (given above).

parte di quella selciata ancora in buon essere; e in due colline, delle rovine di fabbrica di ordinaria costruzione (one would suppose, the two points of which Nibby speaks). Nel basso vi è ancora un ruscello d'acqua buona, ove trovai avanzi di fabbrica nobile, forse per bagno e pavimenti ad uso romano con lastre di porfido rosso e marmi colorati.' (This last site must be on the W. bank of the Fosso della Cesarina, at a point where there is a channel cut in the rock, drawing a supply of water from the hill, close to which are concrete foundations.) Guattani (*Mon. Sabini*, i. 229) and Ratti (*Diss. Accad. Pont.* iv. 257 *sqq.*) also mention these excavations, recording the discovery of busts of Antoninus Pius and Iulia Maesa (the latter with triple drop earrings and a moveable wig) and a head of Cicero. Guattani also speaks of remains of the road 'scendendo dalla collina ove giacque Ficulea (*i.e.* that occupied by the casale), attraversata la valle al Nord Est non solo ad onta dell'erba si riconosce qua e là l'incasso del clivo, ma ne resta allo scoperto qualche straccio ancora a poligoni di lava basaltina non diverso dalla via Nomentana, e nella dimensione dall'iscrizione indicata.' (The reference may be to the cutting mentioned *infra*, 63.) He then gives a view of a wall with remains of vaulting 'a cassettoni,' *i.e.* with rectangular *lacunaria*, which appears from his account to be further from the Via Nomentana than the casale. It may have been a part of the ruins of the nearer villa excavated in 1824: but in that case it has now disappeared.

Coppi (*Diss. Acc. Pont.* v. 232) mentions the discovery of an inscription dedicated to M. Aurelius Fronto, freedman of the emperor M. Aurelius and of a brickstamp bearing the name of Faustina (citing Fea).

The sepulchral inscriptions *C. I. L.* xiv. 4007, 4008 (on the back of 4023) were also found by Vescovali in the tenuta of La Cesarina.

Whether *ibid.* 4027, 4029, 4050, 4052, 4053 (noted as 'Ficulensi' by Amati) came from La Cesarina or from Olevano is doubtful. Cf. Kaibel, *I.G.I.* 1794, 2195.

As it is, the exact site of Ficulea remains somewhat uncertain. As Dessau points out, even if the inscription had been found near its original position, it might have stood outside the town: and, further, fragments of inscriptions recording other works executed by the same personage have been found both in the church of S. Alessandro (*infra*, 63) and at Capobianco (*C.I.L. cit.* 4013, 4014). But we know generally that it cannot have been very far from La Cesarina. It is certain that it lay on the road

from Rome to Nomentum, between the two places, inasmuch as this road, according to Liv. iii. 52, was originally known as Via Ficulensis: and it was not far from Fidenae, for Varro (*L.L.* vi. 18) speaks of 'qui tum—after the departure of the Gauls—sub urbe populi, ut Ficuleates ac Fidenates et finitimi alii'; and Dionysius (v. 40) places the territory allotted to the Claudian tribe between Fidenae and Ficulea¹ (Bormann's emendation, Φικολνέας for Πικετίας, should be accepted). Nor was it far from the Montes Corniculani (*supra*, 56), for the same author (i. 16) classes it with the cities built by the Aborigines, Ἀντεμνάτας καὶ Τέλληνηϊς² καὶ Φικολνέους τοὺς πρὸς τοῖς καλουμένοις Κορνίκλοις ὄρεσι καὶ Τιβουρτίνοισι. Dessau (*C.I.L.* xiv. p. 447) points out that Atticus' estate, which Cicero speaks of as Ficolense (*Ad Att.* xii. 34), must be the same as that mentioned as Nomentanum by Cornelius Nepos (*Att.* c. 14); and that Martial's estate at Nomentum must also have been near the edge of the territory of Ficulea, since in *Epigr.* vi. 27 he calls his friend Nepos *bis vicinum*, because he lived near him in Rome, and outside it dwelt at 'Veteres Ficuliae,' in the same neighbourhood as himself. The epithet *vetus*, which occurs also in Liv. i. 38, may only refer to the fact that the origin of the place was lost in remote antiquity. To suppose the existence of Ficulea vetus near Monte Gentile or Torre Lupara, the site having later on been moved to the neighbourhood of La Cesarina, as Nissen does (*op. cit.* ii. 608), is unsafe. Ficulea does not appear among the lost cities of Latium in Pliny's list: he mentions it twice, in the first and the fourth region, though, in contradistinction to the rest of Latium, it really belonged to the latter (*Plin. H. N.* iii. 64, 107: cf. *Liber Colon.* 256 L). The same occurs in regard to Nomentum and Fidenae (see *C.I.L.* xiv. *in loc.*). In imperial times it seems to have had a municipal constitution, for we hear of a man who was an aedile and praefectus iure dicundo et sacris faciundis (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4002: cf. *Eph. Epigr.* vii. 1266) who restored a temple of Fortune and Victory, of decuriones and Seviri Augustales (*ibid.* 4014) and of puelli et puellae alimentari Ficolensium, who dedicated an inscription to Marcus Aurelius in 162 A.D. (*ibid.* 4003). But again the place where these were found is uncertain: Amati, who alone copied the

¹ Liv. ii. 16 tells us that it was across the Anio, Plut. *Popl.* 21, that it was near the Anio, so that it was probably rather to the S. of a straight line between the two places. Cf. Wissowa in Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* iii. 2650.

² Hülsen (Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* iv. 1604) proposes to read Φειδηναίους: for Tellenae was in a different direction (Strabo, v. 3. 4, p. 231; Nibby, *Analisi*, iii. 146). See Addenda, *infra*, 208.

first, gives it with *ibid.* 4012, of which we have already spoken ; 4014 was found in fragments, partly at S. Alessandro, partly at Capobianco ; while 4003 was probably found in the Tenuta della Cesarina, but even this is uncertain. As Dessau remarks, all the other inscriptions inserted under Ficulea, except those which were found by Castellani in 1826 in the neighbouring tenuta of Olevano, which belongs to the Borghese, are of the ordinary military or sepulchral type.

Nor does an examination of the district help us : the road which M. Consius Cerinthus repaired is no longer to be seen—the only trace of any ancient road is a cutting at the S. end of the Macchia della Cesarina, which would lead back to the Via Nomentana—and there are no remains of an earlier date—the few ruins which we saw, and which are marked on the map, all belong to the Roman period. The space occupied by the Macchia itself would be a fairly good site, but evidence is entirely wanting.

Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 48) seems inclined to place Ficulea on the next hill to the E., Gell (*op. cit.* 247) at Torre Lupara—and there are other erroneous opinions (*supra*, 55, 59, 62 ; *infra*, 65).

The tenuta of Olevano lies to the N. of that of La Cesarina¹—the casale is indicated as Casale Oleole on the map. Excavations were made here in 1826 by Castellani, and various inscriptions were discovered—one (*C.I.L.* xiv. 4001)² recording the restoration of a temple of the Bona Dea, the rest sepulchral (*ibid.* 4009, 4020, 4039, 4040, 4051, 4054, 4055). The last two are Christian sarcophagi, and are still in the Villa Borghese, but the rest have disappeared.

Returning to the Via Nomentana, we find a well-preserved piece of the ancient paving on the left, and, just after the 10th kilomètre stone, reach the so called 'Scavi del Papa S. Alessandro,' that is, the basilica and cemetery of S. Alexander (probably not the Pope). See Marucchi, *Catacombe romane*, 379 sqq. Some of the pagan inscriptions found here are given in *C.I.L.* xiv. (see index, but note that 4003, 4004a (for 4004), 4017 are all given in error as belonging to S. Alessandro) : others will be found in Stevenson's notes (*Vat. Lat.* 10551, f. 30) : for not all that he copied there seem to have found their way into the *Corpus*.

¹ So Cingolani's map, Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 424—Tomassetti (*op. cit.* 50) puts it on the right of the Via Nomentana, at about the 12th kilomètre from Rome, but wrongly.

² The list of the inscriptions found with 4001 given by Dessau *in loc.* ('Borghesiane, Ficulesi, Aprile 1826,' praescripsit Amati huic et eis quae hanc sequuntur) is full of errors, and the inscriptions themselves must be consulted.

A little further on there is a considerable amount of débris on both sides of the road, that on the right belonging to a large villa, while on the left, nearer the road, some of the remains may be attributed to tombs. The centre of the group is the mediaeval Torraccio di Capobianco, into the upper part of which are built fragments of paving-stones and marble: it rests upon an ancient tomb, the chamber of which is of tufa concrete, with a barrel vault, while the exterior was faced with slabs of travertine. A little further on is the Casale Capobianco, which according to Nibby (*Analisi*, i. 384) rests upon the remains of a building of the time of Septimius Severus—of which, however, no traces are now to be seen.

In excavations made in October, 1795, in the tenuta of Capobianco, 8 miles from Rome, there were found the inscriptions *C.I.L.* vi. 764 (a dedication to Stata Mater), xiv. 4015 (a curious and somewhat rare placard, running thus: *in his praedis Aureliae Faustinianae balineus lavat(ur) more urbico et omnis humanitas praestatur*¹), 4030 (a sepulchral inscription). The excavations were made by Ulisse Pentini (Marini also mentions Todini): and besides the inscriptions, actual remains of the baths were found, with a mosaic pavement $21\frac{1}{2}$ palms (4·68 mètres) square (which was afterwards removed to Paris), with a hypocaust under it, supported alternately by terracotta tubes and brick pillars, about 3 Roman feet apart. The pavement was of geometrical design, and mainly in black and white. Some curious capitals were also found, and in a dividing wall constructed in later times many fragments of sculpture, including an Apollo in the Etruscan style, and an Isis. (Guattani, *Memorie enciclop.* ii. 55.) The former Pentini at the date of his letter to Guattani (1806) had given or sold to Domenico Arcieri, the latter was still in his own possession.

At the Casale di Capobianco a branch road, which seems to be purely modern, goes off to join the Strada Vecchia di Palombara, which, from the point of junction onwards, is in use once more as a road of the present day.

The pavement of the Via Nomentana is well preserved on both sides of the casale: to the N.E. of it I measured the width as 4·157 mètres (14 feet). From Capobianco the road runs on almost due N. and considerable portions of the pavement are at first preserved. Traces of unimportant buildings along it will be found indicated in the

¹ With this inscription were found others, including one of travertine with the epitaph of a *scurra*, the text of which is not given.

map. A sepulchral inscription cut on a travertine cippus found among the remains of a brick tomb near Casenuove is given in *Not. Scav.* 1895, 248. At the N. end of the Macchia della Cesarina is an apse in very bad brickwork, probably that of a church, facing S.W.: it is 4 mètres in diameter, and has two small round-headed windows, 76 cm. high and 30 wide on the inside. It is probably to this that Martelli (of course wrongly) alludes as the Temple of Mars of *C.I.L.* xiv. 4012: 'è certo che vi fosse nella sommità della valle il tempio di Marte di figura rotonda, come si ravvisa dal residuo del suo edificio, da varie spezzate colonnette che guardano Torre Lupara e Casal S. Antonio, e da qualche segno di via lastricata nel clivo per cui vi si ascendeva.' Near it is débris of all kinds—fragments of white marble, brick, concrete, etc., with paving-stones.

Beyond the 14th kilomètre stone, on the same side, are other groups of ruins, and there are more close to Torre Lupara: to the E. of it is a large reservoir with three chambers (Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 342) which is marked as 'Theatri rudera' in Cingolani's map.

On the right of the road at the 14th kilomètre is the Casale S. Antonio, which occupies a remarkably strong site, though what is to be seen there is purely mediaeval.

The ancient road must now have run just to the right of the modern, which cuts through the foundations of some ancient buildings; and soon afterwards it turns off sharply to the N.E., making a steep descent and ascent, and rejoining the modern road, which keeps round the head of the Valle Valentino, just before the Casale di Monte Gentile, which, though mediaeval, probably occupies an ancient site, as there appears to be a fragment of ancient construction between it and the road. According to an erroneous view (*supra*, 62), Monte Gentile was the site of Ficulea: Canina in his map puts it on a hill rather further S., in the centre of which is point 110 in the map; whereas Nibby (*Analisi*, i. 332) puts Caenina here,¹ though in his map he places it (doubtfully) in the Macchia della Cesarina. Gell (*op. cit.* 129) puts it N. of Turrina (*infra*, 173), Westphal (*op. cit.* 125) at S. Angelo. The place appears twice in the earliest history of Rome: (1) Romulus was sacrificing there (before the foundation of Rome) when Remus was captured by the shepherds of Numitor (Dionys. i. 79. 13), and (2) it was from Acro, king of Caenina, that Romulus won the first *spolia opima*, in the battle following the rape of the Sabine women,

¹ This is the site selected by Bormann (*Alllatin. Chorographie*, 255) for Corniculum.

when the people of Caenina were the first to attack the Romans, but were easily defeated and their city taken (Liv. i. 10). It figures in Pliny's list of the lost towns of Latium (*H.N.* iii. 68): and of its site we really know nothing, except that it must have been situated close to Rome, as it is mentioned in connexion with Crustumerium and Antemnae (Liv. *loc. cit.*). It gave its name to a priesthood of the Roman State, which still existed in the time of the Empire (cf. Hülsen and Wissowa in Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* iii. 1278, 1279; Wissowa, *Religion und Kultus der Römer*, 447 sq.—in Müller's *Handbuch der Klass. Altertumsw.* v. 4).

Just N. of the 16th kilomètre stone is an oblong chamber of concrete made of chips of white limestone, perhaps a conserva as Nibby (*Schede*, i. 48) conjectures, but more probably a tomb, but on the left of the road, not on the right (as Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 58, n. 2, says).

On the right Nibby (*Schede, cit.*) noticed a 'rudere informe forse di sepolcro'; and on the same side, a little further on, is the large tomb, crowned by a mediaeval tower, marked in the map as Torre Mancini. Nibby (*Schede*, i. 48) notes that the cornice is in the style of that of the Arch of Titus. The sepulchral inscription, *Eph. Epigr.* vii. 1263, found on the right of the road, 25 mètres beyond the 16th kilomètre stone, is referred to the first of these three tombs by Gatti (*Bull. Com.* 1888, 181; cf. *Not. Scav.* 1888, 288). It is a large cippus, erected to Ulpia Euhodia by her husband, *T. Flavius Aug. lib. Delphicus, tabularius a ratio[n](ibus) [p]rocurator ration(is) thesaurorum hereditatium fisci Alexandrin(i)*. The interpretation is doubtful: Dessau supposes that we have here three successive procuratorships; Mommsen, that the man was 'procurator rationis thesaurorum hereditatium fisci Alexandrini,' i.e. that he had charge of the accounts, the money, and the legacies accruing to the fiscus Alexandrinus (cf. *Bull. Inst. Diritto Rom.* i. 261).¹

To the N.E. of Torre Mancini excavations were made in 1888, 600 m. to the E. of the modern road, along the course of a small stream. Here a small but elegant private bath establishment was discovered, a plan and full description of which are given in *Not. Scav.* 1888, 285 sq. Some of the brickstamps found are given by Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 59 n.). The building is said by him to belong to the Flavian period: but the stamp bearing the name of T. Flavius...Cerinthus cannot be earlier than the time of

¹ Hirschfeld (*Die Kaiserlichen Verwaltungsbeamten bis auf Diocletian* (1905), 369 sqq.) decides in favour of Dessau's view.

Hadrian (*C.I.L.* xv. 710); the fragment Cn. port . . . li . . . cannot be exactly identified, but must belong to a rather later period (or at least to a date not before 140 A.D.); while the third (*C.I.L.* xv. 754b) belongs to the time of M. Aurelius. In *Not. Scav. cit.* the only brickstamp given is *C.I.L.* xv. 2392, the date of which is quite uncertain.

The principal hall had been restored in the fourth century, and in its pavement were found the sepulchral inscription *Eph. Epigr.* vii. 1264 and some other fragments; and in one of the small baths was another sepulchral inscription (*ibid.* 1265).

To the N. of this building, on the S. slope of the Monte Palombaro, is a large water reservoir, from which it was very likely supplied. To the W. of the road, just N. of the Fosso le Spallette di S. Margherita, in the Tenuta Conca, remains of mosaic pavements, and walls lined with red plaster, were found in 1884: also two tombs with some *unguentaria* in them, and a coin of Hadrian. The place seemed to have been already explored (*Not. Scav.* 1884, 39). In 1889 two fragments of the *Acta Fratrum Arvalium* were discovered here in the walls of a mediaeval church (Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 62, n.; *Bull. Com.* 1890, 110; *C.I.L.* vi. 32395). In *Not. Scav.* 1892, 51, it is wrongly stated that they were found in the baths just described. The dispersion of the fragments is remarkable (*C.I.L.* vi. p. 3261). Further to the N. again, on the Monte d'Oro, there is another reservoir. Before reaching this the road descends steeply, and is protected on the descent by massive supporting walls which keep up the bank on each side: they are in reticulatum and brick, with apsidal niches alternating with projecting buttresses, and weepholes to allow the moisture to escape (Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 60). Those on the right are the more conspicuous, but those on the left have recently been cleared.

To the N.W. of the reservoir on the Monte d'Oro¹ there are traces of construction in the bank on the right of the road, while on the left there is a circular chamber 4·75 mètres in diameter, sunk below the road level, with a lighthole at the top. It is cemented within, and its purpose and date are uncertain. A little further on is the Romitorio, and to the N. of it the wall of a tomb in opus quadratum, which can be traced running E. and W. across the modern road; the ancient road must therefore have kept more to the W. Beyond it again, on the right, is an oblong chamber in concrete below the level of the road—perhaps belonging to a tomb. Nibby notes (*Schede*,

¹ The theory that Nomentum was situated on the Monte d'Oro has little to recommend it.

cit.) the discovery of travertine steps and of fairly good sculptures here not long before 1823.

The Via Nomentana is now joined by the cross-road from Tibur described *supra*, 57. Excavations were conducted in 1901 along the first portion of this road, and six tombs were laid bare. The first was entirely built of blocks of travertine: in the angle on the spectator's right was built in a cippus of the same stone, bearing the inscription *Iter privatu(m)*. This cannot have referred to the road on which the tombs stood, but probably to the pathway, 84 cm. wide, between this tomb and the next. In the second tomb was found a sepulchral inscription. The rest were found about 40 mètres off, and were partly of brickwork, partly of opus reticulatum: two sepulchral inscriptions were found *in situ*; and in two of the urns were found four¹ lead plates with *defixiones* (*Not. Scav.* 1901, 205 *sqq.*; Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* iv. 2373 *sqq.*).

To the N.E. are two reservoirs, belonging no doubt to villas, while to the W. at point 201 are more ruins.

The road descends steeply and then re-ascends to Mentana, there being no traces of antiquity in its last portion. The modern village probably occupies the lower part of the site of the ancient Nomentum, which extended further to the E., the only side upon which there is space available; on the other sides, especially on the W. and S., the position is well protected by ravines (cf. Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 413). There are, however, no remains of walls or of buildings attributable to it to be seen *in situ*. The site is, however, really fixed by the distance of 14 miles from Rome given by the Tabula Peutingerana, which leaves no room for doubt. Monte d'Oro is over a mile too near to Rome, whereas the 14 miles take us just up to the modern village; and the name, Mentana, is obviously derived from Nomentum. Inscriptions have been found here, too, in which its magistrates and priesthoods are mentioned (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3955, 3956), though the exact site of their discovery is not known. As Dessau remarks (*C.I.L.* xiv. p. 440), there was considerable doubt in the minds of the Romans themselves whether Nomentum was to be considered to have belonged in origin to the Latin or the Sabine race: though the former opinion rightly prevailed, we find that Vergil (*Aen.* vi. 773, vii. 712) was sufficiently undecided to give both in two different passages! There

¹ So in the text, though illustrations of three only (two inscribed on both sides) are given, and the fourth is not further mentioned.

appears to have been a theory that the Anio formed the boundary of Latium in very early times (Plin. *H.N.* iii. 54), which would account for this discrepancy (but see Addenda, *infra*, 208).

Nomentum was given the *civitas sine suffragio* after the last war in which the Latins tried to contend against Rome, in 338 B.C. (Liv. viii. 14), and we hear of it as a *municipium*, whose highest magistrate, even in imperial times, was a *dictator*; it had also aediles and *quaestores alimentorum*, a *flamen perpetuus duumvirali potestate*, a municipal priest of the Magna Mater, and, apparently, *seviri Augustales*. Otherwise we hear nothing of it as a town, though the fertility of the estates in its neighbourhood, and especially of its vineyards, is often praised by Pliny and Martial. In the town itself may be seen some fragments of statuary, noted by Tomassetti (*op. cit.* 62, n.) and the sepulchral inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 3948, 3961, 3962, 3972–4,¹ 3976, 3992. I may add that I saw *C.I.L.* 3958 (which Dessau was unable to find) in the garden of the Casale Cicconetti in 1898.

Discoveries of inscriptions are noted as having occurred early in the nineteenth century; the sepulchral inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 3958, 3959, 3985, 3991a are described by Amati as having been found ‘in the great cemetery along the Via Nomentana’ in 1807; while *C.I.L.* xiv. 3945 (a sepulchral inscription erected by a *vigintisexvir* and his family in the time of Augustus) was found by shepherds in 1817. Excavations were made by Prince Borghese in the neighbourhood of Mentana in 1830, 1831, and 1833. In December, 1830, not far from Mentana a torso believed to be that of Bacchus (*Bull. Inst.* 1831, 29) was found—Tomassetti, however (*loc. cit.*), speaks of it as Hylas—and, apparently, several small heads and various terra-cottas (*Bull. Inst.* 1832, 6).

Inscriptions from the Borghese excavations are given, from Amati’s copies, in *C.I.L.* xiv. 3941 (a dedication by D. Valerius Proculus, aedile, dictator and quaestor alimentorum, to Isis and Serapis, found not long before 1832, and probably by the Borghese), 3942 (a fragment of a dedication to Augustus, Tiberius, Germanicus and Drusus(?) found in October, 1833), 3943 (a fragment of a dedication to Tiberius), 3947, 3950, 3951, 3954, 3982, 3986, 3992a. Amati notes that many other inscriptions were ‘found at Nomentum,’ but, of course, not necessarily in these excava-

¹ Fabretti (*inscr.* 241, 655) saw 3961 ‘at the 13th mile of the Via Nomentana’ (*i.e.* near the tombs alluded to *supra*, 67, 68) and (*ibid.* 371, 148, 149) 3973, 3974 ‘at the 11th mile near the ruins of an ancient theatre’ (*i.e.* the reservoir near Monte Gentile, *supra*, 65), but the whole group are so much alike that Dessau thinks that they must have been found together.

tions. The sepulchral inscription *C.I.L. ibid.* 3975 was copied by him in the Quarto della Mezzaluna, which I cannot locate.

Excavations were also made in 1864 by Bondi and Ferri, a building being found with decorative mosaics and columns of grey marble.

Roads diverge from Mentana in various directions : there is, in the first place, one running E. to join the road to Palombara a little beyond Osteria Nuova (*supra*, 57), which probably follows an ancient line, though no certain traces of its antiquity are to be seen, and remains of ancient buildings are somewhat scanty. Another, of which we shall speak presently, runs due N. in continuation of the line of the Via Nomentana. A third runs N.W. to Monte Rotondo (*supra*, 26). Upon it (?) are the devastated remains of the cemetery of SS. Primus and Felicianus, placed at the 14th or 15th (so *Cod. Bern.*) mile of the Via Nomentana (the church, which Bosio saw, has been replaced by a modern chapel), and further on is the site of the church and cemetery of S. Restitutus (which Bosio saw, but which are now no longer visible) at the 16th mile, to the E. of the Cappuccini of Monte Rotondo. The cemetery of an unknown saint (perhaps S. Eutyches) was situated 18 miles from Rome, on the Via Nomentana (Bosio, *Roma Sotterranea*, 416; Stevenson, *Bull. Crist.* 1880, 106, and in Kraus, *Realencyclopädie*, ii. 124; Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 63, n.). A fourth is that which is supposed by some writers to be the Via Salaria, but wrongly (*supra*, 24, 49).

V.—THE VIA NOMENTANA (PROLONGED)

(*from Mentana to the Via Salaria at Fabbrica Palmieri*).

This line of road, as we have seen, leaves Nomentum on the N. side, and runs very slightly E. of N. to join the Via Salaria near the Fabbrica Palmieri, between the 25th and the 26th mile from Rome. Though there is no actual pavement *in situ* upon it (Westphal, *op. cit.* 124), there is no doubt as to its antiquity. It may have served as an alternative route to the Via Salaria, as the distance by it is about the same, but it is a good deal more hilly; and it does not seem to have been much frequented, inasmuch as it is not to be found either in the *Tabula Peutingerana* or in the Itineraries: and there are very few remains of antiquity along its course.

On the right is the so-called Torretta, built upon a water reservoir about 10 mètres long, in two storeys, the lower of which is divided into two aisles, each only 6 Roman feet wide, without trace of intercommunication, while the upper chamber was apparently undivided. This subdivision may possibly indicate that the reservoir supplied three separate buildings. To the left is the Casale Manzi, which certainly occupies the site of an ancient building: there are many blocks of travertine and bricks, and the three basreliefs of which Gori (*op. cit.* 68) speaks—that representing a horseman whipping his horse is on the back of a cippus, the front, with the inscription, being hidden by the wall against which it is built: the second is a fragment of a frieze—from a sarcophagus (?)—with marine monsters, and the third a relief of two peacocks pecking at a basket. His theory that Eretum stood here is, however, absolutely impossible, and is dictated by his view that the point of junction of the Via Salaria and Via Nomentana is just N. of Mentana itself (*supra*, 24), which leads him of necessity to suppose that Nomentum did not occupy the site of the modern Mentana—or else it would be too close to Eretum—and to accept the erroneous view that it was situated a mile nearer Rome (*op. cit.* 66; cf. *supra*, 67, n.).

At first our road presents no traces of antiquity: after about a mile and a half it crosses the Fosso di Gattaceca by a modern bridge, in the construction of which ancient paving-stones have been largely employed: and soon afterwards it is joined by a path from Monte Rotondo, which continues E. past Castel Chiodato to join the road to Palombara, and probably follows the line of an ancient road (as Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 374, thinks), though there is no positive evidence except the straight line which it takes. At Gattaceca, Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 144) and Tomassetti (*op. cit.* 114, n. 1) put the junction of the Via Salaria (which the latter therefore brings up past Monte Rotondo) and the Via Nomentana.

In about another mile we reach the ruins of Grotta Marozza, which are those of a mediaeval fortress (Guattani, *Mon. Sabini*, ii. 351; Tomassetti, *op. cit.* 113 *sqq.*). Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 143) and Gell (*op. cit.* 201) wrongly identified the site with Eretum (*supra*, 24, 28).

The Aquae Labanae mentioned by Strabo (v. 3. 11, p. 238, τοιαῦτα δὲ (i.e. similar to the Aquae Albulae¹) καὶ τὰ Λαβανά, οὐκ ἄπωθεν τούτων ἐν τῇ Νωμεντανῇ καὶ τοῖς περὶ Ἡρητὸν τόποις) may, on the other hand, be

¹ Strabo calls the Aquae Albulae 'cold' (*infra*, 117, n. 1).

placed in this neighbourhood: there is a sulphur spring a little way S. of the villa marked in our map E. of Grotta Marozza, and another two and a half miles further N.E.; the former is no doubt that which bears the name Bagni di Grotta Marozza (Nibby, *loc. cit.*).

To the N.E. of Grotta Marozza there are the remains of several other villas, of no great importance: one of them, on the Monte Villa, just N.E. of the Fosso Buffala, has a supporting wall of polygonal blocks of travertine. To the E. of this, and just E. of the Fontanile del Tesoro, are two headless male statues lying in a field. They may very likely belong to a tomb: in any case they were only intended to be seen from the front. They are about life size, draped, and badly executed in white marble. To the N. are the ruins known as the Grottoline (point 175 on the map), a water reservoir 9.20 mètres in length, divided into two aisles each 2.53 mètres in width by a wall pierced by three arches, each with a span of 2.40 mètres. These arches are 1.71 mètre high, and above them are smaller arches with a span of 1.26 mètre, 80 cm. in height. The dividing wall is 87 cm. in thickness, and the outer walls 80 cm.

To the E.N.E. of the Grottoline there is another villa, close to the village of Cretone, which does not present any definite traces of antiquity. To the N.N.W. of it is the second of the sulphur springs mentioned above, near to which in the valley are the remains of a building, possibly of baths, while to the W. of it is a deep pool, on one side of which is a massive concrete wall (probably a dam), apparently not of Roman date. On the hill to the E. of the sulphur spring stood a villa.

From Cretone, a path, which presents no traces of antiquity, runs S.E. to join the road from Castel Chiodato to Palombara (*supra*, 58). After crossing the line of that which runs N. towards Monte Venere, it passes S. of the remains of a church on the Colle Pedeschiavo. The building, which faces 40° N. of E., may have served originally for other uses, as its plan is hardly that of a church. A doorway 2.05 mètres wide, in front of which two pillars project 1.50 mètre, as though for a porch, leads into a chamber 7.8 mètres in length and about 3.70 in width, from which a doorway 1.16 mètre wide (the total length of the threshold block being 2.31 mètres) leads into another chamber 3.08 mètres in length, and the same in width as the first. On the S.E. side a chamber 2.80 mètres in width runs the whole length of the building.

The construction of the walls, which vary in width from 50 to 95 cm.,

is remarkably bad, and the materials are of various kinds. In the building were found a Roman sepulchral statue, and other fragments of sculpture: a piece of black glazed Etrusco-Campanian ware, with palmettes stamped on the bottom, and a marble slab with a Pagan sepulchral inscription,

C · SVLPICIUS · C · L..
CHRESIMVS
HIRPIA · Q · L · MVSA
C · MARCIUS · C · L · THEOPHILVS
C N · CASSIUS · CN · L · EPAPIRA
C · SVLPICIUS · C · L · SALVIVS

The slab measures 45 cm. wide by 425 mm. high, and the letters vary from 40 to 22 mm. in height.

There are also several fragments of tomb inscriptions,

one of the doorposts of the earlier building, and fragments of the top of the screen of the presbytery with the inscription

VIRGINIS · O · · · · · LIS GRATES · · · · · CERUNTB · · · · · VITE + AN · · · · ·

which indicates that it was dedicated to the Virgin. The pavement was in the so-called *opus Alexandrinum*, squares of white marble alternating with fragments of red porphyry and green serpentine.¹

Returning to the road which we left near Grotta Marozza, we find that it continues to run in a straight line. Among the brick rubbish by the road I found the brickstamp CVICI with the cornucopiae on

¹ These objects are in the possession of Signor Bonfigli of Palombara, who kindly allowed me to examine them.

the right—a variety of *C.I.L.* xv. 1511: and there are some limestone paving-stones loose in the path. At the bridge over the Fosso Buffala there are some blocks of squared stone in the stream bed and in the bridge itself, probably belonging to the earlier structure: and on the ascent beyond it paving-stones may be seen in the field walls. The road now descends to the valley of the Fiora, turning sharply to the left. In a straight line with its course up till now is the Torre Fiora, which is entirely mediaeval, but perhaps marks the starting point of a road to join the Via Salaria at Eretum (*supra*, 29).

At the top of the hill our road becomes practicable for carriages for a short distance, as far as the Osteria di Moricone, a cross-road diverging to the W. joining it to the modern Via Salaria. To the E. of the point of junction are some ruins of uncertain date.

A little way beyond the Osteria the road is crossed at right angles by a path coming from the Via Salaria at the Riserva Moscio, and running to Palombara, which in all probability follows an ancient line: the cutting made for it between two hills to the W. of Monte Venere (*infra*, 83), 370 mètres in width, shows every sign of antiquity.

A little further on, the cutting of the road we are following is clear on the W. of the modern path, with the remains of a tomb (?) on its E. edge, and of a more extensive building a little further off. Just S. of Tre Ponti there is a large mediaeval castle to the W. of the road, in the walls of which are one or two limestone paving-stones. After this point cuttings may be seen on the E. side of the present path, but, as the soil is soft and sandy, their age is uncertain; and the same remark applies to the cutting by which it ascends to the modern road from the station of Passo Corese to Monte Libretti (*supra*, 32) and to those through which it passes below this village. Chaupy (*op. cit.* iii. 90) seems, however, to have seen traces of it: 'elle . . . pût passer au lieu appelé la Madonna della Spiga' (a chapel on the modern road, marked on the map Madonna della Vigna Grande), 'et sous Monte Libretti où l'on en voit les vestiges les plus sensibles devant la vigne du Prince.'

Monte Libretti contains no traces of antiquity,¹ except some marble columns and other fragments, and two incomplete inscriptions noted by Stevenson (*Vat. Lat.* 10551, f. 56, 56^v). The first, upon half a cippus in good

¹ Various conjectures as to its ancient name are given by Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 347.

lettering, he saw lying near one of the first houses at the foot of the hill by which the modern road enters the village. The inscription runs

and is obviously a fragment of a dedication—thus

.... [sa] crum | d(onum) d(edit) |
 .. mpyri | opl | [Kalendi]s Iul(iis) |

Between the second and third lines, occupying the centre of the field, was a relief which had been cut away and rendered unrecognisable ; while on the right-hand side was a tripod, and at the back an olive branch with birds. The style of the reliefs was good. The second he saw built into the front of the chapel at the foot of the hill ascending to the village on the N. The letters were large and well carved, but all that remained was

The fragment of a letter at the beginning of the first line is part either of an M or an R. In the fountain to the W. of the village an ancient lion's head in white marble is in use as a jet.

To the W. of Monte Libretti is the Colle Lungo, at the N. end of which is an extensive subterranean water reservoir described by Stevenson, which I have visited. It consists of a main passage going N. and S., over 100 mètres long, with short branches to the right and left every five or six mètres ; both the main passage and its branches are about two mètres high and 90 cm. wide ; there are circular shafts with footholes for descent at the points of junction. The reservoir is excavated in yellow sandy soil,

and, though well constructed and cemented, it has fallen in to some extent, so that to visit it is neither very easy nor very safe.

Stevenson also notes (*ibid.*) that below the Miglioria Bigelli remains of baths had been found, with lead pipes (apparently uninscribed), and many stamped bricks (afterwards lost), and fragments of marble.

To the N. of Monte Libretti the road we have been following approaches the modern road from Palombara and Moricone to the Fabbrica Palmieri (*infra*, 80 *sqq.*) (which itself probably follows an ancient line, though between Moricone and Monte Libretti there are no traces of antiquity), and then turns due N. On the W. of it are the remains of a large reservoir in *opus reticulatum*; the one wall preserved is only 46 cm. thick, decreasing to 38 cm. about two mètres above ground level, but is strengthened by internal buttresses 30 cm. thick and 75 cm. wide. The original length and width are not determinable. The ruin is known as the Muraccio delle Sterparelle (*supra*, 33).

Further to the N. but still on the W. of the road, brick fragments may be seen in two places (indicated on the map), while on the Colle S. Biagio to the E. of the road Stevenson (*Cod. cit.* 57) notes that he was informed of the existence of ruins, water cisterns, and other remains of antiquity. Guattani (*Mon. Sabini*, ii. 73) mentions the existence of massive Cyclopean walls between Monte Libretti and Montorio Romano, which lies four miles to the E. in the hills.

At the Osteria della Creta our road joins the Via Salaria (*supra*, 34), and to complete our survey of the territory under examination we have now to return to Palombara and work north- and north-westwards.

VI.—PALOMBARA AND DISTRICT.

The town of Palombara stands on an isolated hill, but the place itself presents no certain traces of antiquity, and neither Nibby (*op. cit.* ii. 530) nor Gell (*op. cit.* 339) attempted to identify it with any ancient site. Cameria is, however, placed here by some writers, though, as Hülsen remarks (Pauly-Wissowa, *R.E.* iii. 1428), there is no sufficient evidence. We know from Dionys. v. 49 that it lay about a night's march from Rome, for Verginius attacked it at dawn after having left Rome in the evening (502 B.C.); and from the towns with which it is mentioned (Corniculum, Ficulea vetus, Crustumerium, Ameriola, Medullia, Nomentum—Liv. i. 38)

we can conclude that it lay N. of the Anio, E. of the Tiber, and W. of the Sabine Mountains. Nibby (*op. cit.* i. 353) is certainly wrong in putting it in the Anio valley between Tivoli and Vicovaro: Gell (*op. cit.* 136) puts it about a mile to the S. of Moricone (*infra*, 83). It had completely disappeared in later times, and occurs in Pliny's list of the lost cities of Latium (*H.N.* iii. 68).

The following record of discoveries is given in *Bull. Inst.* 1832, 6:—

‘Il Sig. Antonio Barbarossa ha trovato in Palombara molte monete di bronzo, ed un pavimento di mosaico.’

The finding of a tomb of a curious type at La Cascianella, near Palombara, is described by Armellini (*Cronichetta*, 1883, 142). It was formed of two parallel lines of flange tiles about 80 cm. apart, with others at the top and bottom: the skeletons were placed within in a long row without partitions.

A marble weight (decussis) found near Palombara was presented by Sig. Bonfigli to the Museo delle Terme in 1901–2. The inscription which it bears will shortly be published by Sig. Vaglieri, Director of the Museum.

At Palombara there is an important meeting-point of roads: there are four to the S. of it—that from Tivoli (*infra*, 173), the two from S. Francesco and Montecelio (*infra*, 177), and that from Rome (*supra*, 58); that from Tivoli continues N. of Palombara to Moricone and to the Via Salaria, having a branch to the N.W. (*supra*, 74) shortly after leaving Palombara.

It may be well, however, to examine first the remains on the lower slopes of Monte Gennaro, to the E. and N.E. of the town.

Due E. of the Casino Belli (*infra*, 176) are the remains of a villa which had two platforms, on the upper of which was a large open circular piscina: remains of marble (including a piece of the rare *granito della sedia*) and painted plaster show that it was finely decorated.

To the N.E. of it is the ruined monastery of S. Nicola, which is built upon the remains of a very large villa with four distinct platforms: the massive substruction walls are of *opus reticulatum*, with the exception of one (only preserved to the height of one course) which is in quasi-horizontal masonry.

To the N.N.W. of this villa, and facing, like it, 20° S. of W., are five parallel terraces (increasing, to the W. of point 695, to eight) rising one above the other on the hillside. On the Colle Tiutillo, immediately to the N.W. of point 695, which is crowned by the ruins of a mediaeval

castle (Il Castiglione), similar terraces may be observed on the S. and W. sides (six on the former, two on the latter), but not on the N. and E., facing respectively 25° E. of S. and 25° S. of W. (the one wall observable on the N. side belongs to the substruction of a road descending to the valley of the Fosso Palamento); while on the W. slopes of the Monte Madano, to the E. of the Ponte Grosso, there are six such terraces. These Cyclopean walls all present the same characteristics: they are built of rough blocks of local limestone, which have probably been broken with hammers but have not been smoothed, varying in width and height from 40 to 70 cm. and in depth from 50 cm. to 1 mètre.¹ They rise to a height of 2 to 3 mètres, and are apparently about 1.50 mètre thick, the inner side naturally not standing free; but an exact measurement is, as a rule, impossible owing to the limestone débris which covers the top of the terrace (Fig. 6). This is generally about 3 mètres in width, the amount of level (or more or less level) ground behind varying considerably, and the terraces are some 30 to 50 mètres apart. There are some exceptions to the rule that the blocks are not dressed: thus, on the S. side of the Colle Tiuttilo, near the S.W. angle, on the line of the second terrace, there is a platform projecting from it, measuring 9.05 mètres in width, 8.41 in depth to the wall at the back, which is 77 cm. thick, and 1.80 m. in height, the blocks of which are carefully dressed and jointed, both the inner and the outer faces having been smoothed: and 6 mètres behind the sixth and uppermost platform, just below the Castiglione, there is an open cistern in the terrace, 2 mètres in depth, measuring 4.85 by 5.50 mètres, in which the blocks are much more carefully smoothed and jointed than in the platform itself (Fig. 7). The apparent regularity in the construction of this terrace (Fig. 8), as contrasted with the irregularity visible in the third from the bottom (Fig. 9), may be due to chance (the limestone often fracturing horizontally), or possibly to difference in date of erection—though the latter is by no means a necessary supposition. I have discussed the question of variation of style in Cyclopean constructions in which difference of date cannot be admitted in connexion with the walls of Circeii (*Mélanges de l'École Française*, 1905, 181 *sqq.*), and need not, I think, repeat here what I have said. It will be seen, too, from Fig. 6 (a view taken along the line of the uppermost wall) that its regularity is, after all, not so very great. (I must also notice a wall going 20° W. of N. (*i.e.* at right angles) from near the W.S.W.

¹ Typical blocks measured 58×45 , 60×35 , 54×40 , $66 \times 70 \times 65$ cm. The stick which appears in Figs. 6, 7 is 93 cm. high.

end of the uppermost terrace, forming the edge of a large flat expanse to the W. of the Castiglione. This wall is only preserved to the height of a single block, and its thickness is apparently about 3 mètres.)

The question as to the object of these constructions now arises: and it is a fortunate thing that investigations recently carried on in the neighbourhood of Norba supply an extremely probable answer.

Above the Abbey of Valvisciolo, not far from the station of Sermoneta, at a place called Rava Roscia, on the W. slopes of the Monte Carbolino, there is a group of similar constructions. Their position is shown in the general plan of the environs of Norba in *Not. Scav.* 1901, 517, and a short description of them is given *ibid.* 554 by Signori Savignoni and Mengarelli, who were in charge of the Government excavations at Norba, while a longer article on the same subject will be found in *Not. Scav.* 1904, 407 *sqq.*, in which the same writers deal with the results of their investigations in 1903. Further explorations have been carried on in April and May, 1905, by Signori Mengarelli and Paribeni. The platforms of Rava Roscia were at first supposed to belong to a road ascending the mountain side in zig-zags, but further examination has shown that this was not the case,¹ inasmuch as these platforms run generally in straight or sharply broken lines, often almost horizontally, and as a rule without intercommunication. Some of them are preserved to their original height, which varied in different cases, the maximum being over seven mètres. Another supposition was that they might have served to support the soil necessary for cultivation: but the steep bare mountain slopes would have presented an unfavourable opportunity, and the width of available ground would have been small; while the choice of such a site would be very hard to explain, when the Pomptine Marshes just below afforded such a vast expanse of fertile land. It seems therefore more probable to Signori Savignoni, Mengarelli and Paribeni that we have here a system of terraces which served as an effective fortification, with several successive lines of defences, and at the same time to support the huts of the inhabitants—an object for which some of them still serve at the present day. They cite (*Not. Scav.* 1904, 409, n.) as a parallel, and in my opinion quite rightly, the terrace walls of which we have been speaking, in the neighbourhood of Palombara, where they are locally known, though, as we have seen, wrongly, as 'stradoni' or roads.

¹ In my opinion an exception must be made in favour of the lowest of the group towards the N.W. extremity, which ascends somewhat sharply in a curve.

There is, in fact, a very close similarity between the two cases, while at Rava Roscia excavations have confirmed the conclusions already arrived at (*Not. Scav.* 1904, *cit.*).

In the ground behind the terrace walls and among the stones of the walls themselves fragments of pottery belonging to the first Iron Age were discovered, and, in one place, an undisturbed inhumation burial, with a considerable quantity of pottery and other objects, which are contemporary with and closely similar to those found in the oldest tombs of the necropolis of Caracupa (*Not. Scav.* 1903, 342 *sqq.*) and may be assigned to the 8th century B.C., including as they do two *hydriae* of the Villanova type. But all these are of course anterior to the creation of the terrace walls, which, owing to the discovery near them of many fragments of fine *bucchero*, may be assigned to the 6th century B.C.

The work of the present spring has led to the discovery in one place of a large number of small votive objects in pottery, including specimens both of archaic Latin ware, of *bucchero*, and of Italo-Greek types. It would appear, indeed, that the present settlement, like the necropolis of Caracupa, ceased to be in use when Norba began to be: for at Norba nothing has been found which takes us back beyond the 5th (or possibly the 6th) century B.C. (*Not. Scav.* 1901, 539, 558; 1903, 261).

At Palombara the slopes are less steep, but the ground is a good deal more stony and bare than at Norba: and, in the absence of excavations, I noticed no fragments of pottery there. But the parallel is interesting and striking: and a comparative study of the two groups of constructions would very likely lead to important results. My description of the Palombara group lacks any plan of the platforms in detail: this would have taken considerable time and trouble to make, even with the help of a competent surveyor, and would have required, to make it complete and clear, the accurate mathematical determination of the relative elevation of the various walls. As I am not without hope of being able to devote more attention to the subject, my description must be regarded as provisional.

Returning to the road going N. from Palombara, we find that a path soon diverges from it to the N.W., said in its first portion (which I have not explored) to retain traces of ancient pavement. It crosses the Via Nomentana (prolonged) at right angles a little way to the N. of the Osteria di Moricone (*supra*, 74). The church of S. Michele, to the E. of the

highroad, has paintings of the 14th century, but does not seem to occupy an ancient site. An unfluted column of white marble about 7 feet in height and 1 in diameter is apparently preserved as a sacred relic. On the Colle Veneziano, to the W., a villa has been found, of which no traces are now visible. To the E. of this point traces of the pavement of the ancient road may be seen in the bank on the W. of the modern. The variations in the course of the former from that of the latter are indicated, both here and to the S. of Palombara, from a map of the new road (which was only made in 1868) kindly lent me by Sig. Bonfigli. A little further to the N. we reach the district called Le Rotavelle;¹ here the road is crossed at right angles by a path which undoubtedly follows an ancient line. To the E. it follows the S. bank of the Fosso Palamento, passing by the remains of several ancient buildings—first, close to the path, a reservoir with two aisles (so far as I could see) divided by brick arches. Whether this is that which Nibby (*Schede*, iv. 34) describes as in the Vigna Belli, and as being constructed of *opus reticulatum*, having three aisles with eight arches in each of the dividing walls, and a modern roof, I rather doubt: but if not, then it has disappeared.² The aqueduct of *opus incertum* and

¹ Here a dedicatory inscription to Diana is said to have been found (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3928).

² As Nibby's description of Le Rotavelle—the district with which we are dealing—in *Analisi*, ii. 534 is somewhat brief, it may be of interest to give the full text of his notes (*Schede*, iv. 34): 'Giovedì 29 Maggio (1823) ci dirigemmo a Monticelli e Palombara (da Tivoli). Passato il ponte dell' Acquoria si trova poco dopo un rudere di emplecton di scaglie di selce (*infra*, 151) quindi una cappelletta ed un bivio; noi prendemmo a sinistra benchè la strada più breve a Monticelli sia la destra: seguendo la via a sin. vi rimarcai molti poligoni che per antica fanno riconoscere questa strada, la quale sembra la stessa che come via antica Tiburtina trovasi descritta in Cabral e nella sua Topografia (*infra*, 110, 152). Due miglia dopo Tivoli a qualche distanza a destra vidi ruderi di pietre quadrate di sostruzione sotto un colle (*infra*, 167) e $\frac{1}{2}$ miglio dopo altre rovine pur di pietre quadrate sopra di un colle forse avanzi di qualche antica città in questi dintorni?—Caenina (?) (*infra*, 173). After describing his visit to Monticelli, where the only ruins of which he could hear were those near Colle Ferro at Le Caprine (*infra*, 119), he continues: 'scendendo verso Palombara, si traversa una macchia dentro la quale appena disceso il colle di Monticelli circa un miglio distante dal villaggio dopo il lavatore cominciasi a trovare ruderi antichi: quindi veggonsi avanzi di un' acquedotto di *opus mixtum* ed altri ruderi s'incontrano ad ogni tratto ora reticolati ora laterizi di buona costruzione (*infra*, 179). Altri ruderi si trovano poco prima di Palombara . . . Nella Casa Ferretti che è nella parte nord-est dell' acropoli e sotto di essa vidi un frammento di orologio solare concavo, una testa di cervo, ed una iscrizione di

the brick ruins in the Vigna Imperiali are likewise not to be certainly recognised, though there are some remains of a brick building a little way S. of the reservoir, now almost entirely buried. The polygonal remains, however, which he describes in the Vigna Belli are still to be seen there, a very short distance to the S.W., though, as far as I could see or learn, they are of limited extent, the platform which I saw, upon which the cottage stands, measuring only 20.54 mètres by 34.17. The supporting walls only stand to a height of two courses, and there is apparently in some parts an intentional avoidance of horizontal lines. The blocks are finely jointed, and the faces are smooth: the largest I measured was 1.30 m. long by 74 cm. wide by 66 cm. thick.

Further up the valley he apparently did not go: but there are other remains to be seen there. Two hundred yards to the E.S.E. on the ridge is a reservoir with a single chamber, and further on again the remains of a platform in Cyclopean masonry of a villa, and the supporting walls of a road apparently 3.25 mètres in width going on up the valley, parallel to, but rather above, the modern path, which itself follows an ancient line. Nibby, after leaving the Vigna Belli, returned to the line of the present highroad and apparently saw parts of the *crepido* of the ancient road still *in situ*: after this he says that he went southwards, and saw three reservoirs, the last, a circular one some 90 palms (20 mètres) in diameter, in a place called Martini. Unless the remains he has hitherto been describing are to the N. of the Ponte Grosso (which from the mention of

cui mi presentò il proprietario solo la copia manoscritta come trovata a Rotavalle' (C.I.L. xiv. 3929: according to other authors here cited, the inscription itself was at Stazzano).

'Il Sig. Ferretti ci accompagnò la mattina del 30 a Rotavalle luogo circa 2 m. distante da Palombara nella direzione di Moricone: ivi osservammo ruderi incogniti di reticolato non regolare, molti altri rud(eri) d' incertum: un capitello ionico di lavoro grossolano di travertino. Nella vigna Ferretti che la prima percorremmo fu trovato l'orologio solare: quindi passammo nella vigna Belli dove riconoscemmo a fior di terra mura di poligoni della epoca terza, cioè polita da tre parti, che certamente furono recinto di città rintracciandosene gli avanzi per un miglio almeno, forse Cameria. Ivi dappresso trovammo una conserva a tre navi di opera reticolata con otto archi la cui volta è moderna, e un acquedotto d' incertum con canali. Nella vigna Imperiali si vede un pezzo di opera laterizia che è ad angolo retto colle rovine preced(enti). Vi si veggono altri ruderi informi ed astraco. Dopo questa uscendo e diriggendosi verso occid(ente) veggonsi avanzi di una crepidine di via che va da sett(entrione) a mezzo giorno e dopo questa seg(uendo) la direz(ione) merid(ionale) trovasi un' altra conserva con volta crollata di un' emplecton finissimo: un' altra se ne trova dopo sepolta, e quindi nel luogo denominato Martini si vede il giro di una piscina circolare di circa 90 palmi di diametro: evidente ivi si vede l'andamento di una via antica della quale se ne può precisare la larghezza a 14 palmi (= 3.10 mètres) la quale secondo la relazione de' naturali viene dalla Fiora e può considerarsi come parte dell' altra e comunicazione fra le vie Salaria, Nomentana e Valeria' (cf. *Analisi*, ii. 293).

the Vigna Belli and of the Vigna Ferretti—the latter is to the W. of it, just W. of the highroad—seems to me to be impossible) he has fallen into some confusion, as the circular piscina is to the N.E. of the Ponte Grosso.

The road on the S. bank of the Fosso Palamento continued, I was told, on the W. of the highroad. The ancient road cut off the large bend made by the highroad at the Ponte Grosso, descending to the valley, and ascending again sharply. On its E. edge are the remains of a villa, just to the N. of which another path crosses it at right angles. This path is ancient: the fieldwall flanking it, on the E. of the highroad, is full of paving-stones,¹ while just N.W. of the Ponte Grosso I saw some paving-stones *in situ* a few years ago. It must, indeed, be the road of which Nibby speaks as going towards the Fiora, and must before very long join the road on the S. bank of the Fosso Palamento, both falling into the road from Palombara to the neighbourhood of the Osteria di Moricone a little N. of point 105 (*supra*, 74). If Nibby is right in saying that the road went towards the Fiora, then the line going W. from point 105 should be ancient too.

It is not unlikely, though not certain, that the path coming to point 105 from the S. is ancient also. In that case, we may assume it to be prolonged as far as Monte Venere or even Stazzano. Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 374, 378, speaks of an ancient road from Grotta Marozza to Castel Chiodato, Cretone and Stazzano, and would certainly seem to refer to this line. At Monte Venere the prominent ruins of a modern farmhouse are built upon an ancient water reservoir, and traces of Roman buildings may be seen at three points further W.

Returning to the road to Moricone, which we left at Ponte Grosso, we find that it keeps to the W. of the modern road all the way. Moricone itself presents no traces of antiquity (Gell, *op. cit.* 136), though the ruins known as Le Pedicate, near it, have been variously identified with Cameria, Orvinium and Regillum. Of Cameria we have already spoken; Orvinium is with more probability to be sought in the valley of the Salto, as Gell and Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 379) point out; while of Regillum we only know that it was a Sabine city, from which came Attius Clausus, the father of the Claudian gens, so that Nibby's identification rests on insufficient grounds.

¹ Above it, further E. are the remains of what appears to be a church, to the N. of which are the terraces of Monte Madano (*supra*, 78).

The ruins at Le Pedicate consist of remains of Cyclopean walls, shortly described by Gell and Nibby and attributed by them to a city: from a sketch given by the former, they seem to resemble those on the Monte Madano (*supra*, 78), but from the maps of both writers it would appear that they are to be sought just below the modern road, to the S. of the Convento, on a hill known as Colle Palombara; it is not clear whether they run in a straight line or lines, or whether they enclose a space. I have not been able so far to discover them, enquiries having proved fruitless; but I must confess that I have not thoroughly searched the neighbourhood of Moricone, which, to tell the truth, lies somewhat far from the Roman Campagna in the narrower sense. I may conclude my survey of the district by mentioning that the road going N.N.W. from Moricone to join the prolongation of the Via Nomentana N. of Monte Libretti is no doubt the concluding portion of the important deverticulum from Tibur to the Via Salaria, part of which we have already followed, while its southern portion will be dealt with *infra*, 173 *sqq.* Just to the N. of Moricone it passes by the remains of a very large villa in *opus reticulatum*, with an open circular cistern. There are no traces of antiquity on the cross-road from near this point to Monte Libretti, except for the ruins marked at point 145, which are unimportant foundations in concrete.

Having thus completed our survey of the Via Salaria and the Via Nomentana, and of the territory through which they pass, we now return to Rome, and take up the examination of the Via Tiburtina and its branches.

VIA TIBURTINA.

I.—FROM THE PORTA TIBURTINA TO SETTECAMINI.

The Via Tiburtina is one of the most important roads that issue from the gates of Rome, carrying a large amount both of local and of long-distance traffic.¹ The road itself is, however, until the last part of its course, in no way remarkable either for the beauty of the country which it traverses, or for the difficulties which have had to be dealt with by its engineers. On the contrary, until the actual ascent to Tibur begins, the road runs through a gently undulating and somewhat monotonous district,

¹ For the division of the roads radiating from Rome into these two classes, see *Papers of the British School at Rome*, i. 127.

and has no obstacles to contend with, except the river Anio, which it twice crosses. The ascent to Tibur, too, though fairly steep, presents no problems of engineering. The result is that the modern road has followed the ancient line pretty closely, and no deviations of importance are to be noticed until two-thirds of the distance have been traversed, in the neighbourhood of Bagni, where the change in line is probably due to the inundations of the sulphur springs, which, until they were carried to the Anio by a canal (constructed by Cardinal Ippolito d'Este in the 16th century), ran unchecked over the plain. The Antonine itinerary gives the distance from Rome to Tibur as 20 miles, while the Tabula Peutingerana allows 16 (which should undoubtedly be corrected to 14) miles from Rome to the station ad aquas Albulas, the distance between this station and Tibur having fallen out. No milestones have been found between Rome and Tibur—that given by many authors as the 14th is a forgery (*C.I.L.* xiv. 361 *). The positions of those which have been discovered further along the road, however, make it necessary that the distance between Rome and Tibur should have been 20 miles, as the Antonine itinerary has it. There is, in the first place, the group found recently at the 36th mile, where the Via Sublacensis diverged from the Via Valeria, at a place about 16 miles from Tibur (*Not. Scav.* 1890, 160), and the 43rd milestone also exists *in situ* (*Supplementary Papers of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome*, i. 108–140). This fact, however, involves us in considerable difficulties, which will be dealt with below; and this is one reason why I have not attempted in the case of this road to indicate the probable positions of the milestones in the map.

It is, further, by no means certain by which gate the original Via Tiburtina left the city. The theory of Fabretti was, that it issued by the Porta Viminalis, and continued the line of the Vicus Collis Viminalis for some distance outside the gate (*De Aquis*, Diss. iii. tab. i., ii.), joining what he believed to be the later line of the road a little beyond the church of S. Lorenzo. This view is adopted by Revillas (*infra*, 199). Lanciani, on the other hand, supposes that the Via Tiburtina turned almost at right angles southwards immediately after leaving the Porta Viminalis, and, after being joined by a road from the Porta Esquilina (which he marks 'Via Praenestina [?],' following Fabretti) at the point where the Porta S. Lorenzo now stands, turned sharply to the N.E. again, taking the line followed by the modern road (*Mon. Linc.* i. 476; *Forma Urbis*, 17, 18).

Hülsen prefers the theory that the road from the Porta Esquilina just referred to is the original Via Tiburtina (Kiepert and Hülsen, *Forma Urbis Romae*, tab. i.), though the name 'Tiburtina Vetus' is not vouched for by any classical authority and is only retained for convenience (Jordan, *Topographie*, i. 3. 343). This seems to be the most probable supposition of the three, inasmuch as the arch erected by Augustus in 5 B.C. for the passage of the 'Aquae Marcia, Tepula and Iulia, bearing an inscription (*C.I.L.* vi. 1244) recording his restoration of them (which was incorporated in the outer half of the Porta Tiburtina of the Aurelian wall), points to the importance of the road which passed under it, while we find that the straight road from the Porta Viminalis passed through the Aurelian wall by a small postern, which was closed at some unknown period. We may notice, too, that the earliest tombs which flanked the 'Tiburtina Vetus' were found to date from the beginning of the Imperial period (Jordan, *op. cit.* 367, 368). Lanciani's theory succeeds in accounting for the importance of the Porta Viminalis, but involves two sharp turns within a comparatively short distance; while that of Fabretti, though the straightness of line which it gives is in its favour (*infra*, 87), seems hardly consistent with the comparatively small importance which his road seems to have possessed in imperial times. The postern by which it left the city after the erection of the Aurelian wall is situated immediately S. of the Praetorian Camp; its ancient name is unknown, and, for lack of a better appellation, it is generally called the Porta Chiusa,¹ having been blocked up at an uncertain date.

Along the first part of the course of the road various discoveries have been made, the most notable being that of the 'Tomba della Medusa,' excavated in the Vigna Lozano-Argoli in 1839, which lay on the N. of the road. It is a square chamber in opus quadratum of travertine and contained three fine sarcophagi (from one of which it takes its name) which

¹ A block of peperino, built into the later wall which follows the line of the S. wall of the Praetorian camp, and measuring 0.70 by 0.50 metre, bears the following inscription:

IVNI VERI

Nibby and Gell (*Mura di Roma*, 336) give it thus:—

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are now in the Lateran (Helbig, *Führer*, i. p. 471, nos. 703-5; cf. also *Diss. dell' Accad. Pont.* x. 223; *Bull. Inst.* 1839, 1; Jordan, *op. cit.* 392). Two brickstamps were found in the tomb (*C.I.L.* xv. 1051, 10—after 132 A.D.; 2031, 4—134 A.D.), which, if, as seems probable, they belong to the inner facing of the vaulting of the roof, give an approximate date to the building. It is surrounded by buildings of brickwork and opus reticulatum, which in the recent excavations for the construction of the new general hospital known as the Policlinico were found to have mosaic pavements and painted plaster on their walls. Other discoveries of tombs, etc., were made in the course of the work, but are mostly of minor importance (see *Not. Scav.* and *Bull. Com. passim*—since 1888, especially *Not. Scav.* 1889, 366, 403; 1896, 524; 1899, 130, 201; *Bull. Com.* 1899, 150). Nearly opposite to the tomb the *schola sodalium Serrensium* was found in 1864 (De Rossi, *Bull. Crist.* 1864, 57; *C.I.L.* vi. 839); and further to the S.E., in the Vigna Rondanini, several waterpipes were found in the eighteenth century—*C.I.L.* xv. 7255, 7474 (this pipe bore the name of the well-known Frontinus, *curator aquarum* under Trajan), 7612, 7657, 7666—while remains of baths were brought to light in 1839 and 1847 (Lanciani, *Forma Urbis*, 11). Opposite to the Tomba della Medusa, the Vicolo dell' Osteria, which probably follows the line of an ancient road, diverges S. to the Porta Tiburtina: a branch from it to the E., perhaps following an ancient line (*infra*, 93), leads to the Vigna Querini, where some interesting ancient tufa quarries were discovered in 1872 (*Bull. Inst.* 1872, 68; *Bull. Com.* 1872, 6; 1888, 18; Lanciani, *Ruins and Excavations*, 33).

Beyond the Policlinico the course of the road is not traceable, but if prolonged it would fall into the line of the modern highroad near the point where it is joined by the so-called Via Cupa (*infra*, 93), *i.e.* where it turns almost at right angles from N.N.E. to E. The fact that this change of direction brings it into the same straight line with the road from the Porta Viminalis is certainly an argument in favour of the claim of the latter to be regarded as the original Via Tiburtina. The question is, in fact, one of considerable difficulty, and with the evidence at our disposal it is difficult to arrive at a definite conclusion.

We may now return to the Porta Tiburtina, and follow the line taken by the modern road.

The Porta Tiburtina was made up of two parts—the outer portion was formed by the arch constructed by Augustus to carry the aqueduct of the

Marcia, Tepula and Iulia over the road, on the outside of which Honorius added another arch and two towers flanking it.¹ The inner arch was also constructed by Honorius; he restored the walls in 400 A.D. as the inscription (*C.I.L.* vi. 1190) records—‘egestis immensis rudibus’: compare the identical inscriptions of the Porta Portese and the Porta Maggiore (*ibid.* 1188, 1189). The meaning of this phrase is, according to Lanciani (*Ruins and Excavations of Ancient Rome*, 73), that ‘Stilicho and Honorius found the walls almost buried under a mass of rubbish and refuse:’² and as they had neither time nor means to clear the rubbish away, they levelled it on the spot, and raised at once the level of that strip of city land from 9 to 13 feet. The thresholds of the Portae Flaminia, Tiburtina, Praenestina and Ostiensis of Honorius are as much as this above those of the time of Aurelian.’ The whole of the inner arch was removed by Pius IX. in 1869. The tower on the right hand of the gate has in its base some travertine blocks from a tomb, one of which bears the inscription *C.I.L.* vi. 23381. According to Nibby (*Viaggio*, i. 96; *Analisi*, iii. 639) the pavement of the road was discovered not far outside the gate in excavating for the foundations of a church, and below it two earlier pavements (cf. also Lanciani in *Mon. Linc.* i. 476).

Nibby remarks that, besides the discovery of the pavement, the existence of tombs on each side demonstrates that the modern road coincides with the ancient. Promis (*Alba Fucense*, 15) notes a slight deviation of the modern road to the left about 300 yards outside the gate, so that it cut through the remains of a piscina and some tombs, while paving-stones were to be seen high up on the right. The road then entered into a cutting through the tufa: here the modern road ran to the right of the ancient, which kept straight on through the vineyards, being rejoined by the modern after something less than a mile, a little before the Via Cupa is reached. This account is of considerable interest, since the construction of a new quarter has completely altered the appearance of the Via Tiburtina between the gate and S. Lorenzo, all traces of antiquity having entirely disappeared.

¹ Platner (*Topography of Ancient Rome*, 120) attributes the foundations of the towers to Aurelian.

² The roads apparently ran at the old level, while these huge heaps of rubbish accumulated on either side of them: when the rubbish was levelled down, the roads were correspondingly raised. Cf. *Mon. Linc.* i, 476, ‘la via Tiburtina dei tempi di Augusto corre a tre metri sotto la soglia della porta di Onorio, ed è fiancheggiata da sepolcri costruiti a bugna di sperone, e da colombai di maniera reticolata.’

At some point before the first milestone was reached the tomb of Pallas, the freedman of Claudius, was situated (Plin. *Epist.* vii. 29, viii. 6).

Recent discoveries made between the gate and the church of S. Lorenzo are recorded in *Not. Scav.* and *Bull. Com. passim*; while for those of earlier periods, Vacca, *mem.* 108 (*infra*, 92); Aldroandi, *mem.* 26; Bartoli, *mem.* 136–138, *Antichi Sepolcri*, 99, may be consulted. In the excavations made when the tramway station was constructed in the Vigna Venturi, on the left just outside the gate, the columbarium of the Aurunceii was found, with many of the inscriptions still *in situ* (*C.I.L.* vi. 13402–13414); and 400 fragments of sculptures of peperino were brought to light when the wall of the vineyard, as material for which they had served, was demolished. The pavement of the road was also found *in situ*, with tombs on each side of it (*Not. Scav.* 1878, 346). A little further on, shortly before the modern cemetery is reached, a marble sarcophagus, with the original gilding and painting still preserved, was discovered (*ibid.* 1884, 42, 105).

The original basilica of S. Lorenzo was erected by Constantine, and enlarged and restored by Pelagius II. at the end of the sixth century. Sixtus III. built a larger basilica back to back with it, and the two were united by Honorius III., who also built the portico in front. The date of the foundation of the *castellum* at S. Lorenzo for the protection of the church seems to have been the end of the 12th century (*Bull. Crist.* 1903, 127), and not the 9th, as Lanciani, who reproduces a sketch of it by Heemskerck (*Ruins and Excavations*, 85), conjectures. Walls are shown round three sides of the church (not the E.) in the engraving of the Seven Churches, published by Lafreri for the Jubilee of 1575 (no. 13 in the collection which was once in the possession of Mr. Quaritch—see *Papers*, ii. 80), and traces of them were still visible in the time of Urban VIII.

The name 'Campo Verano,' by which the modern cemetery is usually known, is of classical origin, coming perhaps from the possessors of the ground in Roman times (Marucchi, *Catacombe romane* (1903), 300). In one of the crypts of the extensive catacomb of S. Cyriaca S. Lawrence was buried ('venientesque in praedium viduae Cyriacae via Tiburtina . . . illic deposuerunt eum in Cyriacae viduae praedio in agro Verano'), and a site for the Constantinian basilica was only obtained by cutting away the rock and thus destroying a portion of the catacomb, in order to bring the tomb

of the saint into its right position in the church—that is, in the centre of it, immediately in front of the apse (Marucchi, *op. cit.* 313). Many inscriptions from the catacomb have been found in the successive enlargements of the cemetery, and have been arranged on the spot.

Many other discoveries have been, and are still, made in the cemetery from time to time. In *Bull. Inst.* 1869, 227, a road is described as having been found at a depth of 3·40 mètres below the modern ground level, under the portico at the entrance to the cemetery, with a steep slope from N. to S., and diverging about 30° from the line of its smaller side.¹ Beneath it ran a cloaca, in which were found tiles bearing the stamps *C.I.L.* xv. 1234, 1346, and a stamp (not more particularly described) of the *figlinae Domitianae*, and into which drained the buildings on each side of the road. *Bull. Com.* 1872–3, 21 records the discovery of a statue of Hercules and a small shrine of Terra Mater. The waterpipe *C.I.L.* xv. 7378 was also found here; another, *ibid.* 7461, is vaguely described as having been found outside the Porta S. Lorenzo.

An interesting inscription is that of Statilia Euhodia, found in what was once the Vigna Torlonia (now a part of the cemetery), among the remains of a columbarium (so a note in Stevenson, *Cod. Vat.* 10565, f. 36^v), which speaks of the tomb thus: ‘hoc moni[men]tum sive sepulchrum quod est via Tiburtina clivo Bassilli parte laeva, quod est conclusum in fr(onte) a maceria Caes[i]ae Paulinae’ (*Not. Scav.* 1890, 355; *Bull. Com.* 1890, 335; *C.I.L.* vi. 36364). Hülsen (*Röm. Mitt.* 1891, 112) infers that the clivus Bassilli was a road leading northwards from the Via Tiburtina, but this involves the acceptance of the theory (see below) that the road found in the Campo Verano was the Via Tiburtina: and it would seem that ‘parte laeva’ may just as well be referred to the clivus as to the main road.

In *Not. Scav.* 1877, 271 (cf. *Bull. Com.* 1878, 20) it is stated that the pavement of the Via Tiburtina was discovered on the hill in which the catacomb of S. Cyriaca is excavated, crossing the point known as Il Pincetto, which is just N.E. of the basilica, from the tomb of the Antonelli family to what was then the Vigna Caracciolo: and in *Not. Scav.* 1893, 519 the

¹ The description is vague—‘larger side’ would have been more correct, unless indeed the meaning is that the slope is across the axis of the road. But this is improbable, and it is most likely that this is a portion of the road from the Porta Maggiore to S. Lorenzo, the pavement of which was discovered in 1881 in a vineyard at a depth of 10 mètres below the present ground level, together with a tomb (*Bull. Com.* 1881, 203; *C.I.L.* vi. 22076). If this is so, the line of the road is not correctly given in *Papers*, i. map i.

existence of a piece of pavement is noted 'on the E. of the so-called "rupe Caracciolo," in plot no. 93 of the cemetery,' which would probably have belonged to the same road, though the details are too meagre to enable one to form an opinion, not even the exact direction in which the road was running being given. In any case, no decisive proof is adduced that the road was anything more than a *deverticulum*; and it may be noted that it is impossible to find any trace of an ancient road in the space to the E. of the cemetery, between it and the railway, or, indeed, of any ancient buildings—a somewhat surprising fact, since this piece of ground commands a fine view. To the S. of the cemetery, however, and a little to the E. of the Villa Rocco (*Papers*, i. map i.) there are scanty remains of a villa, which seems to have been a building of considerable extent.

In *Bull. Com.* 1896, 295, among the *Atti della Commissione Archeologica Comunale*, it is stated that a large archaeological plan of the first portion of the Via Tiburtina had been constructed under the direction of the late Henry Stevenson. The statement seems, however, to have been somewhat premature, for though the framework of the plan exists at the office of the Commission, no archaeological discoveries are shown upon it! This is a real misfortune, for the finds made in recent years have been many: and such a problem as the present might have been far easier of solution had we the whole of the evidence before us.

In Stevenson's MS. notes (*Vat. Lat.* 10565, f. 36^v) there are copies of one or two inscriptions from the first portion of the Via Tiburtina which have not yet been published. I therefore give them here.

1. 9 Oct. 1878. Vigna Venturi, 20 mètres from the entrance to the E. A Christian inscription on white marble.

(Here was also found the waterpipe *C.I.L.* xv. 7436.)

Stevenson gives another fragment (in Latin) of which little can be made out.

2. 'Campo Verano presso l'antico magazzino sul Pincetto.

D
SEX · CALPVRNIO non è in *C.I.L.*
GEMELLO
ecc

3. A fragment of a terracotta vase (perhaps an olla) with letters painted on it in white

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found by Stevenson himself in April, 1891, on the hill then under conversion into a part of the cemetery between the Casale and Portonaccio. He conjectures that the meaning may be [ego] sum Ius[ti], the number of years following in the second line.

4. On f. 37 he gives the following Christian inscription :

VPERORVM DEFENSO
OMES SVOS DECEP
D IN PACE DXI KALIVLI
IVS REERICERET.

5. On f. 37^v he notes the following inscription from some MS. the reference to which is not clear :

SEPTIMIVS RVFVS
MAGISTER · SYMMAE

'Romae e rudibus erutis in vinea quae est sita supra Coemeterium secus viam Tiburtinam paulo infra basilicam S. Laurentii.'

We may also notice that Vacca (mem. 108) records the discovery at a casale called La Marmorata, outside Porta S. Lorenzo, of a travertine sarcophagus with a vase of alabastro cotognino inside it, within which were the ashes of a woman and some of her ornaments. It was, he says, not far from the place (on the Via Praenestina, outside Porta S. Lorenzo) where he puts the discovery of the forged inscription *C.I.L.* vi. 3443a*. Stern (*Collezione di pavimenti classici a mosaico*, 22) figures a pavement from the Villa Brancadoro, outside the Porta S. Lorenzo, which is now in the Gabinetto di pitture antiche at the Vatican.

A further argument against the view that the Via Tiburtina passed through the Campo Verano is the fact that, on the left of the modern highroad, under the Vigna Gori, opposite to the Campo Verano, is the catacomb of S. Hippolytus, which, had it not been divided from that of S. Cyriaca by the Via Tiburtina, would not have had a name of its own (De Rossi, *Bull. Crist.* 1882, 11 *sqq.*). The Einsiedeln itinerary, indeed, puts it clearly: 'In via Tiburtina foris murum. In sinistra s(an)c(t)i ypoliti [*sic*]. In dextera s(an)c(t)i Laurentii' (*Mon. Linc.* i. 441). The statue of the saint (now in the Lateran) which was found here is important as being a genuine production of Christian art of the 3rd century after Christ (Marucchi, *op. cit.* 320). The casale is built upon the oratory of S. Genesisius (*Bull. Crist.* 1882, 52; Marucchi, *Catacombe*, 339), the major axis of which is parallel to the line of the highroad. It is marked C on map i. Traces of buildings similarly orientated are to be seen to the S. of it.

If, indeed, Promis' account (*supra*, 88) is correct, the ancient road ran slightly to the N.W. of the modern, though no traces of it can now be seen. In any case, the cutting on the N.W. side of the latter, opposite to S. Lorenzo, has been widened in recent times, as some opus reticulatum and a drain cut in the rock may still be seen in the bank, and there are fragments of brick in the vineyard above.

Not far off, in the time of Clement XI., in a vineyard which had belonged to the Piccolomini, but was at the time the property of the Colonnese family of Velletri, a tomb with a sepulchral chamber in travertine was discovered, and in it a fine vase of porphyry about 3 palms (2 feet) in height, containing human bones, and a gold ring with a sardonyx set in it, upon which was carved the figure of a Chimaera. The urn passed to the Villa Albani (Ficoroni, *Gemmae antiquae*, 116) and is now in the Museo Pio-Clementino.

The branch lane going E. from the Vicolo dell' Osteria would, if prolonged, join the Via Tiburtina close to S. Lorenzo; but whether it follows the line of an ancient road is not certain. On its S. edge is a wall of opus reticulatum and concrete. A little way further on a lane diverges to the N. which Gori (*op. cit.* 73) calls the Vicolo delle Mattonelle; no traces of antiquity are visible along it.

Beyond this again the lane called Via Cupa comes into the highroad—at about the point where the road from the Porta Chiusa, if prolonged, would fall into its line (*supra*, 87). This lane appears to follow an

ancient line ; the cutting made for it N.E. of the Policlinico is of considerable depth, and paving-stones have recently been seen in it (Promis, *op. cit.* 17 ; Gori, *loc. cit.*—who says that remains of several ancient villas are to be seen along it, a statement which I have not been able to confirm—Lanciani, *Forma Urbis*, 4, 11). A columbarium found at the point where it enters the Via Tiburtina, but not properly excavated, is mentioned by Lanciani (*Bull. Com.* 1885, 108 ; cf. *C.I.L.* vi. 33774, 33794). Those buried in it belonged to the household of the younger Antonia, the wife of Drusus, brother of Tiberius. The 'Vigna Nardi, in the tenuta di Tor Sanguigna,' which is near the Vigna Gori-Fortunati along the Via Cupa, was the scene of excavations in June, 1862. Here was found the sepulchral inscription Kaibel, *I.G.I.* 2134, and also the brickstamp *C.I.L.* xv. 603a (about 140 A.D.). In the Vigna Savini, on the right, apparently, along the Via Cupa, a marble vase full of gold coins was found in 1682 (Bartoli, *mem.* 99, in Fea, *Misc.* i. 250).

A little further on, the highroad crosses the railway to Florence. The construction of the bridge led to the discovery of a series of underground passages intended for use as cisterns, with vertical shafts 1·03 metre in diameter, and converted into a place of burial in the first century B.C. In them were found five white clay pots, used for incineration, three of which had the name of the deceased painted on them. See *Not. Scav.* 1883, 171 ; 1890, 135 ; *Bull. Com.* 1884, 54. A similar series of pots was found in 1732–3 near the church of S. Cesareo on the Via Appia (*C.I.L.* vi. p. 1103), but in that instance the name of the deceased was inscribed upon a piece of bone placed inside the pot with the ashes.

The discovery of tombs *a capanna*, in which the tiles bore the stamps *C.I.L.* xv. 408b, 730, proved that the use of these cisterns as places of burial continued till the 3rd century A.D. Other tombs of an ordinary character are described in *Not. Scav.* 1883, 131.

Not far off, several fragmentary statues belonging probably to the 3rd century A.D. were discovered (*id.* 1885, 159), while in the construction of the station itself some remains of walls in opus reticulatum were found, and also some tombs *a capanna* formed of tiles bearing the stamps *C.I.L.* xv. 904, e, f, which belong to the time of Trajan (*id.* 1889, 367 ; 1890, 15).

The name Portonaccio ('ruined gateway') belongs to the entrance gate into the farm on the S. of the road (which now belongs to Prince Torlonia) and has been extended to the farm itself.

The casale must occupy the site of a Roman villa: an embanking wall to the S.W. of it contains some ancient construction of rectangular blocks of tufa measuring 25×9 cm., with courses of inferior mortar 1.25 to 1.5 cm. thick. To the S.S.E. of the casale is a reservoir—a single chamber measuring about 17.6×3.9 mètres inside, with opus reticulatum and brick facing: it stands high, having a vaulted chamber beneath it, which seems to have served merely as a foundation.

On the top of the hill, to the E., quarrying operations have brought to light—and in large measure destroyed—the remains of a large villa with walls of opus reticulatum. At its eastern extremity stands a circular structure, apparently a tomb, with a domed concrete roof. The interior, 6.2 mètres in diameter, is lighted by four slit windows and faced with brickwork: the entrance was apparently on the N. side, where there is an opening about 1.8 m. in width, but the earth within is up to the level of the spring of its arch: on the three other sides are rectangular niches, 0.9 m. in width. The building has double walls, the inner being 0.9 m. thick, the outer, faced with opus reticulatum, and supported by eight buttresses about 0.6 m. in width, 0.7 m. thick: the interval between the two walls is 0.48 m. It cannot have served for drainage, both owing to its position well above the original floor level, and to the fact that it is interrupted by some of the buttresses, and must have been merely for dryness. The drum of a tufa column 0.5 m. in diameter, which lies here, belongs probably to the villa, and not to this tomb, in which there is, so far as can be seen, no place for it.

Further to the N.E., and not very far from the highroad, are the remains of an extensive villa in opus reticulatum with tufa quoins, much damaged by quarrying operations: two black and white mosaic pavements are still *in situ*, though not cleared.

To the S.E. again, to the E. of Casale Bruciato, there is much débris, which looks like that of a modern building constructed of ancient materials. The site, overlooking the valley of the Fosso Gottifredi, is a fine one. The hill is full of pozzolana quarries, and a circular shaft with footholes, to the S.W. of Casale Bruciato, and possibly of Roman date, is probably connected with them, so that parts of them may be ancient.

The construction of the fort on the right of the road, some 500 yards to the N.N.E., led to the discovery of a large and splendid villa, belonging to the first century A.D. A part of it, lying to the S. of the fort itself, was

excavated, and was found to be built in opus reticulatum without the admixture of brickwork: here was discovered the bottom of a glass bottle bearing the mark *C.I.L.* xv. 6987. Recently trees have been planted here, and these remains have come to light once more in the holes that have been dug for them: a small portion of an arched chamber still remains above ground.

The drainage of the villa was extremely well arranged, all the rainwater being carefully collected and conveyed by shafts into a network of passages cut in the rock and lined with cement. At the bottom of one of these shafts a statue of Apollo was found, while in the villa itself a male draped figure, of the type of an Aesculapius, was discovered (*Not. Scav.* 1884, 43, 81, 106).

The tract of country bounded by the highroad on the S., the railway on the W., and the Anio on the N. and E., forms the Tenuta di Pietralata, and contains extensive tufa quarries, some of which may be ancient, as remains of antiquity are extremely scanty, though the site is fine. Opposite the S. end of the railway station at Portonaccio, in a cutting made in connexion with it, are traces of a villa, and remains of foundations may be seen in the same cutting opposite the N. end of the station (*supra*, 94).

About a kilomètre further to the N., on a hill above the railway, is a small water reservoir, but no trace of any building to which it could have belonged. This ruin lies about a mile due W. of the Casale Pietralata, which appears to occupy an ancient site, as there are at it two Composite capitals of white marble 33 cm. in diameter, a drum of a peperino column 59 cm. in diameter, and other fragments. On the S. side of the casale there are remains of a late concrete floor, and to the S.W. the ruins of a building in tufa concrete of the late classical or early mediaeval period, in which it would seem that reticulatum cubes have been used as material. By the farm road are the remains of a small water reservoir. The construction of the fort, a little way to the N., led only to the discovery of a rectangular well shaft, 3.50 mètres in depth (*Not. Scav.* 1883, 172).

Half a mile beyond the railway bridge, close to the point where the Aqua Virgo passes under the highroad, a road goes off to the S. into some quarries, which may possibly have been an ancient deverticulum, as there are remains of a tomb in opus reticulatum close by. There are, however, no traces of it further to the S., and the tomb is not perhaps too far

off to belong to the main road. For the next mile and a half, visible traces of antiquity are wanting, but the line of the ancient road cannot have differed much from that taken by the modern. In 1880 its pavement was discovered between the 3rd and 4th kilomètre at the entrance to the fort, 35 mètres to the right of the modern road (*Not. Scav.* 1880, 479). Revillas notes 'verso il 3° miglio (moderno) osteria fabbricata sopra le ruine d'antico sepolcro.' Near the 4th milestone stood the Villa of Regulus the advocate mentioned by Martial, *Epig.* i. 12 (cf. i. 82), 'Itur ad Herculeas gelidi qua Tiburis arces canaque sulphureis Albula fumat aquis, rura nemusque sacrum dilectaque iugera Musis signat vicina quartus ab urbe lapis.' Some authors have taken 'urbs' to refer to Tibur, but this is unlikely: the second line is a description of the Via Tiburtina, and must not be pressed too closely. The remains of a reservoir on the left which Promis (*op. cit.* 19) attributes to it have very likely disappeared: in any case I have not seen them.

Just before the 5th kilomètre stone the modern road diverges to the left of the ancient, and crosses the Anio by a new bridge, returning to the ancient line after about a mile. The ancient road, now abandoned, runs straight to the Anio, which it crosses by the old Ponte Mammolo.¹ The origin of the name is doubtful: in a document of 1030 A.D. it appears as Pons Mammi, in another of 1100 as Pons Mammaeus (Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 578). It is generally supposed to have had originally three arches, one large and two small, though Promis (*op. cit.* 20) believes that it had two of equal size: it was built of blocks of tufa and travertine, the latter being employed for the facing: and it was, probably, like the Ponte Nomentano and the Ponte Salario, restored by Narses after its destruction by Totila (Nibby, *loc. cit.*).

It has, however, been rebuilt in modern times. The French official report of the damage caused in the siege of 1849 to those buildings of Rome which had any artistic or archaeological interest (*Rapport de la Commission Mixte instituée à Rome pour constater les dégâts*, 42, issued by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs—Paris: Imprimerie Nationale, 1850) gives the following account:—'Ce pont se trouve à 9 (*sic*) milles de Rome et sur la voie Tiburtine. Il est célèbre dans l'histoire par le traité qui y fut signé entre le pape Pascal II. et l'empereur Henri IV. ;

¹ On its S.E. edge, not far before the bridge is reached, is the rectangular concrete foundation of a tomb with one block of travertine still *in situ*.

la rivière servit à séparer les deux armées. Les Français furent contraints à rompre la seule arche antique dont ce pont est composé. L'ouverture présente une longueur de 16 m. sur une largeur de 4 m. 50 (the total width of the bridge, which Promis, *loc. cit.*, gives at 4·85 m.), et une profondeur totale de 1 m. 45 y compris l'épaisseur du pavé. Cette opération a causé le déplacement et la disjonction de cinq pierres en travertin, au cintre de l'arche du côté où l'eau sort du pont: c'est pourquoi la restauration doit être prompte, afin que le reste du pont ne vienne pas à s'écrouler. Le dommage est évalué 4,000 écus.' Only one of the side-arches now exists—that on the right bank: it is of brickwork of a late period. The bridge is a remarkably narrow one, being, as we have seen, only 4·50 mètres wide. This is the normal width of a Roman highroad,¹ but the bridges are as a rule somewhat wider, and Promis, noting that the bridges of the Via Valeria beyond Tivoli are 7·25 mètres wide, attributes it to an early period. Among the blocks of travertine employed by Narses, on the side looking up-stream were two bearing fragments of inscriptions probably from tombs: one bore the letters [L] E N T V L, the other the letters O N.²

Nibby (*Analisi*, i. 457) mentions the existence of traces of an ancient bridge over a stream which he calls the Marrana, near its junction with the Anio, pointing to the existence of a deverticulum intended to give access to the quarries and connecting the Via Tiburtina with the Via Collatina, which, according to him, was also prolonged to the Via Praenestina, passing near Tor Sapienza. Close to it were other remains in reticulatum.

Traces of a bridge are in fact to be seen close to the point where the Fosso Gottifredi and the Fosso Bocca di Leone join and fall into the Anio. These remains consist of a line of three courses of tufa blocks about 15 mètres in length, adjacent to which is a mass of concrete 3·10 mètres thick, and beyond that again, projecting into the stream, another line of blocks of tufa: 30 yards further up are similar remains, probably belonging to the supporting wall of the road, which must have skirted the left bank of the Anio, and have joined the Via Tiburtina slightly further W., and just before it passes over the Ponte Mammolo.

¹ Uggeri, *Giornata a Tivoli*, 15, says that he found the width of the road at various points further on to be only 12 feet, and that it was the narrowest Roman highroad that he knew. Cf. also *infra*, 101, 114, and, for a much greater width, 120, 124, 126.

² Uggeri, *Vues des Environs de Rome*, vol. xviii. (Tivoli), Pl. IV, gives a view of the bridge, showing the position of these blocks.

Upon the left bank of the Anio, about 25 yards below the bridge, are three courses of blocks of tufa, forming a foundation of some sort, the nature of which is uncertain. Shortly after crossing it the Via Tiburtina turns from N.N.E. to N. by W. (at the turn are the remains of a tomb) and then to N.N.E. again. The inscription published in *Bull. Com.* 1878, 235 n., is built into a wall on the W. of the road ; it does not seem to have found its way into *C.I.L.* vi.

At the second turn a deverticulum diverges almost due N. Two or three tombs belonging to it are visible before it crosses the modern road, and also on both sides of the cutting of the latter. To the N. of this many more of its tombs and the line of the road itself may be clearly seen. Excavations were made in 1878, and are described by Stevenson in *Bull. Com.* 1878, 215 *sqq.* Most of the inscriptions found belonged to the end of the Republican period. Fabretti (*De Aquis*, Diss. iii. tab. i.) marks the road running on past the Casale S. Basilio until it falls into the Via Nomentana. Whether it passed W. or E. of the Ruderii del Coazzo is uncertain : in the first case it would join the Via Nomentana at the point where the so-called Strada Vecchia di Palombara leaves it ; in the second it would fall into the latter road after the divergence. The former seems more probable, as it appears to have kept just W. of the Casale S. Basilio, which is in part built upon an ancient reservoir : the villa which it supplied lay to the E.¹ To the W. of this road runs a track, keeping parallel to it at first, but soon diverging due W. : it is merely a modern quarry road. In these quarries, in 1888, the fossil remains of very large animals were found (*Not. Scav.* 1888, 392).

The road described by Stevenson has recently been destroyed by

¹ Excavations made at S. Basilio by Castellani (apparently on behalf of Antonio d'Este, director of the Vatican Museum—cf. *Mon. Sabini*, i. 225) in 1811 are described by Guattani (*Mem. encicl.* vii. 83). A building of *opus reticulatum*, decorated with paintings, and later on converted into a tomb, was found : in it was a large sarcophagus, 13 palms long, 6 high, 6 wide (the measurements are given as $15 \times 11 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ in *Mon. Sabini*, *loc. cit.*) (a palm is 0.2223 mètre), very roughly worked, within which were two bodies dressed in cloth of gold, of which Nibby (*Analisi*, i. 288) says that the costume was thought to belong to the 6th century A.D. A marble cornice was found with the names P. CORNELIVS and IVLIA CORNELIA and fragments of other inscriptions bore the name of the same gens—among them possibly, as Tomassetti conjectures (*op. cit.* 38, n. 1), *C.I.L.* vi. 16111.

Some way to the E. of the Casale S. Basilio is the Casale Monastero, at which is a rectangular building in inferior brickwork : the interior, with a large niche on each side and an apse at the end, measures about 8 by 7 mètres : the ceiling has quadripartite vaulting. A marble door-jamb and a fragment of the cornice over the door are still *in situ*. Foundations of other buildings may be seen close by. To the S.W. are the remains of a villa.

a quarry railway for some portion of its course. About 150 yards along the cutting on its W. side an arch is seen with a span of 1·23 mètre, no doubt a small culvert under the road, with which it is not quite at right angles. The section of the road itself is also clearly seen; the bottom layer of large chips of selce is about 25 cm. thick, and then comes a gravel layer of about 30 cm. which seems to have formed its surface (*op. cit.* 216).

Traces of the two different lines of the road as made out by Stevenson can be seen at the N. end of the cutting. A little further on, to the W. of the road, the quarry railway has cut through the remains of a fine villa, originally constructed in neat *opus reticulatum* with tufa quoins, but restored in rougher work. Below it are passages about 3 feet wide and 6 high cut in the tufa and lined with cement, which, as was frequently the case, were used as water cisterns. A dolium found here bore the stamp

 C · VIDIVS
 FELIX · FE

and on the edge was scratched in letters 6 cm. high

CNIINIANI (Cn(aei)(A)eliani?).

Several paving-stones which were found about the ruins probably belonged to a *deverticulum* leading to the villa from the road we have just described. On the E. side of this road are remains of vaulted structures in *opus reticulatum* and mounds which seem to conceal other ruins.

In one of these tufa quarries, but within the limits of the Tenuta di Aguzzano (*supra*, 53), two sepulchral inscriptions were discovered in 1904; one is the tombstone of M. Aurelius Asclepiades and Aurelia Salva and a large number of their freedmen and freedwomen, the other is that of M. Gavius Amphio Mus, a freedman of M. Gavius Maximus, identified by Gatti with a praefectus praetorio of that name under Antoninus Pius, who held office for 20 years (*Prosop. Imp. Rom.* ii. p. 112). Both inscriptions are given in *Not. Scav.* 1904, 106, the second only in *Bull. Com.* 1904, 201.

The Via Tiburtina may return to the modern road shortly after Ponte Mammolo, though its exact course is somewhat uncertain. A road appears running due E. in a quarry just to the N. of the 7th kilomètre of the modern highroad;¹ but, as the pavement is about 1 mètre below the present level

¹ A sepulchral inscription discovered 'in a vineyard near the 7th kilomètre' is published in *Bull. Com.* 1899, 262.

of the soil, it is not traceable further in either direction without the aid of excavation. The width is 3·5 mètres (12 feet), which is below the average for the main road (the identification would, besides, involve an apparently useless turn) ; and the section of its bed is complete. Under the paving-stones of selce comes a layer of gravel 0·35 mètre thick, then blocks of tufa for about 0·8 mètre, then another layer of gravel 0·35 mètre thick. On each side of the road itself is a crepido of large tufa blocks, 58 to 60 cm. wide, and beyond this again a footpath, paved with blocks of tufa resting on gravel, 3·40 mètres wide on the N. and 2·25 mètres on the S. side. Beyond the road there is a tomb on the W. side of the quarry, still retaining part of the facing of cement in the interior, and on the E. side a water reservoir and other buildings in opus reticulatum, all of which are parallel to the line of the road. A little to the N.W. is a puteus cut in the rock, and provided with footholes. Some of these remains must have been visible in the time of Nibby, as he (*Schede*, iv. 10) notes the remains of a tomb between the 7th and 8th kilomètres of the modern road. Revillas, too, mentions a tomb on the left at the 5th mile, and so does Promis (*op. cit.* 24) at 5½ miles out. On the S. of the road are extensive remains of a villa in opus reticulatum with tufa quoins.

In the field to the E. of the quarry I saw a block of white marble lying loose, bearing the following inscription—certainly a quarry mark :

Cf. Bruzza, *Ann. Inst.* 1870, 110, for similar marks. If ROC may be interpreted as R(ationis) LOC(O), then we have 'rationis¹ loco DXCIV.' The number would refer to the number of blocks already taken from the locus or compartment of the mine.

It may be interesting to quote Revillas' remarks on this portion of the road.

'Hinc (from just beyond S. Lorenzo) absque ulla notabili obliquitate vetus recensque via simul contendunt ad Anienis usque pontem, quem Mammulum vocant Ultra pontem nonnihil sinistrorsum declinat via

¹ Hirschfeld (*op. cit. supra*, 66 n., p. 163, note 4) rejects Bruzza's interpretation, R(ationis), preferring R(ecognitum) as suggested by Dressel, who compares a similar mark on amphorae (*C.I.L.* xv. p. 562, i.).

Praedii muris obsecundans quod La Vanina¹ appellant. Murus porro antiquis parietinis alicubi superstructus videtur, sed sepulcrorumne an alterius aedificii rudera haec sint, facile non est decernere. Vetus porro via magis adhuc sinistrorsum declinabat, et antiquum viatrium paullo ultra emittebat in Nomentanam, ut arbitrator, tendens. Recens vero recta tendens veteri iterum iungebatur ad alium pariter antiquum pontem sub quo rivus qui *Magugliani*² dicitur ad proximum Anienem properat. Distat autem hic pons duo circiter Milliaria a praecedenti quem Mammulum appellavimus.

‘Fabrettus in Tabula Topographica libro de Aquaeductibus iuncta³ veterem viam non nisi prope VIII ab urbe lapide recenti coniunxit. At in emendatiore altera quam in Apologemate contra Gronovium edidit,⁴ mox memorati pontis antiquitatem fortasse animadvertens, utramque viam [the rest is lost].’

It will be seen that Revillas⁵ has detected a great deal of the truth, though it is difficult to suppose that the ancient road did not fall into the line taken by the modern until the bridge over the Fosso di Pratolungo: one would rather be inclined to think that they coincide from a point a little to the E. of the 7th kilomètre.⁵ Fabretti's original view is still further removed from the truth; while in his later map the sharp bend up to Torre Vergata seems incorrect, though if the calculation given below (p. 109, n.) represents Revillas' final idea, it would seem that he held the same view, which is also to be found in Ameti's map. Torre Vergata is probably a tower just S. of the Casale di Pratolungo, but on the left bank of the Fosso di Pratolungo, of which only the foundations remain. The name ‘vergata’ means striped, *i.e.* it must have been constructed in bands of differently coloured materials. There seems to be no basis for the supposition that the road ever ascended through the dip just to the S. of this

¹ This is the casale on the W. edge of the ancient road, between it and the river.

² Elsewhere in his papers Revillas notes at the 6th mile of the modern road, ‘Ponte antico sotto l'osteria detta la Casetta de' Cavallari posta a mano dritta. Vedonsi dalla stessa parte in lontananza i rottami d'antico luogo’ (the reference is perhaps to some mediaeval ruins N. of the 8th kilomètre of the modern road).

³ Diss. iii. Tab. i.

⁴ Cf. the map of the *Dorsum Praenestinum et Tusculanum* added to the 2nd edition (*opp.* p. 90).

⁵ Cf. Eschinardi (ed Venuti, 1750), *Descrizione di Roma e dell' Agro Romano*, 235: ‘La strada fin qua (Settecamini) è tortuosa, e arenosa, il che non credo fosse dell' antica Via Tiburtina, vedendosi a luogo a luogo vestigi dell' antica via selciata.’ He does not however tell us on which side of the modern road, nor at what points, these fragments of pavement were to be seen.

tower.¹ As to the ancient bridge referred to, the bridge which carries the modern road over the Fosso di Pratolungo (called also Fosso di Marco Simone) is entirely modern, and that this is the stream meant is clear from Fabretti's map. The smaller stream to the W. of it has immediately on the S. of the modern bridge a small culvert of inferior construction, which Revillas would hardly have taken for Roman work.

Just beyond the Casale dei Cavallari, the ancient road ran slightly to the S. of the modern, following the line of the fieldwall: indeed in March, 1905, I saw many of its paving-stones which had recently been removed. To the E. of the 9th kilomètre the cutting made for the road is noticeable. To the N. of the road on the hill a tomb was discovered in 1656, formed of tiles, with a dedicatory inscription (obviously removed from elsewhere) to Sanctus Silvanus—according to a document in the Chigi Library, *Cod. I. vi. 205 f. 148* (quoted by Fea, *Miscellanea*, i. 110).

Half a mile further, on the left of the road, are the remains of an extensive villa; part of a water reservoir, cut in the rock and lined with cement, is still preserved, but the rest has been quarried away.² At this point the modern road still coincides with the ancient. A little further on, the Osteria dei Settecimini is reached. Here Revillas notes, 'Osteria del Forno (a name which it also bears), rottami di marmi, segni d'antichi sepolcri.'³ He also notes the tombs described in the text between this point and Tavernucolo.

To the S. of the road are extensive tufa quarries, which must to a considerable extent be of ancient origin, like those on the S. bank of the Anio (cf. *Papers*, i. 141).

The Torre S. Eusebio has at its base a number of slabs of travertine, some 'rusticated,' some not, which come from a Roman building—perhaps a tomb—but are not *in situ*. A garden wall close to it contains a considerable number of blocks of tufa 62 cm. high, possibly taken from the same building.

¹ There are, however, indications of paving in the bank of the stream, belonging to a road ascending to the N.E. of the tower, which must have joined the Via Tiburtina at the 10th kilomètre.

² On the higher ground to the W. and N. are the remains of other buildings.

³ The inscriptions *C.I.L.* vi. 1933, 13143 were copied here in the 18th century.

II.—FROM SETTECAMINI TO PONTE LUCANO.

At Settecamini a road known as the Strada Vecchia di Montecelio diverges to the left, running in a north-easterly direction, which it will be more convenient to describe at once. The cuttings by which it is taken through the hills are an almost sufficient indication of its antiquity, which is demonstrated by the existence of the paving *in situ* at a point rather over two miles from Settecamini. For some miles the only remains of antiquity¹ to be seen are several water reservoirs, some of them of considerable size, proving that water was somewhat scarce in the district. The first three of these lie close to the road, at intervals of nearly a mile, the second of them—in the Riserva dei Pisciarelli—is a very large one, divided into several chambers. Near the fountain half a mile to the W., Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 307) noticed in 1830 an inscribed cippus erected in honour of Ser. Calpurnius Dexter, consul ordinarius in 225 A.D. This and two other sepulchral inscriptions found at the same point were published in *Bull. Inst.* 1833, 64 by Borghesi and Kellermann (*C.I.L.* vi. 1368, 1485, 1486).² Two more reservoirs are in the neighbourhood of the Laghetto di Marco Simone, a basin—probably of volcanic origin—about 300 yards in diameter and 63 feet in depth, which is drained by an emissarium of uncertain (but quite possibly of Roman) date, cut through the rock on the N. side, and provided with ventilating shafts the sides of which are walled right down with mediaeval or modern masonry.

Half a mile N.E. of the Laghetto, and close to the road, upon a hill called the Monte dell' Incastro, there is an extremely well preserved nymphaeum, constructed entirely below ground, and so completely hidden that our attention was only directed to it by some bushes growing round the window by which we entered it. The interior is circular, six mètres in diameter and constructed of very good brickwork, probably of the latter half of the second century, with finely baked bricks and very thin courses of mortar, so that it was obviously intended to be exposed to

¹ To the N. in the Riserva dello Spavento are the remains of a water reservoir and of other buildings, and to the N. of it again a building with two square niches on each side and one at the E. end, the arches of which have large impost blocks of travertine. There are some blocks which look like paving-stones in a bridge on the path which runs N. to Marco Simone, not far from these ruins: but I have no certain proof that it follows the line of an ancient road.

² They are republished in *C.I.L.* xiv. 3993-5.

view. A brick cornice runs round the interior, and above this the domed roof, three mètres in height from the cornice, begins. This roof is decorated with plain white mosaic which is almost perfect: in the centre is a hole 0·9 mètre in diameter which gives light and air.

The window by which we entered is on the S.W. and begins just above the cornice; it is round-headed, and about 1·5 mètre high by 1·2 mètre wide: at the top of the arch is white mosaic like that of the dome, but the badness of the brickwork shows that the window is a later addition. Below the cornice on each side of the window is an arched semicircular niche, 1·7 mètre wide and 0·95 mètre deep, decorated with mosaic representing tendrils intertwined in blue and green on a white ground. The arch of each niche is constructed with ornamental bricks 0·43 mètre in length. Between the niches and the window marble corbels (now removed) were fixed in the brickwork. On the N.E. side, opposite the window, a large hole has been broken through the wall, which is 1·46 mètre in thickness, and not faced on the outside, showing that the building was underground when constructed. The lower part of the interior is full of débris up to 4 mètres below the cornice, and it is impossible, without clearing away the earth, to say what is the level of the floor, or where the entrance is. It is to be hoped that the building may one day be excavated, as it is well worth exploration.

To the N.E. of this nymphaeum are the ruins in brickwork of a large mediaeval building—a church or a *domusculata*. To the N.W. of the nymphaeum, at the trigonometrical point 119, are the remains of a considerable building, apparently of the Roman period: fragments of dolia and bricks lie scattered about, but there are no traces of marble, so that the site is probably that of a farmhouse. To the E., close to the N. side of the road, is the Torraccio dell' Inviolata,¹ which is built upon a tomb constructed of opus reticulatum and brickwork. The internal chamber is in the form of a Greek cross, entered from the S. side. The tomb was surrounded by an enclosing wall of opus reticulatum and brickwork, in which were curved niches, as may be seen on the E. side.

A kilomètre further on, the road we are now following divides into two, and both branches appear to be ancient. One goes straight on for

¹ The name Inviolata is a corruption of In Via Lata, the tenuta having been the property of the church of S. Maria in Via Lata (Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 157).

about a mile, then bears rather more to the N., and falls into the road from the Lago dei Tartari to Montecelio not far S.W. of the railway station of Montecelio.¹ From this point it probably led to the E., round the foot of the hill on which Montecelio stands, as well as to Montecelio itself (*infra*, 179). The other turns almost due N. at once, then goes N.E. through a cutting in the rock, and turns a trifle more to the N. again as it passes below the casale of Torre Mastorta.

There are no traces of other than mediaeval work at the casale, but a little way to the N.N.E. are the remains of a villa, while to the N. are two water reservoirs, the nearer a small single-chambered one above ground, now converted into a stable, the further a large single chamber sunk to some depth in the hill, with traces of a villa on the hilltop above it. Half a mile to the N. of the western one are insignificant remains upon the edge of a stream (the Fosso del Capo), to the W. of which, on the top of a hill, in the Tenuta del Pilo Rotto, may be seen some ruins, which were probably the scene of excavations made in 1822, when mosaic pavements in black and white, representing Tritons and Nereids, were discovered (Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 366).

The excavations are more exactly described by P. E. Visconti (*Memorie Romane di Antichità e di Belle Arti*, i. pt. 2, 10), who tells us that two pavements were discovered, the first of which, 18 palms by 11 (4 by 2·45 mètres), had only a geometrical pattern—a black meander on a white ground—and was not taken up, while the other, which had a Triton and various marine monsters round him in black on a white ground (with an additional rectangular piece where the threshold was, representing two lampreys ('remore') with an arrow between them), was removed to a room near the sacristy of S. Maria in Via Lata, to which the ground belonged. Its size is not given, and what has become of it I do not know. Coppi no doubt refers to the same excavations when he states (*Diss. Accad. Pont.* v. 212) that 'a few years before 1833' some rough

¹ The travertine quarries at this point are in the main modern: the remains of a villa in opus reticulatum with a portion of a water reservoir may be seen in and above them. The reservoir has one gallery perfectly preserved, with the wall dividing it from the next, but whether it had more than two chambers is uncertain. There are four arches in the dividing wall (which is 77 cm. thick), the two central ones measuring 1·23 metre in height with a span of 1·52 metre, while the two side ones are 99 cm. high with a span of 1·15 metre: the chamber which is preserved measures 8·40 by 2·89 mètres, and 2·55 in height to the top of the vaulted roof.

A large mass of fallen concrete in the quarry may or may not belong to this reservoir. A travertine column drum 66 cm. in diameter may be noted in the field above.

mosaics were found, which were still preserved near S. Maria in Via Lata.

The remains now visible are scanty, but include a fragment of sub-structure with some extremely good brick facing; the bricks averaging 4 cm. in thickness and the mortar between them 1 cm. only. A slightly thinner brick (just over 3 cm. thick) which I found there bore the stamp

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which appears to be unpublished.

The name of the tenuta, 'pilo rotto,' means 'broken cippus' (cf. Anon. Hisp. Chisianus cited *ad C.I.L.* vi. 15030, 'in pilla marmorea cipo antiquo ubi est aqua benedicta in S. Andrea in Nazareno'), and though the name is an old one, inasmuch as it first appears in a Bull of Calixtus II. of 1124 (Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 365), it is a curious coincidence (if nothing more) that a 'broken cippus' which justifies the name is still lying among these ruins. It bears the inscription—hitherto, as far as I know, unpublished:

The material is white marble, and the lettering seems to belong to the second century after Christ. The fragment measures 42 by 51 cm. and the cippus was about 52 cm. in thickness. The path going S. and passing W. of these ruins may represent an ancient road line, though there are no definite traces of antiquity along its course. On its W. edge are scanty remains of another villa, including a drum of a white marble column about 66 cm. in length.

On the N. of the Tenuta del Pilo Rotto comes the boundary of the Agro Romano, which may here (as elsewhere) partially follow an ancient road: but the only definite traces of paving-stones are further S.E. in the Quarto del Capo at the crossing of a branch stream—and even

they are not *in situ*. They are of limestone, not of selce. On the W. bank of this stream are remains of an extensive villa: a grey granite column 50 cm. in diameter at the base still lies there, and three more were seen here a few years ago by Mr. St. Clair Baddeley, but they have since been removed. In this district (on the Colle Cerino or Cervino, 'nel Fondo Santavelli') were found the inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 3920, 3924, 3925—all sepulchral and of no great importance.

To the E. of Torre Mastorta the left half of a white marble cippus is lying in the field. It is 1·20 mètre in height; above the plinth is a four-line inscription (almost illegible—I could only read

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in the first two lines). Above it is the bust of a woman (the bust of her husband was probably upon the other half of the cippus), and above that in the tympanum is an eagle. To the N. of it I saw another cippus, said to have been discovered in 1898, but which, on examination, turned out to have upon it the sepulchral inscription (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3711) of M. Numius Proculus, a silk merchant (*siricarius*), set up by his wife, Valeria Chrysis. The cippus was seen here or hereabouts and copied in 1831 or in 1832, and has apparently been lost sight of ever since.

The road which we left at Torre Mastorta continues to run N.N.E., and is for a time almost parallel to the other branch, and only about half a mile N.W. of it. A kilomètre from Torre Mastorta a brick tomb is seen on the S.E. side of the road, and a kilomètre further on another, of which only the concrete core of the walls remains. The road gradually trends more to the left, and after reaching the Fonte Formello turns due N., and runs to the village of S. Angelo, of which we shall have to speak later on (*infra*, 186).

The road which we have been considering has been taken by Westphal (*Römische Kampagne*, 110) to be the original Via Tiburtina, which, he supposes, ran with this road as far as its bifurcation near Torre Mastorta, and then followed its right branch for a mile or so; after this it turned eastwards, passing to the N. of the Aquae Albulae, and ran straight across the plain to the Ponte dell' Acquoria (*infra*, 152), after crossing which it ascended a steep slope, and joined the other road at the outskirts of Tivoli, just below the so-called Villa of Maecenas. He maintains that the long

détour was necessitated by the impassable state of the plain before the Aquae Albulae were taken into the Anio by a canal ; and that, on any other hypothesis, the existence of the Strada Vecchia di Montecelio is inexplicable, as it would have been far easier to make a short diverticulum to Montecelio from the road from Rome to S. Angelo and Palombara (which itself diverges from the Via Nomentana near Coazzo) than to construct a road all the way from Settecamini to Montecelio. He further argues that this is the reason why the Antonine Itinerary gives the distance from Rome to Tibur as 20 miles, whereas by the more recent road (the present highroad which passes over Ponte Lucano) it is only $18\frac{1}{2}$. He attributes to the same cause the fact that the Tabula Peutingerana gives the distance of the station ad Aquas Albulas from Rome as 16 miles, whereas it is only 14 by the highroad. The inscription said by many writers to have been discovered in the 16th century near the modern baths on the highroad, which is taken by Nibby (*Analisi*, iii. 639) and others to be the 14th milestone, is, however, a forgery of Pirro Ligorio (*C.I.L.* xiv. 361*¹).

¹ Revillas in his notes makes the following calculation in canne of 10 palms each = m. 2·223.

Distance by the modern road	...	...	18 modern miles = $667 \times 18 =$	12,036
Subtract the distance from the ancient gate of Tivoli to the eighteenth mile	...			106
				<hr/> 11,930
Add the distance from the Porta Viminalis to the Porta Chiusa	...	...		420
Add the difference between the distance from the Porta Chiusa to the point of junction of the ancient and the more recent Via Tiburtina and the distance from the Porta S. Lorenzo to the point of junction	...	...		178
Add the difference in length between the ancient and modern road from Ponte Mammolo to Ponte del Magugliano	...	...		150
Add the difference in length between the ancient and modern road from Ponte del Magugliano to Osteria del Forno	...	...		160
Add the difference in length between the ancient and modern road from Ponte Lucano to Tivoli (see <i>infra</i> , 148)	...	...		65
				<hr/> 12,903

Divide by the ancient mile at 660 canne 4 palms, and the result is that the estimated distance to Tibur is just over $19\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Most of the items to be added are, however, put at rather too high a figure. From the Porta Viminalis to the Porta Chiusa is only 570 mètres (nearly 256 canne), while the additions to the length between Ponte Mammolo and Settecamini (or il Forno) are probably excessive ; and finally, it does not seem clear to me that anything ought to be added in respect of the difference in distance from the Porta Chiusa and from the Porta S. Lorenzo to the point of junction of the earlier and more recent roads (*supra*, 87, 93).

Revillas' calculations do not, therefore, remove our difficulties.

Duchesne (*Lib. Pont.* i. 326, n. 14) quotes Bruzza's account of the church of S. Severino, built by Honorius I., 'iuxta civitate Tiburtina, miliario ab urbe Roma XX,' which he identified in 1883 as being $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles beyond Tivoli on the road to Vicovaro, precisely 20 ancient miles from the walls of Rome. Cf. Bruzza, *Regesto della Chiesa di Tivoli*, 95.

Desjardins (*Essai sur la Topographie du Latium*, 138), while he accepts the theory of the existence of the two roads, holds the reverse of Westphal's view as to their comparative antiquity. Nibby (*loc. cit.*) places the point of divergence between the older and the more recent road in the neighbourhood of Casale Martellona, four miles or more along the modern road beyond Settecamini, and many other writers have taken this view.¹ He states that the road can be traced across the plain, and Cabral and Del Re (*Delle Ville di Tivoli*, 45) mention the existence of paving-stones of selce (which is not a material found in the district) to the N. of the Lago della Regina. I have not been able to trace them, though there are a few (not *in situ*) a little to the W.² There are also a few paving-stones (not *in situ*) about 3 miles to the E., in the fieldwalls which flank the eastern portion of the path from the Ponte delle Vigne to the Ponte dell' Acquoria (cf. Nibby, *Schede*, iv. 34, cited *supra*, 81, n. 2). This path must represent more or less the line that would have been taken by a road—supposing that it existed—from the Lago della Regina to the Ponte dell' Acquoria. Westphal admits that no traces of his 'primitive Via Tiburtina' are visible, while Canina (*Edifizi*, vol. v. p. 106) asserts that the baths of the Aquae Albulae (the so-called Bagni della Regina) were reached by a diverticulum from the 13th mile of the (present) Via Tiburtina, which followed more or less the line of the modern road to Montecelio,³ and had only recently been destroyed; and that this road could not be traced beyond the Lago della Regina. His view is that 'la via Tiburtina è sempre passata per il Ponte Lucano.' It is noticeable that Nibby (*Schede*, iv. 11^v) says, 'on the way to the baths... a little *before* reaching the casale the traces of the ancient road which led to the baths, and probably is the original Tiburtina, are seen.' This does not agree with the statement of Cabral and del Re as to the existence of a road to the N. of the lake, which they suppose to have run thence straight to the Ponte dell' Acquoria. Of such a road no traces are, as a matter of fact, to be seen; at least, after careful search and repeated enquiries, I have been quite unable to discover any. This may be explained by the fact that the formation

¹ Among them is Ansaloni (the author of an unpublished work on Tivoli, the MS. of which is preserved in the Jesuit college there), who wrote in 1791 (i. 241-243).

² It is just possible that these may have belonged to a road from the Lago della Regina to Ponte Lucano (see *infra*, 126, n. 1).

³ Canina's plan (*Edifizi*, vol. vi. tav. 120) shows it as running 500 yards to the E. of the modern road.

of much of the travertine that overspreads the plain is comparatively recent.

We may return, then, after this long digression, to Settecamini. The ancient road seems here to have left the modern slightly on the right, passing to the S. of the remains of what is apparently a large tomb, orientated N. and S.—a concrete structure consisting of an oblong chamber entered from the N. end, having five niches.¹ A little further on is another vaulted structure of concrete, facing N. with its back against the rock through which the modern road passes in a cutting.²

Promis apparently took it for a nymphaeum, and saw that it was faced with opus mixtum (*op. cit.* 24), unless he is referring to the ruins S. of the modern road at the 13th kilomètre.

Just to the N.E. of the 12th kilomètre the cutting of the ancient road is clearly seen, and before very long the fine cippus *C.I.L.* vi. 34217 is reached ; it is lying in the field just on the S. edge of the line of the road.

Further on there is a curved cutting through a somewhat higher hill—though there seems no reason why the cutting should not have been made straight—on the N. side of which there is the concrete core of a lofty square tomb. From this point the road turns E.S.E. to rejoin the modern road, which it reaches a little before the 14th kilomètre. No remains of antiquity are to be seen along the course of the latter, except some insignificant remains of opus reticulatum on the S., just W. of the 13th kilomètre.

About a kilomètre to the S. of the road, a little to the W. of the path from the Osteria delle Capannaccie to Casale Rosso, are the ruins of a square structure, probably a tomb, in brickwork of a not very good period : it measures 5·75 mètres square inside, and at each angle are buttresses 88 cm. square to take quadripartite vaulting. At the S. end is a small walled space, built in opus mixtum, as long as the tomb itself, but only 1·07 mètre in width : whether its side and back walls were ever carried up above ground level is uncertain—it may have been the opening of a stairway to an underground chamber.

A little way to the E. of this, a kilomètre E.S.E. of the Osteria, a tomb

¹ Promis (*op. cit.* 24) describes it as having six—perhaps counting the entrance—and gives its measurements as 5·97 by 3·05 mètres.

² A cutting existing to the S. of the modern road, and parallel to it, close to the 11th kilomètre, does not appear to be of ancient origin : a similar one may be seen at the 13th kilomètre, where it cannot be other than modern.

with the interesting inscription of L. Plotius Sabinus was found in 1890 (*Not. Scav.* 1890, 36; *Bull. Com.* 1890, 103; *Rendiconti Lincei*, 1890, 195; *Röm. Mitt.* 1890, 299; *C.I.L.* vi. 31746), and almost immediately covered up again. The tomb consisted of a chamber 6·75 mètres square, constructed in brickwork, with a white mosaic pavement: and the inscription was cut upon a large slab of marble which formed the front of the sarcophagus. Still further to the S., close to the Anio, is Casale Rosso, where until recently the sepulchral inscription *C.I.L.* vi. 36408 was preserved (cf. *Not. Scav.* 1901, 328).

On the way back to the highroad, a little to the E. of the path, is a small water reservoir raised upon a vaulted substructure, and near it loose bricks, belonging probably to the villa which it supplied.

The westernmost of the two tombs just mentioned was perhaps on the line of an ancient road of which no traces are preserved hereabouts—the country being open pasture land—but which can be traced descending in an E.S.E. direction towards the S. end of the Casale del Cavaliere through a well-marked cutting: a few paving-stones are to be seen in the fieldwall at the top of the hill, and there are a great many at the Casale del Cavaliere, which seems to stand upon the site of an ancient villa, as it contains many fragments of marble columns and a fine piece of a small frieze of bucrania and foliage. The site is a very fine one; that it was one of the fortified villages of primitive Latium cannot be said: there are no traces of artificial fortification: but the neck by which it is joined to the land on the N. is not a very wide one, and the place was certainly occupied in mediaeval days. One would expect that even in Roman times, if not earlier, there was a bridge over the Anio not far off; but no traces of it have ever been discovered, as far as I know—and indeed the river would probably have swept them all away in the changes of its course (see *Papers*, i. 146).

The lane leading from the Casale del Cavaliere to the highroad does not show any traces of antiquity—on the W. of it are the débris of an extensive building of brick and opus reticulatum (to the N. of the house at point 58 on the map), and to the E. of it, opposite this house, more débris, and a concrete floor under the house to the E.S.E.: while lower down, on the E. of a stream which joins the Anio to the E. of the casale, are the remains of vaulted substructures in concrete.

The cutting descending E. from the casale is in all probability ancient,

and, as we have seen, there are many paving-stones at the casale itself, though none *in situ*. On reaching the bottom of the valley it turned N.E. and traversed a very clearly marked cutting, 3·5 mètres wide, through the hill, on the W. of the railway. It is not impossible that a branch from Lunghezza joined it at this point—a track may be seen descending N.E. from Lunghezza which would easily fall into its line, and this is certainly the best place for crossing the Anio. After passing through the cutting it cannot be traced any further, as the Anio valley is full of alluvial soil. On the N.W. side of the railway, a little further on, is a mediaeval tower on a projecting mound, and close to it a water reservoir of Roman date—a single chamber cut in the rock, lined with brickwork and vaulted over.

Two long parallel concrete walls on the western slope of the hill, one of which still retains traces of opus reticulatum, belong to a platform connected with the villa which was supplied by this reservoir: but the existence of a rock-cut drain at the N.W. angle of the mound seems to indicate that the upper portion was also occupied by the villa.

Returning to the Via Tiburtina, we may note that Pirro Ligorio (*Bodl. Canon.* 138, f. 117) describes an interesting discovery of tombs in the neighbourhood of the 9th milestone in his day. ‘Hauemo uisto hoggidi portare in Roma un altro leone¹ et di un altro sepolcro di marmo, la quale era per la medesima uia (Tiburtina) passato il ponte Mammolo IIII miglia, il quale leone il uedemo, con una figura accanto di huomo (et è caualcato da un putto) la quale è tanto ruinato, che no si puo giudicare che si facessino: et chi la uole ueder potra uederlo dinanzi alla casa de Porcari.² Non molto lontano doue fu leuato il detto leone, fu anchor leuato, et condotto à Roma nel foro Boario un coperchio di un altro sepolcro, et nel detto foro fu tagliato à pezzi dalla gnoranza dell’ huomini, il quale era con dui fastigi tutti due intagliati nell’ istesso marmo; il quale era per il magior lato XX palmi, et il minor lato era di X palmi. Era tutto il detto coperchio cinto di cornice, et lauorato a guisa di un tetto che pious da due banne (bande?), et in ciascuno degli quattro angoli, haueua una Acroteria o’ uer posamento di statua.’

Shortly after the modern road rejoins the ancient we reach the remains of a tomb on the N. of the road: to the S. of it, ‘in loco nuncupato

¹ He has just been speaking of the relief of a lion from a tomb near Ponte Lucano (*infra*, 141, n.).

² See Lanciani, *Storia degli Scavi*, i. 115.

il Cavaliere, iuxta viam quae ducit Tibur' (the casale is some distance off, but the tenuta runs up to the road), *C.I.L.* xiv. 3652 was copied in 1733, and about five hundred yards further on the right we see the remains of the church of S. Symphorosa, which was excavated in 1878. (See Stevenson, *La Basilica di S. Sinforosa* in *Gli Studi in Italia*, 1878-1879, for a full description of the results attained.) *C.I.L.* xiv. 3915 was found hereabouts in 1737. A little further on, on the same side is a tomb,¹ now converted into a dwelling; and we next pass through a cutting, where remains of the ancient pavement of the road (noted by Promis, *op. cit.* 24, as 4 mètres in width) may still be seen.² To the S. recent quarrying has disclosed the foundations of a villa, with water cisterns cut in the subsoil. Mammoth's teeth were also found here. A little way beyond is another piece of ancient paving *in situ*, and a few hundred yards further is the Osteria delle Tavernucole, which according to Nibby (*Schede*, iv. 10) is to be regarded as an ancient site on account both of its name (obviously 'tabernaculae') and of the existence of ancient concrete (which is now no longer visible) beneath part of the modern building. A little way to the N.E. is situated the large mediaeval Castell' Arcione (Nibby, *Analisi*, i. 416). Ligorio (*Taur.* 7, s.v. Dyania), who invented the forged inscription *C.I.L.* vi. 160*, says that there were discovered with it 'aliquae statuæ togatae et palliatae virorum et mulierum,' and that the inscription itself 'servatur in aedibus Achillis Maffei nobilis Romani.' It is quite likely that the statues are as mythical as the inscription; but the building in all probability occupies an ancient site. Coppi states indeed (*Diss. Accad. Pont.* v. 225) that an ancient reservoir was still in existence there, and in use as a storehouse. Of this I could hear nothing; but the walls are full of fragments of brick, marble, and selce, and there are several blocks of marble, including a cornice and a square pilaster capital, the latter 58 cm. in width. To the E. of the castle are several unimportant ruins, and S. of the highroad a water reservoir.

Beyond Le Tavernucole is another cutting, in which further traces of the ancient road are visible. Gori (*Archivio Storico di Roma*,

¹ Revillas notes the existence of another, further still on the same side.

² Revillas saw the *crepido* as far as Le Tavernucole. The bridge he notes as ancient, but it has been entirely rebuilt since his day. Many of the paving-stones now serve as the floor of the courtyard of the Osteria.

iii. 324) notes that the pavement was here 3·80 mètres wide. Between the 16th and 17th kilomètres of the modern road a small marble cinerary urn with inscription, still containing the ashes of the deceased, was discovered in 1899 (*Bull. Com.* 1899, 263; *Not. Scav.* 1899, 387). A little way to the W. of the 17th kilomètre stone the fragmentary inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3916 was seen in a fieldwall in 1869. Promis (*Alba Fucense*, 26), who gives the text in a slightly different form, adds that it was found both upon a cippus 1·635 m. high and a marble epistyle 0·636 m. high. Between the 11th and 12th miles of the modern road near Castell' Arcione the tombstone of Iulia Stemma (*C.I.L.* vi. 20691) was found—when, we do not know: Nibby (*Viaggio*, i. 104) saw it standing by the road. Here were also discovered the objects described in the following passage of the MS. of Revillas' chapter on the temple of Hercules at Tibur (f. 3):

'Et dum haec scribimus, inter xi et xii Viae Tiburtinae ab urbe lapidem marmorea quaedam effossa sunt fragmenta, inter quae columnae rubro colore variegatae frustum, sepulcralis epigraphes, quam infra proferemus (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3647) ac tandem cippus, seu ara sic inscripta

VICTORI
HERCVLI exscripsi.
SACRVM

Dessau (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3549) has confused this inscription with another:

TIBVRS
HERCVLI
SACRVM

which, according to Revillas (f. 1), was found 'sub Carmelitarum Ecclesiae pavimento, circa annum 1724 . . . in quo, referente mihi Paulo Columna' [he did not apparently copy it himself] 'non *Tibur* . . . sed *Tiburs* perspicue legebatur' (cf. *Sched. Berol.*). It is this last inscription which he figures in his *Diocesis et Agri Tiburtini Topographia*.

The first was communicated to Volpi also by Paolo Colonna: he notes it as 'in marmorea columella eruta ex agro Tiburtino Ann. Sal. 1738' (*Vetus Latium*, x. 156), so that we get an approximate date for Revillas' 'dum haec scribimus'—which, however, may go down even to

July, 1739, for he says that *C.I.L.* xiv. 3545 was found at that date (*Sched. Berol.*), 'nobis itidem haec scribentibus' (*Herculis Fanum*, f. 4).

Both Revillas and Volpi seem to have been at work at the same time, but independently, for neither mentions the other,¹ though both acknowledge the help of Paolo Colonna.

The promised copy of *C.I.L.* xiv. 3647 is given on f. 20 : '(lapis) tripedalis quadratus, et coronice adornatus . . . atque ad saepius memorati Paulli Columnae aedes translatus, sic absolutissimis literis inscribitur.'

At the 17th kilomètre, on the right, is the Casale Martellona ; the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3914 is built into the wall of the casale ; *ibid.* 3917 lies in the scrub to the S. of the road, which at this point emerges from the undulating pasture land which it has traversed up till now, and enters upon a desolate plain, covered with the deposit left by the Aquae Albulae, which slopes gently down towards the Anio. *C.I.L.* xiv. 3918 was also found here. As we have noted (*supra*, 110), some writers place here the point of divergence between the original and the later course of the Via Tiburtina.² On the left of the road are the remains of a villa. A mile to the N., to the E. of the Casa dei Bifolchi shown in the map, is the Casale di Torre dei Sordi, which occupies a commanding position on the hill. No traces, however, of any ancient building can be seen, though there are some architectural fragments in the courtyard, the provenance of which is, however, quite uncertain.³ On the N. edge of the highroad 400 yards further on are the remains of a tomb, by which are paving-stones of the ancient road appearing in the modern, and from this point to the deviation of the road to Montecelio the two seem to coincide almost absolutely, the ancient running on the S. edge of the modern and making the same sharp bend as it does. Near the small dried-up Lago dei Tartari are remains of uncertain date, among which an imperfect statue of a man clad in a toga, of moderate execution, was discovered in 1827 ; while to the S. of the road are the scanty remains of an extensive villa, attributed to M. Pedonius on very uncertain evidence (Cabral and del Re, *op. cit.* 72 ; cf. *C.I.L.* xiv. 357*).

¹ The only exception is when Revillas quotes Volpi's reading of *C.I.L.* xiv. 3554.

² The modern road is probably slightly to the S. of the ancient line here (Bulgarini, *Notizie di Tivoli*, 132 *init.*).

³ In the tenuta of Tor dei Sordi, or else in that of Lunghezza, was found the Greek metrical sepulchral inscription published by Grossi-Gondi, *Il tempio di Castore e Polluce sul Tuscolo* (1901), 17.

At this point the modern road to Montecelio diverges to the N., passing a little to the W. of the Aquae Albulae and skirting the edge of the plain until it reaches the railway station of Montecelio. According to Canina (*Edifizi*, v. p. 106, note 7), this road corresponds more or less with an ancient road to the Aquae Albulae (*supra*, 110).

The Aquae Albulae (see *C.I.L.* xiv. p. 435) lie about a mile to the N. of the highroad. The water is bluish, strongly impregnated with sulphur and carbonate of lime, and rises at a temperature of about 75° Fahr.¹ There are two lakes in which the water rises—the Lago delle Colonnelle and the Lago della Regina—both of which are continually diminishing in size owing to the amount of deposit left by the water on the banks. On the W. side of the Lago della Regina are considerable remains of a large building, which is variously called the Bagni di Marco Agrippa or the Bagni della Regina Zenobia, neither of which names rests upon any real authority. A plan is given by Canina (*Edifizi*, vi. tav. 120; cf. *Edifizi* v. 105, *Bull. Inst.* 1855, 33).

There is a large square courtyard with a round building at each corner, and subterranean chambers within its area: between it and the lake are considerable portions of coarse white mosaic pavements *in situ*, and beneath it are other subterranean chambers; the brickwork with which the concrete is faced is coarse and probably belongs to a rather late period.

Excavations have been made here at various periods. Bacci² (*de Aquis Albulis*, ed. ii. 1568, 93), writing in 1550, describes these ruins and mentions some excavations by Vincenzo Mancini of Tivoli, and also the removal of columns of verde antico, some to the Villa Papa Giulio by Julius III, others to the loggia of the Palazzo Farnese by Paul III.³ Two

¹ Strabo (v. 3. 11, p. 238) calls it cold like that of the Aquae Labanae (*supra*, 71).

² His account is reprinted in *Giorn. Accad.* lxxi. (1837), 61 sqq.

³ The following account of the state of the building towards the end of the 16th century may not be without interest: (f. 103^v) ‘la magnanima et Regal fabrica fatta da Cesare Imperatore Augusto la quale si ritroua discosto dalle d^e Accque da cinquanta passi . . . le Accque passauano dal Luogo oue risorgono per Aquidotto sotto la Terra, e si conduceuano al d^o Luogo . . . Ordinato con gran disegno et Artificio con le sue stufe, et scali di diuersa fattura con Pauimenti di musaico adorni con con un Teatro ricinto intorno di un Ordine di Bellissime Colonne di Breccia uerde le quali sono (f. 104) tanto in prezzo con statue di marmo diuerse, Le Colonne sono da 30 Palmi grosse proportionatamente di Ordine Toschano con suoi Bellissimi Capitelli, e sue Basi, et acciò si habbi da Creder che le d^e Colonne siano di Valore, e di Bellissima Natura, La felice memoria di Papa Giulio 3^o ne hebbe Notitia di queste Colonne Vaghe, però subito Ordinò che douessino andare a Roma delle quali se ne serui per Ornare la sua Uigna Uicino al Palazzo del Papa, che hoggi di si fa chianare la Uigna di Papa Giulio, ma doppo che le forno polite, et imbronite le furno apprezzate mille e cinquecento scudi l’una. delle Medeme Colonne se ne ritrouano anche quattro

others were removed towards the end of the 18th century by a Tivoli builder (Cabral and del Re, *Delle ville di Tivoli*, 64). More important excavations were made in 1736 (see Volpi, *Diss. dell' Accad. di Cortona*, ii. 180): two more columns of verde antico, 12 palms high by 2 in diameter, and others of other kinds of marble, some fragmentary statues, parts of a mosaic pavement (Furietti, *de Musivis*, 52), and a flight of steps descending to the baths were unearthed, and the following inscriptions were discovered—*C.I.L.* xiv. 3908, 3910, 3911, 3912,¹ and the brickstamp *ibid.* xv. 122b, which is dated by Dressel slightly before 123 A.D. (see Ficoroni, *Labico*, 37). Canina (*Edifizi*, vol. v. p. 108, n. 12) speaks of unimportant excavations made in the first half of this century, and notes the existence on the spot of an Ionic capital (*Edifizi*, vol. vi. tav. 120, Fig. 1).

Further excavations were made in 1857 by the pontifical government

altre in la Chiesa di S. Pietro della Città Nostra di Tiuoli . . . et altre si ritrouano in lo Medemo Luogo di Bagni per il Medemo Adornamento ui si ritrouano anche in d^o Luogo di Bagni di Molti Altri pezzi rotti per terra. . . .

‘Si Ritrouano Anche in d^o Luogho di Bagni Muraglia grosse più di Venticinque palmi con li suoi Seggi Ordinatamente per la Comodità di coloro che doueuano prendere li Bagni in de Muraglie (f. 104^v), si uedono Aquidotti e credo che seruiano per Sfumatorij delle Stufe, perche altro effetto non poteuano fare per ritrouarsi cosi alti in de Muraglie più di Ottanta palmi.’

The passage is taken from a copy of Zappi's MS. history of Tivoli (the original of which is preserved in the Municipal Library there) which I acquired at the sale of Prof. Costantino Corvisieri's library in 1902, and which came from the library of the Briganti Colonna family. The original dates from 1583 (*C.I.L.* xiv. p. 371, xiii.).

Kircher (*Vetus Latium*, 203) seems to have seen columns of serpentino verde as well: ‘erat fabrica haec Thermarum . . . columnis ex ophite, quem serpentinum vocant, lapide suffulta, quae deinde avulsae Romam allatae feruntur, et eae putantur esse, quas Constantinus imperator in Ecclesiae Lateranensis a se fundatae ornamentum applicuit.’ The value of his statement is, however, uncertain—for on p. 119 he repeats a conjecture that the columns in the Lateran were found at Torre Nuova (*Papers of the British School at Rome*, i. 233).

¹ To the inscriptions found here must be added *C.I.L.* xiv. 3541. Revillas (*Herculis Fanum*) gives the following account of it: ‘praestat . . . alium lapidem proferre recentissime, anno scilicet MDCCXXXVI ad Aquas Albulas effossum, nonnihil tamen mutilum

H E R C V L E I
C ANTISTIVS · CN · F
CENS
DECVMA FACTA ITERVM
DAT

exscripsi'

The indication of its find-spot in the *Corpus* is incorrect, for the passage quoted from Volpi runs in full (the italics are mine and denote the portion omitted):

‘trasportata, Dio sa quando, nel sito del Collegio vecchio de' Padri della Compagnia di Gesù, è stata ritrovata e scoperta dal P. Girolamo Tebaldi della medesima Compagnia, sagace investigatore ed amatore sollecito della venerabile Antichità in quest' anno 1736.’ How, in the very year of its discovery, Volpi could profess such ignorance of the place where it was found is another matter.

in order to ascertain the plan of the building: marble pavements were found *in situ* in some of the rooms, and the following brickstamps (the discovery of which in this place has not been recorded in the *Corpus*), *C.I.L.* xv. 1019 (date about 120 A.D.), 702, 1500 (reign of Hadrian), 617, 1081 (145–155 A.D.) (Viale e Latini, *Sulle Acque Albule presso Tivoli, Analisi Chimica*, Roma, 1857, p. 52; Gori, *Archivio Storico di Roma*, iii. 340). The latest discoveries were those of 1902 (*Not. Scav.* 1902, 111; *Bull. Com.* 1902, 209); two hermae, one having an ideal female head of archaistic type, the other, headless, bearing the name of Thespis, came to light: some walls were also found, and a fragment of a metrical inscription accompanying some object dedicated to these springs. Several statues have been discovered here at various times—among them the statue of Hygieia now in the Sala a Croce Greca of the Vatican Museum (Sebastiani, *Viaggio a Tivoli*, 204), and that of Apollo Lycius now in the Capitol (Bottari, *Mus. Capit.* iii. tav. 13).

The channel by which the waters of the Lago delle Colonnelle are conducted into the Lago della Regina cuts through some brick walls, which probably belong to other buildings connected with the baths. The lead pipes said to have been found here must, as Canina says, have served for the water from the Lago S. Giovanni, which is slightly acidulous, not for the sulphur water, which would have choked them.

A little way to the E. is the Casale Sant' Antonio, near which in the 16th century were found small marble statues of the nine Muses. At Colle Ferro the son of Duke Federico Cesi found a bracelet of gold, a vase of silver, and some female ornaments (Antonio del Re, *Delle Antichità Tiburtine*, cap. v. (Rome, 1611) 93).

Not far from the Casale S. Antonio to the N. is some flat ground known as I piani di Conche. The name appears in two documents of the end of the 16th century, cited by Bulgarini, *Notizie di Tivoli*, 133. Trebellius Pollio (*Script. Hist. Aug. Vit. xxx. Tyrann. Vit. Zenobiae ad fin.*) says that the villa of Zenobia, assigned to her by Aurelian, was situated 'in Tiburti (agro) . . . non longe ab Hadriani palatio, atque ab eo loco cui nomen est Concae.' If the name has not actually lasted on (as many of the writers on Tivoli suppose, and is quite possibly the case), then the coincidence is very curious. The idea that the villa of Regulus is to be sought near the Casale S. Antonio is due to a misinterpretation of the passage of Martial (i. 12) cited *supra*, 97. It may be noted here, once for all, that an

exhaustive examination shows that the traditional names attached to the villas in the neighbourhood of Tivoli are, almost without exception, insufficiently vouched for. In not more than two or three cases can a name be given with a reasonable degree of probability to the remains of a villa: as a rule the traditional denomination is due to the misinterpretation of a passage of some classical author, to the distortion or the misapplication of a local name, or to reliance upon an inscription which is either a forgery or, if genuine, affords no evidence as to the name of the proprietor of the villa in or near which it was found. The testimony of inscriptions on waterpipes, which is of such great value in determining the ownership of the ancient villas in other parts of the Campagna, and especially in the Alban Hills, is of no avail here, as hardly any such pipes have been discovered.

Returning to the Via Tiburtina, we find that, just to the E. of the road to Montecelio, the modern Via Tiburtina diverges to the right of the ancient road, which runs almost due E. Many of the large blocks of travertine which supported the roadway on each side are still *in situ*. After running straight on for about 600 yards it turns off S.E. by E.: at this point there is a tomb—now a mound of *débris*—on the S. of the road.

The large blocks of selce with which the road was paved are still, some of them, visible in the fieldwalls, while fragments are seen along the line of the roadway itself. The width of the road between the blocks of travertine which flanked it on each side is approximately 7.1 mètres (24 feet) (see *infra*, 124), while the blocks of travertine are from 0.74 to 0.95 metre in thickness and from 1 to 2½ mètres long (Fig. 10).

The modern road crosses the ancient road again just opposite the modern bathing establishment. The water by which the baths are supplied is brought from the Lago della Regina in a canal constructed by Cardinal Ippolito d'Este in the 16th century, and is carried away to the Anio. Hereabouts 'in septo Thaddaei Barberini' was found *C.I.L.* xiv. 3913. Just beyond the collection of houses which has sprung up here is a tomb of travertine concrete, with a square chamber with four niches inside—the facing is *opus reticulatum*, and the voussoirs of the arches are of stone—on the N. of the modern road, which has been taken by the earlier topographers to be the tomb of M. Plautius Lucanus, on the faith of the forged inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 361*. The inscription has been interpreted by more recent writers to be the 14th milestone of the Via Tiburtina, which its forger probably intended it to represent.

Between this point and the railway the ancient Via Tiburtina is clearly traceable on the S. of the modern road, and parallel to it, some of the paving-stones being actually *in situ*. On the further side of the railway the line is even clearer : the road, now running E.S.E., is flanked by large blocks of travertine, many of which have been removed, while its selce pavement has been taken up bodily and the blocks used to form a wall which skirts its N. side. There are also many tombs, and several cippi, some of which are actually *in situ* upon either side of the road. Several of the cippi bear inscriptions, which, with a full description and plan of this section of the road, have been published by Prof. Lanciani in *Bull. Com.* 1899, 22 *sqq.* I have derived important information as to earlier discoveries from an unpublished paper by the same author, *Relazione sui ritrovamenti d'antichità*, 13 *Dic.* 1885 . . . *Sulle Antiche cave di Travertino dette del Barco nel territorio di Tivoli* (for a short summary see *Not. Scav.* 1886, 24). Beginning just E. of the railway, we saw the foundations of three tombs on the S. side—one of travertine blocks, one (a columbarium) of opus reticulatum of cubes of limestone, and the third of brown tufa blocks (a material not found in the immediate neighbourhood). We also found a travertine cippus (which was not *in situ* and had probably been found in making a branch line to the quarries) bearing the following inscription :

C·FICTORIVS
C·L·MOSCVS
SIBI ET SVEIS
IN·FR·P·XIIS

The cippus, which was quite perfect, was rounded at the top, and the portion exposed above the ground measured 0·545 metre in height, 0·48 in width, and 0·165 in thickness, while the portion intended to be buried below ground measured 0·53 in height. The lettering is good, and the inscription probably belongs to the last century of the Republic.

A little further on is a large tomb on the N. side of the road, built of opus reticulatum, with large square blocks of travertine at the angles. The S. front of the tomb is 7·28 metres in length ; at the S.E. corner there is a travertine cippus *in situ* (without any inscription preserved), while that belonging to the S.W. corner lies in the interior of the tomb ; it has a moulding round the front as if the surface had been prepared for an

inscription, but there is no trace of any lettering, and the cippus may have been left plain, or the inscription painted on it.

Close by lies another cippus of travertine (not *in situ*) with its inscription only partly preserved.

PINNIA E
SIBI · ET
L · PINNIO L̄ ACASTO
PATRON · MAG · HERC
IN · AGR · PXX

After L in the third line there is space for another letter—no doubt the text was L(uci) F(ilio) or L(iberto).

Further on are several more cippi *in situ* on either side of the road: in most cases they are so broken that the inscriptions have been destroyed, but two retain a few letters. One has

MEL
IN · FRON
IN AGRO · P

while the other has only one line,

LIBERTIS LIBERTABVS

To the S. of the road is a large mound, probably the base of a tomb. At this point the road is covered with a crust of deposit left by a stream of sulphurous water: this has been broken through in order to extract the paving-stones and blocks of travertine. The period at which this was done, both at this point and further along the road towards Ponte Lucano, is fixed by a letter of Leo X to the people of Tivoli, dated 1519 (published by Lanciani, *Bull. Com.* 1899, 25), thanking them for the blocks of travertine which they had allowed to be extracted from 'vestra strada veteri que ambobus lateribus lapidibus (*sic*) quadratis munita est vulgo nominata la quadrara' for use in the construction of S. Peter's.

We next reach the group of half-ruined houses now known as the Casaccia del Barco (a corruption of Parco) and formerly as the Casale Petrucci. One of the buildings rests upon an ancient tomb, formed

of a large mass of concrete 7 mètres square, with a round chamber in the interior, 4·75 mètres in diameter, having a rectangular niche projecting into each angle, and a lancet window between each niche, except on the side on which is the door. The walls of this chamber are finely faced with blocks of travertine, and the moulding of the door and the cornice of the impost of the domed roof are very well executed. An internal section and inaccurate plan are given by Canina, *Edifici*, vi. tav. 122, Figs. 7-10. The inscription which belonged to this mausoleum is, in all probability, the fragmentary inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3760. See Sante Viola, *Storia di Tivoli*, ii. 35, who quotes Cabral and del Re (though the account is not to be found in their work).¹ The tomb is generally known as the tomb of Claudius Liberalis, but the sepulchral inscription erected in his honour (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3624) is inscribed on both sides of a cippus, and therefore did not probably belong to a tomb of this kind. Other inscriptions that have been found near here are *C.I.L.* xiv. 3736, 3750, 3751, 3864. Antonio del Re (*op. cit.* 124) speaks of the discovery of two coins of Septimius Severus in 1611. We found a fragment of an inscription upon a block of marble lying just outside the tomb, the letters of which are 7 cm. in height.

Just beyond the casale are the remains of another tomb. Twelve yards away on the right of the road, and parallel to it, runs an aqueduct (Fig. 11) which emerges from the ground close to the casale, and goes right to the edge of the travertine quarries about 500 yards away. It begins almost at once to run on arches: the highest of these is 2·82 mètres in height inside, with a span of 2·73; the piers are 1·6 mètre thick, while the specus is 0·85 broad, with walls 0·33 thick on each side. The material used is the rough surface travertine which abounds here and can be got off the ground without quarrying, and the style of construction is so rough that it might belong to any age: but Lanciani (*Relazione*, 1885, *cit.*) gives some very strong reasons for holding that it belongs to the Roman period and was constructed for the use of the quarries: (1) the fact

¹ Besides a short description of the tomb given on the authority of Sig. Antonio Petrucci, its owner, the following passage occurs: 'in distanza di palmi 20 dal monumento è stato disotterrato un masso rettangolare, in una facciata del quale si scorge un perfetto triangolo, nel cui mezzo è il corpo lunare, che incomincia a presentare le sue fasi, e sonovi inoltre tre stelle.'

that it ends abruptly at the edge of the quarries, which have been entirely abandoned from the time of the Romans until quite recent years ; (2) the existence of water reservoirs along the line of the aqueduct, which are certainly Roman. One of these, near the W. end of the arched portion, measures 21 by 3·38 mètres, has a vaulted roof, and still has a quarter-round moulding of opus signinum in the internal angles, which is an unmistakable characteristic of a Roman water reservoir ; (3) the size, length, and importance of the aqueduct, and especially the size of its specus, which is equal to that of the ancient Marcia. Apart from these considerations, it is difficult to suppose that it was constructed in mediaeval or modern times. The water which it conveyed was probably that of the sulphur springs, for Cabral and del Re (*op. cit.* 57) say that the channel was incrustated with sulphurous deposit. The aqueduct which supplied the Villa of Hadrian, though undoubtedly of Roman date, is not constructed very much more carefully than this.

Shortly before the end of the aqueduct is reached, the road is cut through by a branch railway line for the use of the quarries. The section of the road was taken by Prof. Lanciani, and his drawing is reproduced in *Bull. Com. loc. cit.* The road was paved with blocks of selce, which may be seen in the fieldwall. Below them is a layer of 'breccia di Ponte Lucano' or river gravel, then more chips of selce, then mud and sand, then another layer of chips of selce. The roadway is 6·7 mètres in width (about $22\frac{2}{3}$ Roman feet) ; this is half as much again as the average width of this and other first-class Roman roads, and serves to indicate the immense traffic that the road must have carried at this point. On each side is a wall of opus incertum 0·45 mètre thick, and on the S. side of the road there is a footpath 1 mètre wide, paved with chips of selce and sand, and outside this a wall of very large blocks of travertine 0·78 mètre in width. This wall was discovered for a length of 80 mètres, running along the edge of the quarry, and a part of it is still visible, though most of it has been removed by modern quarrying.

As has been said, the working of the quarries was only resumed a few years back. While they were abandoned, the overflow of the Aquae Albulae had made a stratum of hard incrustations, which covered completely the perpendicular N. edge of the quarry : when this was removed, the wall of the quarry was exposed precisely as the Romans left it. The enormous size of the workings (500,000 square mètres) shows that this was

the most important of their travertine quarries.¹ It is described by Prof. Lanciani in *Ruins and Excavations*, 35–37.

The modern workings have removed the road bodily for a little way, but it soon becomes traceable again on the N. side of the quarry, running now in a N.E. direction. The embankment of the road is still quite clearly marked, and is crowned by a wall of recent date, built almost entirely of the paving-stones removed from the road. In the field on the N. are many travertine blocks from the supporting wall, and bricks, etc., from the tombs which lined it.

Here I observed a block of travertine bearing the following inscription :

The letters are large, about 17 centimètres in height, and not deeply cut in the stone : what the meaning of the inscription may be, is doubtful ; it is probably a quarry mark, but I cannot venture an interpretation. The lettering seemed undoubtedly ancient.

On the S. side just to the W. of the Casale del Barco the road is supported by a wall of rough opus incertum, perhaps of Roman date, though it may have been substituted for the big blocks of travertine removed in the time of Leo X (*supra*, 122). It is probable, however, that at this time the ancient road was abandoned.

The road now turns again, and runs slightly N. of E. until it reaches Ponte Lucano. Not long before arriving at the bridge, we pass a small rectangular building built of concrete faced with small pieces of travertine, which is the chapel of S. Ermo, built by Hadrian IV in 1159 (according to Baronius, cited by Cabral and del Re, *op. cit.* 57). To the S. close to the Anio is an enormous mound composed entirely of quarry rubbish. We

¹ The name 'Tiburtinus (with 'Lunensis' and 'Lesbius') lapillus' occurs in a sepulchral inscription—*C.I.L.* vi. 13830 ; cf. also *infra*, 201. We may cite the description of Zappi (f. 138) : ' . . . et in quel luogo ui sono Restate quattro Memorie, in questo Modo hanno lasciato del Medmo Sasso a radicato della Terra Proprio, si come la Natura l' ha creato dico un quatragolo grosso più di dodici palmi per faccia et alto 30 palmi, et questo li Scarpellini di quel tempo si risolsero a lasciare queste quattro Memorie acciò si conoscesse la Moltitudine delli quadri, che da quel luogo si Cauauano . . . et tutte quelle scaglie, ouero scarpellature che il scarpello Buttaua uia per Abozzare il quadro, et altri Lauori, ne ridussino tanta gran Moltitudine che ne fecero un Monte il quale oggi di si chiama il Montarozzo della Uiuara, Contrafaceuano quel Monte di Testaccio in la Città di Roma.'

soon reach Ponte Lucano¹ and rejoin the modern road, which runs not far from and parallel to the ancient road between Bagni and this point, and presents no features of interest or traces of antiquity. Some ruins along it, N. of the Casale del Barco, are believed by modern writers to be the site of the discovery of *C.I.L.* xiv. 3755. But according to Nicodemus,² p. 68, this was made on the occasion of the destruction of some ruins near the canal of the *Aquae Albulae*—that is, a good deal further W. Antonio del Re (*op. cit.* 125) speaks of a round tomb a little way nearer Tivoli called *Il Truglio*, where, about 1609, many fine blocks of travertine were dug out. This has now entirely disappeared, unless the reference is to the tomb described *supra*, 123. More than a mile to the N. are the large travertine quarries known as *Le Fosse*, which were also worked by the Romans, but have long lost their ancient character; they were used to provide material for S. Peter's at Rome (Zappi, f. 106^v), and are still worked. In the quarries called *Le Caprine*, still further N., arrow-heads, and animals' teeth, and human skeletons, buried in a sitting position and facing E.—all evidences of a neolithic station—have been found (*Bull. Inst.* 1866, 35; 1873, 38).

The bridge by which the *Via Tiburtina* crosses the *Anio*, now known as *Ponte Lucano*, is a fine specimen of a Roman bridge (Fig. 12). Its width is 7 mètres over all (Promis, *op. cit.* 33, gives it as 7·20 mètres—the same as that of the bridges of the *Via Valeria*): the ancient parapets are no longer preserved. Originally it had five arches (according to Canina, *Edifici*, vi. tav. 121, and Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 575), built of blocks of travertine, the core of the bridge being constructed of lumps of tufa. Four arches are now visible, the fifth being buried: that nearest to the left bank is closed, and is of mediaeval brickwork; the next is intact; the next again has been broken, and restored with masonry of the 6th century, like that used for the *Ponte Nomentano* and the *Ponte Salario*. It is probable, therefore, that it too was broken by Totila, who, as Procopius tells us (*Bell. Goth.* iii. 24, cited *supra*, 16, n. 1), cut all the bridges over the *Anio* between Tivoli and Rome,

¹ The existence of a good many paving-stones in the fieldwalls along the first part of a lane which runs W.N.W. from Ponte Lucano to the *Lago della Regina* may indicate its antiquity: but the evidence is not sufficient to assert it positively. A similar doubt must be expressed with regard to the line—tentatively marked as ancient in the map—which follows the modern road until a point to the E. of the 21st kilomètre, and falls into the road from Ponte Lucano to Palombara.

² For this work on Tibur, of which only one printed copy exists—from which various MS. copies are derived—see *C.I.L.* xiv. p. 371.

and restored by Narses, like the other two mentioned (*C.I.L.* vi. 1199). The arch nearest the right bank shows signs of restoration in the Middle Ages; while the buried arch is probably still further in on this side.

The bed of the river has risen very considerably, so that but little can be seen of the lower part of the bridge. The road turns sharply at each end of it, inasmuch as it is built as far as possible at right angles to the stream, though not entirely; and it has therefore been protected on the right bank by a wall of blocks of travertine (Nibby, *op. cit.* ii. 576), of which certain writers (*e.g.* Sebastiani, *op. cit.* 209) speak as though it had belonged to a small harbour.

At the E. end of the bridge, close to the river bank, is the tomb of the Plautii, a remarkably well preserved Roman mausoleum. It is circular, with a chamber inside, and faced with blocks of travertine. Three inscriptions belonging to it are still *in situ*—one upon a block of marble built into the mausoleum itself, the other two upon slabs set between half-columns, which form a sort of façade towards the road. Canina thinks that this is only part of a rectangular enclosure surrounding the tomb.¹ The inscriptions are given, together with a complete bibliography, in *C.I.L.* xiv. 3605–3608. Piranesi, *Antichità Romane*, iii. tav. 11–13, and Canina, *Edifici*, vi. tav. 122, Fig. 1–6, give plans and illustrations of the mausoleum. The battlements which surround it bear testimony to its constant use as a fortress in the Middle Ages, owing to its important strategic position at one end of the bridge. The arms of Paul II, who restored it in 1465, still remain (*cf.* Bulgarini, *op. cit.* 130).

In some ground belonging to Giovanni Pacifici, 50 paces from the tomb (whether to the N. or to the S. we are not told), on the left bank of the Anio, the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3644 was discovered in 1842 (Viola, *Tivoli nel Decennio* 1835–1845, 158). Canina (*Edifici*, v. p. 107, n. 8; *cf.* p. 109, n. 12) speaks of a building belonging to an ancient villa, with floor of opus signinum and walls coated with cement (probably therefore a water reservoir), as existing in the property of the brothers Giansanti, ‘quasi d’incontro al Ponte Lucano.’ In the same neighbourhood was discovered the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3681.

¹ This is also the view of Zappi, f. 136^v: ‘Ricinta d^a Mole con un Teatro di Colonne di Pietra Tiburtina alte dodici Palmi di Ordine Ionico con le sue nicchie di Mezzo Rilievo, ma il Teatro resta Riquadrato dico con quattro facce di tal sorte che la d^a Mole o’ Sepoltura la si ritroua restare in mezzo circondata intorno come lo dico con due Bellissimi epitaffi.’

Just to the N.E. of and above Ponte Lucano are the remains of a villa: it is perhaps to these that Cabral and del Re refer (*op. cit.* appendice, p. 4), 'nel luogo che dicesi alto di Ponte Lucano . . . tuttora appariscono per ampio tratto antichi ruderi disfatti,' placing there the villa of Zenobia.

Sebastiani (p. 364, n. 9) cites Antonini (*Candelabri antichi*) as describing a sundial in travertine found near Ponte Lucano, and at his time in England in the collection of Thomas F. Hill, Esq.

III.—THE ROAD FROM PONTE LUCANO TO S. MARIA DI CAVAMONTE.

At the tomb of the Plautii a road diverges to the S., running close to the left bank of the Anio. At first it presents no traces of antiquity, though Nibby (*Schede*, iv. 12) noticed paving-stones in the fieldwalls on the left, but after about a mile a road which is indubitably ancient diverges from it in a north-easterly direction, and ascends almost straight to Tivoli (*infra*, 142, 188). From this point at any rate, therefore, the existence of an ancient road is certain, and it may fairly be inferred from Ponte Lucano also.

After leaving the Anio, it runs along the valley of the Fosso di San Vittorino, at first on the E. bank of the stream, and then on the W., running below the Colle Cesarano. Here, according to Bulgarini (*op. cit.*, 129), the pavement of the ancient road was discovered and removed.

Various discoveries have been made at different times upon the Colle Cesarano. Ligorio (*Neap.* lib. 35, f. 214) states that on the road which, diverges from the Via Praenestina and runs towards the Villa of Hadrian a tomb was excavated, which contained three marble statues, upon the bases of which were the inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 3900–3902 in honour of some members of the family of the Caesonii; and he adds that the inscriptions were removed to Corcolle. In *Cod. Ottob.* 297 f. 21^v of the Vatican library *C.I.L.* cit. 3900 is spoken of as having been found at Cesarano. Zappi (*MS. cit.* f. 105) has the following passage:—

'Il Medemo Imperatore [Cesare Augusto] diede anche Ordine fare un altro Bagno delle Medeme Accque in un Luogo oue hoggi si dice Cesarano uedasi che Anche ritiene il nome Corrotto di Cesare il qual luogo e distante alli dⁱ Primi Bagni più di tre Miglia si conduceuano le d^e Medeme Accque per Aquidotto il quale passa sotto della Fiumata Aniene questo

dico esser stata cōsa difficile, e si uedono Anco li Uestigij delle Uaschette con le Medème Accque dentro con li altri Uestigij simili, et conueneuoli a Bagni, dalli quali se ne leuò già Molti Anni sono un Epitaffio di una Bella Memoria, a sugetto si come nel presente libro si potrà Uedere (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3900). . . . In questo Luogo si ritrouò Anche una Testa di un Marte Bellissima sopra di un Musaico Bellissimo, e Raro il quale seruiua per Pauimento in diuersi Luoghi di essi Bagni con molti Aquidotti di Piombo per le Accque dolci . . . e ui forno trouate anche certe lastrine (?) di marmo Bellissime indorate con medaglie di Argento, ui si ritrouò anche una Zampa di Leone di argento, e si considera che il resto del Leone resti nel medemo Luogo sotterrato, l'Aquidotti di Piombo conduceuano l'Accque dolci in Mezzo di un Prato, Risorgeuano in una fonte Regia Bellissima di perfette Accque.'

It need hardly be said that the story of the conduit under the Anio has no foundation in fact.

Antonio del Re (*op. cit.* 74) mentions the discovery of some leaden waterpipes. Bulgarini (*loc. cit.*) speaks of excavations made by De Angelis in 1769 at the 'Villa of the Caesonii,' which he marks quite near the Anio; and there is a villa which corresponds fairly well with his indications, a kilomètre to the E. of the Casale Cesarano, where there are still remains of a black mosaic pavement with white border. In these excavations several statues were found—one a seated statue, without arms, with Cerberus at the side, and another representing Bacchus—with some pieces of columns of fine marble, a lead pipe, and three large coins; also two rooms, which still retained their marble pavement and wall-lining. Viola (*Bull. Inst.* 1853, 147) records the discovery of a tomb cut in the rock on the summit of the hill, with a wall of tufa above it 2 mètres high, and an arched entrance to the tomb in this wall; a mass of rock was left in the centre to represent the funeral couch, and partially covered with plaster, upon which were some paintings. About twenty vases of various colours were discovered in the tomb. They were said to be of archaic appearance, but a coin of Gordianus Pius was found at the bottom of the largest!

The remains of a large villa may still be seen at the S. end of the Colle Cesarano,¹ immediately above the present road, noted by Cascioli, *Memorie*

¹ The name fundus Ceseranus occurs in a document of 924 A.D. (*Reg. Subl.* f. 185) published by Bruzza, *Regesto della chiesa di Tivoli*, 112. In a bull of 978 the confines of it and of the fundus

storiche di Poli, p. 35, n. 13). The style of construction is *opus reticulatum* with brickwork. One fragment which I found bore an unpublished stamp resembling closely *C.I.L.* xv. 632

Another had obviously been moulded upon a marble slab probably removed from some tomb, which bore an inscription; this is impressed (with the letters reversed) upon the brick. The lettering is of a good period. All that remains is

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A little beyond this villa an ancient road diverges to the E.: on its N. edge are the remains of small brick tombs of a late period. The cutting of the road is clearly marked: it descends N.E. to the valley, and then reascends to the Colle Bulgarini, upon the top of which, at the Casetta Bianca, are some large vaulted substructures of a villa, and further W. the traces of other Roman buildings. Thence it descends, crosses the Fosso di Ponte Terra, proceeding over some very hilly country, and passing between the remains of two large villas; and finally descends steeply through a cutting and reascends to the Villa Bulgarini, which lies at the S.W. end of the Villa of Hadrian.

The road which we have been following from Ponte Lucano now descends steeply through a cutting, passing remains of villas on each side, to the Osteria delle Capannelle. This was in ancient times, and is still, an important meeting-point of roads. From the W. comes a deverticulum of the Via Praenestina, which diverges from it at the Osteria dell' Osa (*i.e.* about the 11th mile), and is now known as the Via di Poli. A description of it as far as the point we have now reached will be

paterno (*infra*, 148, n.) are given as (1) via publica, (2) paterno, (3) flumen (the Anio), (4) carrarea (a cart track—*qy.* the 'Carrara di Paterno' (?). But just after this we have 'fundum silicatum. fundum caccabelli. ab uno latere silice qui descendit a ponte lucano. a secundo latere alia silice qui pergit ad palatium antiquum. A tertio latere via publica. et a quarto lapide fundum gostanti.').

found in *Papers*, i. 177 : the rest of its course may be best dealt with here. It crosses the road from Ponte Lucano to Cavamonte, and skirts the S. and E. slopes of the Colle Fiorito.¹ It then turns due E., and ascends steeply through a long cutting of considerable depth and extraordinary regularity, until it reaches the top of the ridge known as the Colle Lungo. On each side of it are deep ravines : on the further side of that to the N.E. of the road is the village of S. Vittorino.

The site of this village is naturally a strong one, though there is no positive evidence either way to show whether it was occupied in Roman times or not. The rock has been hewn away to some extent on the S., and even more at the E. end, where the path ascending from the valley passes through a cutting, so that the only entrance to the village is by a modern bridge which spans the gap.

At the S.E. angle, upon the edge of the rock, there is a wall of rectangular blocks of yellow and dark-brown tufa, which appear to have been much weathered before they were placed in their present position, and have been relaid roughly, with much mortar between them, in later times. They measure 0·43 to 0·52 mètre in height and 0·62 in length on an average—one built into the gateway of the modern village measures 0·59 × 0·8 mètre. Below this wall there is a small cave cut in the rock upon which the village stands, which may be a tomb. Within the village itself are no traces of antiquity. A little further S.E., upon the E. (upper) side of the path which ascends from the ravine, the ground above the path is kept back by a wall of rough blocks of brown tufa, the date of which is quite uncertain. At first sight the masonry seems to belong to

¹ From this point a road (possibly of Roman origin) diverges to S. Vittorino, passing through an archway cut in the rock, which is known as the Porta Nevola, and which is of quite uncertain age. Somewhere between Porta Nevola and S. Vittorino below the hills of S. Germano (wherever they may be) is a nymphaeum cut in the rock and decorated with mosaics and shells—according to Raffaele del Re, in his edition (1883) of the first five chapters of Antonio del Re's *Storia di Tivoli*, p. 225. It is locally known as La Grotta di Paris.

Upon the Colle Fiorito, Kircher (*Latium*, 188 ; cf. map opp. p. 142) places the site of Aefula—wrongly : but Fabretti (*De Aquis*, map opp. p. 90) marks here 'rudera alterius oppidi ad viam Collatinam.' Revillas, on the other hand, places the ruins of Aefula on the Colle Tasso, where there are the remains of another large villa.

Another building of which I do not know the site is mentioned by Maria Graham (Lady Callcott), *Three Months in the Mountains East of Rome* (1820), 14. 'We [going from Le Capannelle towards Poli] entered a thicket that clothes the steep banks of the stream. As we ascended, we passed the foundation of some large antique building, formed of great square blocks of Peperino, and observed a fluted marble column lying across the path. These remains are near the little unhealthy town of San Vetturino' (*sic*).

the Cyclopean style, but the material is against this supposition,¹ and so is the fact that the interstices between the blocks are filled with small chips of stone. As I have said, the whole question of the antiquity of the site is undecided. As far as I know, no previous writer has dealt with it, and the evidence is not sufficient to enable a positive judgment to be formed.

To the S.E. of the village there is a group of ruins on the edge of the ravine, consisting of two ancient water reservoirs and the apse of a mediaeval church.

A kilomètre to the S. of these ruins, in the ravine which runs parallel to the S.W. side of the Via di Poli, a large buttress of concrete, faced with opus reticulatum with quoins of tufa, is seen on the S.W. bank of the stream. There are no traces of any corresponding buttress on the other bank, and it is doubtful whether it is the pier of a bridge. Some 50 yards to the S. of it are the remains of a square structure in opus reticulatum.

Halfway between the 27th and 28th kilomètre stones of the road an ancient road diverges in an E.N.E. direction, and descends into the valley of the Fosso di San Vittorino, where remains of a bridge in opus quadratum by which it crossed the stream are still to be seen. On the steep ascent beyond the pavement is still in good preservation. After reaching the top of this it turns first E.S.E. and then due E., running along the Colle Faustiniiano. As far as the Casale Contrevio it is easily traceable by the abundance of loose paving-stones which mark its line, but beyond that its course is doubtful. Cassio (*Memorie di S. Silvia*, 26) states that it ran to the village of Casape, but Revillas in his map does not show it beyond the Casale Contrevio.

Nibby (*Analisi*, i. 29) considers the Colle Faustiniiano to be the site of Aefula,² afterwards occupied by a large villa, of which considerable remains exist at the W. end of the hill (see Cassio, *op. cit.* 16).³ Horace

¹ See however Fonteanive, *Avanzi Ciclopici*, 85; Giovenale in *Diss. Accad. Pont.* vii. 333; cf. *Mélanges de l'École française*, 1905, 185. But the instances cited are rather cases of the use of tufa in 'polygonal' masonry in the narrower sense, *i.e.* where there is an intentional avoidance of horizontal bedding.

² The form Aefula is given by the best MSS. of Horace and is also found (in the cognomen Aefulanus) in an inscription from Carthage of the Republican period (*C.I.L.* ii. 3408); cf. also *C.I.G.* 3187; *C.I.L.* vi. 34220, 34221. Hübner, *Hermes*, i. 426.

³ The bricks forming the floor of a room discovered here in January, 1745, bore the stamps *C.I.L.* xv. 1061, 1075a, 2385, and a fragment 'ex pr. Domitiae Lucillae.'

According to letters written by Silvestro Petroncelli of S. Gregorio to Revillas (on Sept. 7th and 13th, 1739), which I acquired in the Corvisieri sale, mosaic pavements were found in the vineyard of Lorenzo Lupidii, situated upon the Colle Faustiniiano, also vaulted chambers with walls

mentions this village in *Carm.* iii. 29. 6, 'ne semper udum Tibur et Aefulae declive contempleris arvum et Telegoni iuga parricidae,' as being, with Tibur and Tusculum, a prominent point in the view of the hills as seen from Rome. Livy xxvi. 9. 9 tells us that a garrison was placed there when Hannibal threatened an attack on Rome in 210 B.C.: 'praesidia in arce, in Capitolio, in muris, circa urbem, in monte etiam Albano, atque arce Aesulana¹ ponuntur.' This passage, too, shows that it occupied a strong and lofty position. In the time of Horace it must have been already decaying, as Pliny (*H.N.* iii. 69) names the Aesolani among the peoples of Latium 'qui interiire sine vestigiis.'

The site selected by Nibby is not sufficiently prominent or lofty to agree with the indications given by Horace and Livy, and it is very possible that the arx Aefulana is identical with the Mons Aeflanus of *C.I.L.* xiv. 3530.

This inscription runs thus: 'Bonae Deae sanctissimae caelesti L. Paquedius Festus redemptor operum Caesar(is) et puplicorum (*sic*) aedem diritam (*sic*) refecit quod adiutorio eius rivom aquae Claudiae August(ae) sub monte Aeflano consummavit imp(eratore) Domit(iano) Caesar(e) Aug(usto) Germ(anico) xiiii co(n)s(ule) V non. iul' (3rd July, 88 A.D.). It is now preserved in the village of S. Gregorio, but the place where it was discovered is not certain. The tunnel of the Aqua Claudia, to which the inscription refers, commences in the Valle Lungherina at the point where the Fosso di Scarabazzo falls into it (see the Staff Map 1: 25,000, Castelmadama sheet), and ends somewhere to the S. of the Casale Gericomio—at the Ponte S. Antonio, at any rate, if not in one of two valleys to the N. of it, where small pieces of aqueduct substruction (which may, however, belong to the Anio Novus) are visible. If the tunnel were taken in a straight line, it would pass under the the Colle dello Scoglio, an insignificant hill about a mile to the E. of the summit of the Monte S.

8 palms in thickness, with bricks bearing a stamp, of which only the letters QSE appear to have been legible (possibly *C.I.L.* xv. 2385, P·CQSEPTICIORI). One hundred and thirty paces from the so-called Casale Grande an aqueduct 2½ palms (about 56 cm.) in width was found, which probably supplied this villa.

From a sketch-map given by Petroncelli the villa might fairly be conjectured to be near the house marked 312 on the Staff Map (Colonna sheet): Petroncelli's knowledge of the aqueducts seems to have been extensive, as these maps and his letters show.

Further towards the Mola a large ruined round tomb of opus reticulatum, originally of the size of that near the Ponte dell' Acquoria (*infra*, 151), but only preserved to a height of about 8 palms (1·80 mètre), was seen.

¹ This form is given by Weissenborn, who notes no other reading.

Angelo in Arcese. There is, however, no reason why the name Mons Aeflanus should not have been used somewhat loosely, even if in strictness it belonged to the Monte S. Angelo in Arcese. And that this hill was the site of the ancient village of Aefula (and, later, of the temple of the Bona Dea) is extremely probable. Dessau (*C.I.L.* xiv. p. 364, cf. also p. vii. note 2) tentatively places Aefula near S. Gregorio; but this village, though it lies high, is very much shut in by the surrounding hills, and is not to be compared with the Mons Albanus as a point of observation. In fact, it is not visible from Rome at all, so that it would not answer to the indications given by either Horace or Livy. Whether it is an ancient site is, indeed, uncertain. Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 128) considers that it resembles other fortified hill towns in position, and in the fact that the rocks have been scarped to increase its natural defensibility, leaving only one entrance—from the N.—but confesses his inability to adduce any positive arguments in favour of his conjecture. The identification with Sassula, which has led to the adoption of its present official name—S. Gregorio da Sassola—is certainly erroneous, resting as it does on the opinion of Kircher (*Latium*, 184; see *C.I.L.* xiv. p. 364). Sassula is only mentioned once (Liv. vii. 19), as a town belonging to Tibur and afterwards taken from the latter by Rome, so that its site is quite uncertain.

Marocco (*Stato Pontificio*, x. 49) places the site of the ancient city on the Colle Mercorano (Marcoraino on the Staff Map), but the remains appear to be those of a villa of Roman times.

The main argument in favour of the Monte S. Angelo is the existence of important remains of a road of an early period ascending the mountain side, and of fragments, which probably belong to the temple of the Bona Dea, on the summit.

The remains of the road are distinctly traceable on the southern slope of the mountain at a point not very far above the new road to S. Gregorio, to the E. of a large rectangular water reservoir of Roman date, built of concrete, and unroofed, so that it was intended for the storage of rain-water. The road was supported on the lower side by a wall of Cyclopean masonry, and paved. Above the road there are two terraces, one above the other, supported by similar walls, the lower of which is much better built and better preserved than the other. The terraces are 17 mètres in length, and the lower is 6 mètres wide. Above the upper terrace again the rock has been cut perpendicularly, and there are

remains of walling built against it. Upon the upper terrace there is a fragment of concrete *in situ* of Roman date. The period and purpose to which these platforms above the road are to be assigned is doubtful, but, according to Lanciani (*Röm. Mitt.* 1891, 153), they are probably of pre-Roman date, though the lower shows a marked horizontal tendency.

High up on the S.E. side of the mountain the road can be traced again, ascending towards the summit: by it are the remains of a small water reservoir.

The ruins at the top of the mountain are, as they stand, entirely mediæval, being those of a church and convent:¹ but many blocks of granular tufa which belong to some building of Roman date have been used in their construction. In the bushes near by lie seven unfluted columns of Carystian (cipollino) marble, each 0·35 mètre in diameter, and fragments of other marbles such as Phrygian (pavonazzetto) and Numidian (giallo) lie scattered about, with pieces of brick also. In all probability these materials belonged to the temple of the Bona Dea.

Up to the point where we left it the Via di Poli almost certainly follows an ancient line. Beyond this there are no actual traces of the antiquity of the road itself,² but ancient buildings are frequent along its course, and it would seem to have been a necessary artery of communication. From the narrow ridge along which we now pass some of the most important remains of the four chief aqueducts by which Rome was supplied with water (the Anio Vetus, the Marcia, the Claudia, and the Anio Novus) are visible. The ravine to the right of the road is spanned by the Ponte Lupo, which carries all the four: that to the left by the Ponte S. Gregorio, the Ponte S. Pietro, and, higher up, by the two ruined Ponti delle Forme Rotte, which last, as their arches have fallen, are not to be seen until one is close up to them: while further still to the N. the Ponte S. Antonio may be seen. The aqueducts, however, form a special branch of the topography of the Roman Campagna, and I cannot attempt here to

¹ See *Lib. Pont.* ii. 11 (ed. Duchesne): 'et in sancto Angelo in Fagano fecit (Leo III) vestem de fundato.' ii. 92, 'hic vero praesul (Sergius II) cum de omnibus ecclesiis sollicitè curam gereret, etiam basilicam Sancti Archangeli, quae in cacumine Fagani montis est constituta, largiorem quam pridem fuerat a fundamentis perfecit, ac radiantibus picturis luculente pingere iussit, ac sarta tecta eius noviter restauravit.' The origin of the name Faganum or Faianum (the latter is an alternative reading in the second passage) is not clear (Bruzza, *Regesto di Tivoli*, 138); Duchesne is inclined to derive it from fagus.

² Graham (*op. cit.* 19) says, 'the antique paved way from Tivoli to Palestrina, which runs in a line with the Catena, shows itself in more than one spot in the corn land we passed through.'

deal with, or even to mention, the problems connected with them, especially as I hope shortly to realise a long-cherished project of describing them more fully (see *Class. Rev.* 1900, 325). A little further on, at the 30th kilomètre stone of the Via di Poli, there stands on the left a large water reservoir consisting of a single chamber, with the opus signinum which lined the walls still well preserved: and close to it on the E. are the remains of a large villa. I do not know if this is that in which were found the fountain, *Brit. Mus.* no. 2538 ('found in 1776 by La Piccola, about five miles from Tivoli, near the road to Praeneste'), and the terminal figure, *ibid.* 1742 ('discovered in 1775, among some ruins, about six miles from Tivoli on the road to Praeneste').

To the S. of the road is the Casale S. Giovanni in Camporazio, to the S.E. of which are remains of a villa,¹ believed (without reason) to be that of the poet Horace (Chaupy, *Maison de Campagne d'Horace*, ii. 326; Cecconi, *Storia di Palestrina*, 85 *init.*). Hence ran an ancient road to Praeneste, according to the same authority (cf. *Papers*, i. 213).² A kilomètre further on, to the left of the Via di Poli, are the remains of another villa, some way to the N. of which a prominent building, called Il Torrione, is seen. It is a large tomb, with a square base in two tiers of opus quadratum and tufa, above which rises a circular structure in opus reticulatum (Cascioli, *Memorie Storiche di Poli*, 7). Canina (*Edifici*, vi. tav. 146) gives a view and plan of it; and it seems to be referred to as 'an antique building, arched and vaulted, and surrounded by large blocks of stone,' by Graham (*op. cit.* 105), who also saw 'on the opposite side a ruin, corresponding with the former, on which a small sloping-roofed house has been erected, with some picturesque chimneys.'

According to Cascioli (*op. cit.* 6), the Torrione is on the line of a diverticulum from the Via Collatina or Praenestina (the latter can alone be correct) which follows the Fosso di S. Giovanni (in Camporazio), comes within sight of the Ponte Lupo, and thence passes by way of the

¹ Here, according to Graham (*op. cit.* 17), 'there are many ancient substructions; and funeral vases and other antique fragments have been found.'

² The *Οὐέπερις* (or *Οὐέπερις*) ποταμός of which Strabo (v. 3. 11, p. 239) speaks as flowing through the territory of Praeneste, has been variously identified. Many writers before Nibby believed it to be the Fosso dell' Osa, which does not however, as he justly remarks, touch the territory of Praeneste. His own identification of it with the Acqua Rossa is, however, not certain (*Analisi*, iii. 465), for Strabo's indication of its position, *περὶ διὰ τῆς χώρας (Πραηνεστοῦ)*, is not sufficiently definite, and we have no other mention of it.

Torrione to Saviano,¹ and probably goes on to S. Gregorio and the Valle degli Arci.

At the Torrione another road branches off, passing to the S. of the ruins of S. Angelo (which are purely mediaeval), and, crossing the 'territorio delle Vignala e delle Facciata, dirigevasi al Carticoso sull' alto della Cona. Quivi in tempi poco remoti, potevano ancora vedersene alcuni tratti; anzi, questa località chiamasi pure col nome di Strada romana.' The last places mentioned are not shown upon the Staff Map, but the road spoken of seems to have passed E. of Casape and S. Gregorio to the Valle degli Arci.

I have not yet been able to verify these facts on the spot, so I must give this information for what it is worth. The same author (*op. cit.* 7) mentions several villas in the neighbourhood of Poli, including one at Ficozzivoli (see *Papers*, i. map no. vi.), of which Marocco (*Stato Pontificio*, x. 13) also speaks.

A mile further on we reach the Villa Catena, where our road is joined by a modern road from Gallicano, which probably follows the line of an ancient one (*Papers*, i. 208).

Beyond this point the Via di Poli presents no features of interest, and Poli itself is, probably, entirely of mediaeval origin, though it may perhaps in ancient times have been a small town dependent on Praeneste (Nibby, *Analisi*, ii. 566).

Two marble sarcophagi, one of which bears an inscription (*C.I.L.* xiv. 298* = vi. 10500), which are to be seen in the piazza were not, as Nibby states, discovered in the neighbourhood, but were brought from Rome.

From Poli a steep mountain path leads to the road between Capranica and Castel S. Pietro, the citadel of Praeneste.

Returning to the Osteria delle Capannelle (*supra*, 130), we now rejoin the road to Cavamonte, which runs almost due S., along a narrow valley. The whole of this district is made up of an alternation of long, narrow, flat-topped hills and deep ravines, so that from above the whole looks like a single plateau. The streams which run at the bottom of these ravines are comparatively small, and much of the conformation of the country must be due to volcanic action. They all run in a north-westerly direction, and fall into the Anio between Ponte Lucano and Bagni. We

¹ The Fosso Saviano is the name given by the Staff Map to the upper portion of the Valle della Mola.

soon pass, on the E., the lower Casale Corcolle, built upon the platform of a very large Roman villa, which is constructed of opus quadratum of tufa, and of opus reticulatum. (See Nibby, *Schede*, iii. 28, 29.)¹

A little to the S. rises the hill of Corcolle. This has been conjectured by Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 668) and others to be the site of the town of the Querquetulani, an old Latin people mentioned by Dionysius (v. 61) and Pliny (*H.N.* iii. 69). The only argument in favour of the identification is the similarity of the name, for nothing is known of the history of the Querquetulani.

The site, however, is almost certainly ancient. The top of the hill is a plateau, measuring about 250 yards by 50 or less, the natural defensive advantages of which have been increased by the scarping of the tufa rock all round, and by its entire isolation from the larger plateau to the S.W. by a deep ditch, 30 or 40 yards wide and 10 to 15 deep, which has been made across the isthmus that once united them. A winding road cut in the rock ascends on the W. side and reaches the summit not far from the N. extremity. Another path ascends on the E. side, at the top of which a narrow footway has been cut to give access to the plateau.

Upon the plateau itself all the traces of construction that remain belong to the mediaeval castle, which occupied the whole of the summit of the hill. At the S. end, forming the S. wall of the farmhouse, is a mediaeval wall of blocks of yellow tufa, which may or may not have belonged originally to the ancient city walls, and which were very likely quarried on the spot.

The plateau to the S.W. may perhaps have been occupied by the city itself, Corcolle forming the arx, but as the former presents no traces of fortification towards the S.E. (though there are some remains of ancient buildings upon it) this is quite an uncertain point. At its N. extremity is a small modern chapel, over the door of which is an ancient relief (Fig. 13) in white marble, the subject of which is not easy to make out, though the figure on the extreme right is clearly Hercules with the lion's skin.

¹ 'Passato il ponte [over the fosso di Acqua Rossa] dirigendosi a sin. verso un fenile si riconosce essere questo fondato sopra i ruderi di un' antica villa costrutta di grandi massi di pietra quadrata e di opera reticolata. Credo che le pietre quadrate di tufa fossero un' opera precedente alla quale poi venisse addossata la costruzione reticolata, ovvero che fossero queste tolte dall' antico recinto di Corcolle . . . Del resto dalle rovine di questa villa si traccia tutta la sua spianata inferiore . . . il vicino tumulo macchioso [point 72 on the map] copre forse le rovine del piano nobile.'

Close to it are the remains of a mediaeval building—very likely an earlier chapel—built with blocks of brown tufa 0·49 to 0·59 mètre in height, 0·51 mètre in thickness, and of different lengths, which almost certainly come from some building of Roman date.

There are also fragments of about six fluted columns of Carystian (cipollino) marble, 0·45 mètre in diameter. Further to the S.E. are several blocks of tufa which appear to be remains of the foundations of buildings, the date and nature of which cannot be determined without excavation.

The road to Cavamonte runs along the valley to the S.W. of the plateau of Corcolle. Rather more than a mile from Corcolle a road-cutting in the rock is seen descending to join it from the hills on the further bank (W.) of the small stream. Half a mile further we reach Passerano,¹ where another ancient road comes from the same direction, and falls into our road (see *Papers*, i. 193, 195, and map iv.).

The castle of Passerano stands upon a rock which forms the extreme N. end of a ridge known as the Colle S. Angelo. What is naturally a strong position has been strengthened still further by the hand of man, the rock having been hewn and scarped in all directions, so that the castle is only accessible from the N. and S. ends by steep paths.

In the castle walls are many blocks of yellow tufa 0·38—0·40 mètre in height, which may, or may not, have belonged to fortifications of the classical period, if such existed. Here, as so often, we find it somewhat difficult to decide whether the fortification of the site is Latin or mediaeval in origin. The problem is here made more difficult by the fact that the southern tower, which is pentagonal, contains on four of its sides a considerable amount of construction in opus reticulatum with small rectangular stone quoins. It is quite improbable that there was any occasion to fortify the place at the time when opus reticulatum was in use: and it is very likely that we have here the remains of a lofty view tower belonging to a villa which occupied the site in Roman times, and incorporated by the builders of the mediaeval fortress into their scheme of defence.

Nibby (*Analisi*, iii. 67) is inclined to identify Passerano with Scaptia, a city which was a member of the league for the restoration of the Tarquins (Dionys. v. 61) and later on gave its name to one of the Roman tribes.

¹ The name appears in the 11th century ('*Anales Romaines 1044-1073*' in *Lib. Pont.* ed. Duchesne, ii. 335).

It was supposed to have been dependent on Pedum from the traditional reading of a passage of Festus (p. 343 Müll.), 'Scaptia tribus a nomine urbis Scaptiae appellata, quam Pedani incolebant.' But Pedani is due to a conjecture of Ursinus, Müller preferring Latini. It was clearly quite a small town, being one of the many cities of Latium which Pliny (*H.N.* iii. 68) names as having utterly disappeared. The site of Pedum is itself uncertain (*Papers*, i. 205), and if we refuse, as we must in default of further evidence, to connect Scaptia with it, we can have no notion of its position.

A mile or more beyond Passerano our road is crossed by a diverticulum from the Via Praenestina (described *Papers*, i. 204). The cutting for this by-road is clearly traceable as it ascends the steep side of the Colle Selva, on the N.W. of our road, but beyond the top of the ridge I have not been able to follow it.

Continuing to follow the valley, we reach in a mile and a half more (nearly three miles from Passerano) the Osteria di Cavamonte, where our road crosses the Via Praenestina. Its course beyond this point is described in *Papers*, i. 205, 267.

IV.—FROM PONTE LUCANO TO TIBUR.

Between Ponte Lucano and the so-called Tempio della Tosse the course of the Via Tiburtina is not certain: for the first mile it passes over gently rising ground, which has probably been uninterruptedly under cultivation; but it is most likely that it ran at first along or slightly to the left of the line of the modern road, and then coincided more or less with the lane which ascends to the Tempio della Tosse in a N.E. direction.

Five hundred yards from the Ponte Lucano two large tombs stand on the S. side of the highroad, both of them forming the foundations of modern houses. They are square, and built of blocks of travertine; the base of each contained a chamber at the ground level, while the upper part was adorned with a large bas-relief. The better preserved of the two still retains its relief, which is of Parian marble, and represents a man holding a horse by the bridle.¹ The heads of both figures have been removed. The relief belonging to the other tomb, which is in a more ruinous condition, is now in the Villa Albani (see Helbig, *Führer*, ii. 782). It represents

¹ See Piranesi, *Antichità Romane*, ii. tav. 38, 39, for plan and view. Cf. Helbig, *Führer*, ii. no. 823 (who speaks as if this relief were no longer in existence).

the favourite pursuits of the deceased. Cabral and del Re (*op. cit.* 48) state on the authority of Gaetano Mattia that it was a relief of a lion fighting with a horse that belonged to this tomb and passed into the collection of Card. Alessandro Albani.

A third tomb of similar design stood near here in the time of Ligorio (*Cod. cit.* f. 116^v, cf. *Cod. Vat.* 5295 f. 31^v): the bas-relief, representing a large lion, is now preserved in the Palazzo Barberini in Rome (see Matz and von Duhn, *Antike Bildwerke*, iii. 3785; Wolters, *Gipsabgüsse*, 1922; Friedrichs, *Bausteine*, 924). Elevations of all the three tombs are given by Giuliano da Sangallo, *Cod. Barb.* xlix. 33 (now 4424), f. 41. *C.I.L.* xiv. 3817 was discovered at a gunshot distance from these tombs.¹

¹ Ligorio (*Bodl. Canon.* 138, f. 117) gives the following particulars: 'Di un altro sepolcro guasto. Questo altro è uicino al sopra detto del quale hoggi non ui è rimasto nulla, perche noi di ueduta le havemo uisto guastare, et il pilo è ben uero che era gittato a terra rottissimo, ma l'arco che il tencua pensile è stato uenduto et toltone uia i sassi dalli tiuolesi: et per esser bella compositione, e' di inuentione no' ho' perciò lasciato che io non lo habbia qui disegnato, che se la fortuna lo ha' fatto spianare, non ha potuto pero far tanto, che non habbiamo potuto col mezzo della carta è del inghiostro fare che non ne sia affatto spenta la memoria: il pilo poteua esser longho XV piedi, et largo VI alto otto piedi.' The sketch which should have accompanied this description is wanting in the MS., and as the passage quoted comes immediately after that cited *supra*, 113, it is possible that the reference is to a tomb near the 9th mile: but as the first and third of the three tombs of which we have been speaking form the main subject with which Ligorio is dealing, it is possible that he is here describing a fourth member of the same group, especially as he states that it was the people of Tivoli who destroyed it.

On the other hand, it is to be noted that Zappi says nothing of the destruction of any tomb, and speaks only of the three mentioned in the text (f. 135^v):

'in luogo doue si dice Serena, ui si ritrouano tre bellissime Memorie antique, e rare come ui dirò, si ritroua principalmente un Leone di Marmo del Naturale in un Posamento Rileuato in alto da 35 Palmi in circa, questo Posamento si ritroua esser fatto di quadri di Pietra Tiburtina. Ma il Leone resta scolpito in un quadro di Marmo per ogni faccia da 12 palmi in circa, doppo si ritroua un'altra Memoria di un Cauallo, et di un homo grande del Naturale. . . . La Terza Memoria sono doi Statue rileuate in alto da 30 palmi con il Mede(si)mo posamento, Ma discosto l'una Memoria all' altra da 60 Palmi, e tra esse due Figure ui si ritrouano una Roba Tonda, et si uede essere posata sopra una Tauola . . .

'Son forzato dire che quella Memoria del Cauallo tenuto da quel homo per le Redini della Briglia si ritrouauano di tanta Vaga Bellezza che gli forno leuate le Teste ad Ambedue . . . da un Gran. Sig. Cavaliere nel tempo della Guerra di Papa Panolo quarto dell' Anno 1557, che di rincontro alle d(ett)e tre Memorie notabili ui si ritrouauano li soldati, et esercito del . . . Re filippo Re di Spagna, gouernato sotto . . . il Duca d'Alba.'

Bartoli (*Gli antichi Sepolcri*, tav. 47, 48, 49) gives views of all these tombs—the last after a drawing by Pietro da Cortona.

It would also be interesting to know whether Zappi saw a more direct road from Ponte Lucano to the Villa Adriana than any of which we know at present—say along the path from the bridge to the easternmost of the two houses marked C. Galli on the map, where at present there are no traces of antiquity. He speaks (f. 137^v) of two roads starting from the tomb of the Plautii, the one going to Tivoli, 'e l'altra uerso la Gran uilla di Adriano Imperatore discosta Mezzo Miglio secondo che si uedono li Vestigij delle Siricate [*sic*, for Selciate] Antique accosto alla d^a Mole.'

The name Serena, which belongs to this place, has naturally been supposed by the earlier writers on the antiquities of Tivoli to conceal the name of the owners of the tombs or of a villa near them, in classical times. To such identifications little or no real value attaches.

It has been strongly held (especially by Nibby, *Descrizione della Villa Adriana*, 15, *Analisi*, iii. 661—though in his earlier work, *Viaggio Antiquario*, i. 119, he rejects the theory) that the two tombs still standing are not really tombs at all, but are pillars flanking the main entrance to the Villa of Hadrian, which lies half a mile to the S.

This view is, however, rejected by Sebastiani, *op. cit.* 222, for several reasons, the most cogent among which is the fact that the two buildings are by no means identical in size; and Winnefeld (*Jahrbuch des Instituts, Ergänzungsheft* iii., 24) is of this opinion. Even if an ancient road passed between these two tombs and led to the Villa of Hadrian (as Sebastiani, *op. cit.* 224, tells us, on the authority of the tenant of the vineyard—cf. Promis, *op. cit.* 35) this would be no argument in favour of Nibby's theory. Revillas in his map marks a paved road running S.S.E. immediately to the E. of them both. The modern path to the W. of them shows no certain traces of antiquity, though there are a few paving-stones in it—not *in situ*. It is noticeable, however, that it soon falls at right angles into a road which certainly is ancient. This road has its pavement still preserved *in situ* immediately to the N.E., and beyond the Casale Leonina ascends in a straight line up the hill to the S. end of the town of Tivoli, where its pavement was discovered in 1883 just outside the Porta S. Croce (*Notizie degli Scavi*, 1883, 17). Going in a south-westerly direction, on the other hand, the road bends slightly to the S., passes through some cuttings in the rock which are indubitably ancient, and falls into the road to Corcolle and Cavamonte (*supra*, 128).

Nicolas Audebert is probably referring in the following passage (*Brit. Mus. MS. Lansdowne*, 720, f. 306) to a discovery of sarcophagi, and not to the tombs of which we have spoken:

'Peu plus loing [than Ponte Lucano] on veoit a coste du chemin dedans une vigne un reste de peinture antique qui est contre un vieil mur tout ruiné et y a quelques sepultures et urnettes come cercueils, en facon d'un long coffre, capable d'un homme y estendu, Le tout de fort beau marbre blanc, avec facons de sculpture et aultres ouvrages par dehors. Aussy se veoit un peu plus loing et plus proche du chemin un vieil marchepied ou montoir de pierre contre lequel est grave l'Epitaphe d'une mule de Crassus . . .

Dis Pedib. Saxum
Cinciae Dorsiferae et Cluniferae'

(naturally a forgery—*C.I.L.* vi. 3443a*). He also notices (f. 307) that the ancient paving was well preserved along the road to the Villa of Hadrian, but he is not precise as to its exact course.

To the S. of the Casale Leonina lies the colossal Villa of Hadrian, which extends as far as the Villa Bulgarini, or, according to some, as far as the Colle S. Stefano, where there are considerable remains. The villa has been most fully and carefully described and planned by Winnefeld, who gives a complete bibliography (*Jahrbuch des Instituts, Ergänzungsheft* iii., 1895), so that it seems hardly necessary to say anything more on the subject.

The buildings on the Colle S. Stefano, which are shown in Piranesi's plan, and described by almost all the authors who have written upon the villa (see especially Sebastiani, *op. cit.* 300 *sqq.*; Nibby, *Analisi*, iii. 703 *sqq.*), are not considered to belong to the Villa of Hadrian by Winnefeld (*op. cit.* 24). They are separated from the rest of the villa by an interval of quite half a mile; and the evidence of a recently discovered inscription (see *Bull. Com.* 1899, 32) makes it very probable that they form a separate villa, which belonged to the Vibii Vari. Some parts of the building certainly belong to the time of Hadrian, from the brickstamps found there.

The main structure is a large rectangular building facing the S.W.; along the W.N.W. and S.S.E. sides runs a cryptoporticus, which on the latter is double; its ceiling and walls were decorated with plaster, on which portraits of Greek poets, with their names beneath in swallow-tailed tablets, were painted in squares. Some fragments of these paintings were, according to the text to Contini's plan (Kircher, *Vetus Latium*, cap. xiv. no. 9), presented to Cardinal Francesco Barberini. Sebastiani (*op. cit.* 302) was able to read the names of Pindar and Simonides; but the paintings are by now almost entirely obliterated.

Above and behind the cryptoporticus extends a large terrace, supported on the E.S.E. side by substructures, while on the N.N.E. it is on a level with the top of the hill. This terrace was the site of the palace itself, and at the end of the 18th century De Angelis found a peristyle in the centre, with remains of rooms on each side, and a fountain on the W.S.W. Sebastiani saw a fragment of black and yellow mosaic on the same side, but now all traces of the structures which occupied this upper terrace have disappeared, except a chamber at the S.S.W. angle, which is remarkable for its extraordinarily irregular construction. Opus reticulatum with bands of brick is seen in the same wall as very roughly cut bits of tufa laid in a thick bedding of mortar; Winnefeld, however (*op. cit.* 26), calls attention to this mixture of modes of construction in many parts of the

Villa of Hadrian itself. The chamber is rectangular in shape, and has a rectangular niche between two windows opposite the door, and a semi-circular niche on each of the two other sides: these two niches are not built in the thickness of the wall, but project from it on the outside. The substructures present other irregularities. It is possible, as Nibby suggests, that this chamber is a view tower. Mr. Baddeley, however, considers that it may be a temple or shrine: and some colour is given to this view by the discovery close by it of a marble tablet bearing the words

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SANCTV

in letters of the second century A.D. The tablet measures 21 cm. square, and the letters are 45 mm. high: it has been presented by Mr. Baddeley to the School. It must have served to mark the actual confines of a sacred grove, but the form and wording are somewhat remarkable. Sanctus, however, though less common than sacer, is not unknown in this sense (cf. Lewis and Short, s. v. sanctus: 'Sanctus. orig. rendered sacred, established as inviolable, *i.e.* sacred, inviolable (whereas sacer signifies consecrated to a deity). Thus, *e.g.*, a temple, grove, or the like, is sacer locus; but sanctus locus is any public place which it is forbidden to injure or disturb. A sacer locus is also sanctus, but the converse is not always true').

To the S.E. of this terrace and prolonging its N.E. side runs a substruction wall strengthened by buttresses. At the end of this is a building generally called an amphitheatre, oval in form, with four or five concentric walls only a foot apart: its construction is very rough, of small rectangular blocks of tufa set in thick courses of mortar, but it is probably of Roman date, and may be a large open water reservoir. Petronselli, in a letter to Revillas of Nov. 18, 1740, speaks of a branch aqueduct coming to this reservoir from one of the great aqueducts near Gericomio: it was $2\frac{1}{4}$ feet in width. The reservoir itself, he remarks, has a channel about $1\frac{1}{2}$ foot wide running all round it, which leaves it in a northerly direction; and in this branch aqueduct was found a brick bearing the stamp

which should no doubt be read TI·LOLLI·ANICI, but which I have not been able to identify with any brickstamp hitherto known.¹

In the reservoir itself Petroncelli saw a marble cippus, 2 palms (about 45 cm.) wide, broken, and with the surface worn in places, bearing the following fragmentary inscription :

He also notes the discovery of four bricks about 45 cm. square and 4 cm. thick, bearing the stamp *C.I.L.* xv. 359 (123 A.D.), of which he gives a facsimile, and Viola (*Giorn. Arcad.* cxix. (1849-50), 294) records the discovery of several copies of it here.

Further to the S.E. apparently Petroncelli notes the existence of a paved road (*infra*, 197) in a vineyard—he writes as follows: ‘nel piano dei medesimi colli (di S. Stefano) nel terreno della Mensa Vescovale di Tivoli confine col territorio di questa terra² si vede una traversa di strada antica con li soliti pietroni neri pare questa dirigga verso Giricomio, Nella qual Vigna si trovano molte sostruzioni a opera reticolata, et in specie una stanza con l’intonacatura di tre once, dipinta a specchi, col pavimento di mosaico finissimo, e questo si trova ancora nella piazza avanti il Casale. Alla destra della strada Romana 30 palmi lontano dal d° Casale, dentro la vigna 20 palmi sotterra si è scoperto sostruttioni di opera grandiosa cioè di massi di peperino alcuni sono alti palmi tre longhi palmi 8 larghi palmi 2½ intonacati e dipinti. In questo scavo 15 palmi sotterra si è trovato il pavimento su la terra, fatto a astrico grosso mezzo palmo, si che l’altri cinque palmi è fondamento della fabrica e cio è certo anche dalla struttura dei massi i quali sotto il d° astrico o pavimento sono rustici.’

The reference is probably to the road mentioned by Bulgarini (*infra*, 147), though he goes on to say, ‘nel giardinetto inferiore di questo

¹ At the end of the second line Petroncelli notes ‘le lettere mancanti sono corrose,’ but he only leaves a space for two letters more at most, and shows no traces of a third line.

² He refers to the village to which he belonged—S. Gregorio (*supra*, 134).

Palazzo vi è una Mascara [*sic*] antica di marmo alta palmi trè, et un onza . . . con bocca aperta . . . con alcuni ornamenti d'intorno. Et una lapide parimenti di marmo alta palmi 5 larga palmi $3\frac{1}{4}$, con quattro fasci a bassorilievo . . . nel mezo di ciascuno vi è una testa d'Ariete, collegati con alcuni ornamenti di fascie.' Now, 'questo Palazzo' must refer to Gericomio: but the vigna, one would suppose, is that on the Colli di S. Stefano, and not one attached to Gericomio. The passage is, however, not quite clear.

To the N. of the reservoir is a building called the 'triclinium' by Piranesi, which is, however, in reality the baptistery of a church, from which the name Colle S. Stefano very likely originated.¹ In the vineyard in which it stands are three recently excavated marble columns: we were told that many bodies had been found, which points to the existence of a Christian burying-ground.² The so-called 'temple of Minerva' to the N.W. of this again is also a later building, though to the W. of it are some ancient reservoirs. Further away to the S.E. of the group of buildings hitherto described is a large open water reservoir, trapezoidal in shape, and partly sunk below ground level: it is faced with brickwork

¹ The plan (a simple hexagon) is given by Dehio and v. Bezold, *Kirchliche Baukunst des Abendlandes*, t. i. fig. 10.

² Two fragments of a Greek inscription, cut on a slab of white marble, are built into the stairs of the cottage in the vineyard. I have not been able to obtain a satisfactory reading of them, as they are much worn, and therefore give the text with all reserve. The letters are 2 cm. high.

in this portion, and with opus reticulatum with tufa quoins above (the whole wall being lined with opus signinum), and was, according to Piranesi, entered by a flight of steps on each side. On the N.W. side of this reservoir, and a few yards from it, are two putei, 3 or 4 feet square, of opus reticulatum, which must belong to a subterranean aqueduct¹ which ran from this reservoir either to the other or directly to the villa. To the N. of this, in a vineyard, are the scanty remains of another building—a platform of opus incertum with much brick, etc., about. Another fragment of the inscription of the Vibii Vari (*Bull. Com.* 1899, 32) is walled into a modern building here. This villa is very likely the 'edificio incognito' of Piranesi's plan (vi. 20). The importance of the remains on the Colle S. Stefano is shown by the existence of two ancient roads which pass over the Fosso di Ponte Terra, the deep ravine which runs on the S. side of the hill. The easternmost of these crosses a natural bridge called the Ponte Terra. This spans a cleft in the rock, through which the stream passes: if the channel is not entirely artificial, it has evidently been enlarged by the hand of man, as the roof has been cut quite flat. The channel is about 200 feet in length, 30 in height, and 6 in width. Parallel to it runs the specus of an aqueduct, cut in the rock, 0.51 metre wide and 1.85 metre high.

The road ran across this bridge upon a substructure of opus quadratum of tufa; three courses of blocks 2 feet in height and thickness may be seen on the E. side. The pavement of the road is clearly traceable in the descent on the N. side; it was very narrow—not more than 2 metres in width. Bulgarini (*op. cit.* 127, see also the map) speaks of an ancient road running from the villa towards Gericomio, which had been discovered in his time; and Petroncelli also refers to it. Whether the road, after ascending to the plateau S. of the ravine, led to S. Vittorino or no is quite uncertain.

The other road crossed the ravine nearly a mile further to the W., by an enormous viaduct (Fig. 14) (unknown apparently to Petroncelli), which has been supposed by some authors (see Bulgarini, *loc. cit.*) to be an aqueduct bridge, but certainly carried a road, and not an aqueduct. Canina (*Edifizi*, vi. tav. 170) gives a plan, sketch, and restoration of it,² and (v. p. 190) states that the ancient paved road could be seen on both

¹ Petroncelli thought that this aqueduct came from the bridge at Pomata (*infra*, 195).

² A much better sketch is given by Lanciani, *Bull. Com.* 1899, 35.

sides of it. No traces of pavement now remain, but the road is clearly seen ascending the S. bank of the ravine; and a countryman told us that some of the pavement was actually preserved at the crossing of the next stream to the S.

Also, the bridge is no less than 4·10 mètres in width, and there are no traces of the specus of an aqueduct, nor of any calcareous water deposit. There are two tiers of arches—a single arch across the stream, 7·95 mètres in height, with a span of 6·75 mètres, while in the upper tier there are four arches, the height of the whole structure being 17 mètres. It is built of concrete, faced with small tufa blocks and bricks, arranged alternately, and the construction is very solid.

Returning, after this long digression, to the Via Tiburtina, which we left not far beyond Ponte Lucano (*supra*, 140), we find many paving-stones of selce built into the fieldwall N. of the modern road, S. of the Casale Spirito Santo, which have very likely been removed from the ancient road. Revillas, in fact, marks paving *in situ* up to this point. Not far on was found the inscription published by Lanciani (*Bull. Com.* 1899, 30). Revillas in the legend to his map (though on the map itself the reference letter has, by some error, not been inserted) indicates the existence of 'a fragment of a milestone near the tomb of L. Licinius' (*i.e.*, *C.I.L.* xiv. 3795), which in *Sched. Berol.* he locates 'prope Sepulcrum triangulare in via vetere Tiburtina quod distat ab Ponte Lucano pass. D C et a Teverone pass. C circiter.' The old road, as we have said (*supra*, 140), ascended in a fairly straight line towards the so-called Tempio della Tosse.¹ This was shown to be the case by the discovery in 1735 or 1736 of the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3582: 'Beatissimo saeculo dominorum nostrorum Constanti et Constantis Augustorum Senatus Populusque Romanus Clivum Tiburtinum in planitiem redegit curante L. Turcio Secundo Aproniani Praef(ecto) Urb(i) fil. Asterio C(larissimo) v(iro) Correctore Flam(iniae) et Piceni.' This inscription was found on the right-hand (the S.) side of the road, at or near the site of the 18th milestone,

¹ The lane which runs on the left of what we have assumed to be the line of the ancient road is called Carrara di Paterno. The name Paterno is an old one: the act of donation to the church of S. M. de Cornuta, of the year 471, published by Bruzza, *Regesto della Chiesa di Tivoli*, 15, and Duchesne, *Lib. Pont.* i. cxlvi., mentions 'fundum Paternum maranus [*sic*], fundum Mons Paternus': and though this locality may not be referred to in that document, it seems to be certainly spoken of in the second document published by Bruzza, a Bull of Marinus II (945), in which the property of the cathedral of Tivoli is mentioned (p. 20, l. 25, fundum paterno), as also in a document of 942 A.D. (*Reg. Subl.* f. 171, Bruzza, p. 117), and in subsequent bulls (*supra*, 129, n.).

a little before the Tempio della Tosse is reached, on the somewhat steep ascent which the road now has to make, and it has been re-erected at the spot where it was found. If it was found *in situ*, Dessau (*C.I.L. loc. cit.*) is surely wrong in referring it to the relaying of the steep ascent from the Ponte dell' Acquoria, and not to the road with which we are now dealing. Bruzza (*Regesto della Chiesa di Tivoli*, 106) interprets it as referring to the road which we are now following.¹ A little higher up on the right-hand side of the road is the so-called Tempio della Tosse, an octagonal structure, with a domed roof, faced with opus mixtum, and belonging probably to the 4th century after Christ.

The interior is circular, with four curved and four rectangular niches, in one of the latter of which (that towards the road) is the doorway. Above each of the niches is a large window, and in the centre of the dome is a circular opening. On either side of the door is a rectangular chamber, in each of which are three small niches. Traces of Christian paintings of the 13th century may still be seen. The purpose of the building has been much discussed. The traditional name, 'Tempio della Tosse,' is of unknown origin, and it is very likely that the building was originally constructed as a tomb. A plan of it was made by Giuliano da Sangallo (*Cod. Barb.*, 4424, f. 30^r). Canina (*Edifici*, vi. tav. 123) gives a plan and view of it. (Cf. also Isabelle, *Édifices circulaires*, pl. 24, 53; Dehio and v. Bezold, i. 24, and t. i. fig. 11.) Close to it was found a marble pavement (Bulgarini, *op. cit.* 99), and the inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 3535, 3679 were discovered not far off.

Revillas refers to a Mithraic relief found near it in the following terms in the draft of a work on Tibur, preserved among his papers:

'Penes saepe laudatum Paullum Columnnam, qui illud ab effossore praetio comparavit, Tibure adservatur; ejusque heic schema exhibemus.

'Tauri in antro veluti expirantis pars antica in hocce Anaglyphi fragmento repraesentatur. Juvenis ante Taurum tiaram phrygiam capite gestans, brevique tunica indutus facem versus terram deprimit. Supra hunc in sinistro Tabulae superiori angulo Luna exculpta inter cornua visitur. Gruterus² porro quinque describit similia prorsus marmora: Monfauconius³

¹ A precisely similar inscription (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3583) refers to the restoration of an unknown bridge, for the inscription was not found *in situ*, though the Ponte dell' Acquoria is not improbably referred to.

² Gruter, *Pag.* xxxiv.

³ Montfaucon. *Antiq. Explan.* tom. i. 2. 373 *sqq.* (Paris, 1722).

novem exhibet in quibus ferme omnibus Mithras Tauro insidens, cultro-que ipsum jugulans exprimitur. Et praeter Lunam in sinistro angulo, ut heic expressam, Juvenemque sub ea, facem gestantem, Sol in dextro angulo conspicitur; ac sub eo pone Taurum alter Juvenis facem pariter, sed contrario sensu aut deprimens aut erigens: qui quidem duo Juvenes duos alios Mithras, orientem videlicet, occidentemque Solem (sicuti qui medius est, Taurumque calcit, Solem meridianum) repraesentant, ut Mythologorum eruditores arbitrantur. Solem itaque, seu Mithram, nostrum quoque marmor exhibet: et ni fallimur novo testimonio Templum de quo agimus Soli adjudicat.'

In the long description of the building itself, which precedes, he states his belief that the original entrance was on the S., and that the building itself was a temple of the Sun (arguing partly from the evidence of *C.I.L.* xiv. 3535), the seven niches denoting the seven planets.

A little higher up the hill our road is joined by that ascending from the Ponte dell' Acquoria (see below), and passes under the huge sub-structures of the so-called Villa of Maecenas (probably a building connected with the temple of Hercules) by an arched passage, lighted by square apertures in the vault, the construction of which is recorded in the duplicate inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 3667/8.

The history of this building is of great interest, and many important problems are connected with it, but as it is not our purpose to deal at present with the city of Tibur itself, which we have now reached, nor to examine the Via Valeria beyond Tibur, nor the upper part of the valley of the Anio, it only remains to speak of the topography of the western slopes of the mountains which enclose Tivoli on the N. and S., and thus complete our survey of this section of the Roman Campagna.

V.—THE TERRITORY OF TIBUR ON THE N.

(from Tivoli by the Ponte dell' Acquoria to Montecelio, S. Angelo and Palombara).

The road which descends to the Ponte dell' Acquoria from Tivoli leaves the Via Tiburtina on its left just below the so-called Villa of Maecenas, and at once begins to slope steeply down to the bridge, a shelf having been cut in the cliff to carry it. The pavement, 4.06 metres in width, is well

preserved, and so are the substructures, partly of opus quadratum, partly of opus reticulatum, which support the earth on the upper (S.) side of the road. See Canina, *Edifici*, vi. tav. 38: he justly remarks (v. p. 106, n. 7) on the absence of wheelmarks, which would seem to indicate that in later times, at least, it was not the highroad to Tibur.

At the bottom of the slope, opposite the bridge, is a large cave, commonly known as the Tempio del Mondo, which has been artificially enlarged, and has three niches cut at the further end of it. The purpose which it served is quite uncertain. In 1839 the front of it fell in (Rinaldi, *Guida a Tivoli*, 42). A few hundred yards to the W., facing the river, is the platform which supported a large villa, constructed of concrete faced with courses of chips of surface travertine, arranged in eight vertical bands, each about 2 feet high. In the wall are two drain holes, one arched with eight dark tufa voussoirs with a travertine keystone.

The Ponte dell' Acquoria (Canina, *loc. cit.*) must originally have had several arches, though only one, at the N. end, is now completely preserved, all further traces of the rest of the Roman bridge having been washed away by the river (there are, however, traces of a brick arch of later date, and still further S. there are two mediaeval arches of concrete, which served as approach to the older bridge, now swept away entirely). This arch is half buried by the mud that has accumulated beneath it: it is constructed of large blocks of travertine (Fig. 15). The total width of the bridge—including the parapets—is 6.1 mètres: the eastern parapet (of which two courses are preserved) is 0.8 mètre wide; so that the width of the roadway (the pavement of which has completely disappeared) was 4.5 mètres—just over 15 Roman feet—a trifle narrower than the average for a bridge on a highroad. At the S. end of the bridge there is a mass of concrete on each side, probably belonging to a mediaeval tower erected to guard it. At the N. end of the bridge the pavement of the road as it winds up the hill is still well preserved, as far as a chapel where the road to S. Pastore and Vitriano goes off due N. At the bottom of the hill close to the bridge on the E. is a garden, where in 1861 a statue of Aesculapius, some architectural fragments, and the lead pipe bearing the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3702 (= *C.I.L.* xv. 7903) were discovered. Halfway up the ascent is the large square core of a tomb in concrete. Near this tomb was found a columbarium in 1749 or 1750 (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3714, 3715); and the foundations of a third tomb, nearer the Ponte dell' Acquoria, are mentioned by Cabral and del Re

(*op. cit.* 106) as hardly traceable. Marzi (*Historia Ampliata di Tivoli* (1665), 4) probably refers to the same tomb: 'essendo gli anni andati stato dalla violenza dell' acque dirupato il (ponte) murato insieme col sepolcro di Celio, che a capo di esso in forma di baloardo sorgeua.'

If the view of many topographers (*supra*, 108) be accepted—that the original Via Tiburtina ran by the Aquae Albulae across the plain to the Ponte dell' Acquoria—it would have joined the road we have been describing just to the W. of this group of tombs, at the chapel at the top of the ascent from the bridge. I have followed, however, both the path that runs close to the N. bank of the Anio, and finally reaches Ponte Lucano, and that which runs north-westwards to the Ponte delle Vigne. The first is, apparently, entirely modern; along the course of the second are, as I have said (*supra*, 110), a few paving-stones (not *in situ*); but the evidence seems insufficient to allow us to suppose the course of the highroad here.

The road to S. Pastore and Vitriano, on the other hand, is undoubtedly ancient. The cutting made for it close to the chapel is probably of Roman date, and the fact that after this it runs in an absolutely straight line for a mile and a half is another strong proof of its antiquity; it is also noticeable that many paving-stones exist in the fieldwall on the E. side of it.¹ The district to which it leads abounds with the remains of large villas, most of which are built upon two or three terraces, supported by massive walls on three sides, while the fourth side is formed by the hill rising behind the terrace. These walls frequently perpetuate the Cyclopean style of masonry: but that these embanking walls were constructed for the villas, and are not remains of primitive cities or settlements adapted in later times, is clear from many indications—from the careful jointing of the blocks, from the conjunction of this style of masonry with opus incertum and reticulatum, and not least from the fact that, while excellently adapted to support the terraces of Roman villas, they are utterly unsuited for the fortresses or

¹ The following extract from the bull of Benedict vii. (978), published by Bruzza, *Regesto della Chiesa di Tivoli*, may be of interest (p. 33, l. 32): 'miliario a suprascripta civitate plus minus quinto. in campo maiore. Ab uno latere staphiliano. Et a secundo latere silice in qua est ponticello. Et a tertio latere crepidinis. Et a quarto latere piranis. Et a quinto latere columella.' Cf. a document of 990 A.D. (p. 40, l. 10): 'partem terra sementaricia in fundum qui sancto valentino . . . nuncupatur. cum predicta æcclesia infra se. cum gripte et parietinis suis antiquis in ruini positi . . . posita territorio tiburtino miliario a civitati tyburtina plus minus tertius. Inter affines ab uno latere incipientem a staphile lapideum deinde venientem per via publica, etc.' The road referred to is in both cases that leading N. from the Ponte dell' Acquoria (Bruzza, p. 174 *fin.*), and the 'campus maior' is the flat ground to the W. of it and of the Colle Nocelle.

villages of a primitive people.¹ The unwalled side being in all cases that which rests against the hill, they would have been utterly impossible to defend unless the enemy confined themselves to frontal attacks from below! The true use of these walls was seen by Pirro Ligorio, who, in an interesting passage (*Bodl. Canon.* 138, f. 85^v), compares with the 'rustica' work of the great double arch of the Aqua Claudia and Anio Novus which is now known as the Porta Maggiore 'simili muri nelli luoghi che sostengono terra, per fare de poggi et elevazioni, simili a quei che si uedono in Tiuoli, nella uilla di Caio Calligola, che si chiama Carciano, e nella Villa di Cassio, oue si dice Cassiano, a Roma nel portico nel montecelio di Tivertino, che sosteniua la curia Hostilia [the templum Divi Claudii], l'usarono anchora in alcuni ponti che adeguano le ualli sopra de torrenti e nei sepulcri nella prima parte(:) sopra di quella rozzezza poi edificauano altre opere polite di colonne et de pilastri, come si uede in uno monumento in Spoleti citta dell' Vmbria.'

There is one case known to me in which it can be demonstrated absolutely that a wall constructed in Cyclopean work belongs organically to the structure of a Roman villa; this is at Grotte di Torri (*supra*, 35).

On each side of the path to S. Pastore are the remains of villas overlooking the Anio: one, about a quarter of a mile to the E., known as the Villa of Cynthia (the name is, as usual, quite arbitrary, though Albert, *De Villis Tiburtinis principe Augusto*, 53, is inclined to accept it), is built above the river on a cliff opposite to the so-called Villa of Maecenas. It has a lofty platform of opus incertum, which is arranged in bands 72 cm. high, and appears to have been extensive, but of the villa itself (as is generally the case) but little remains, the cultivation of olives being largely responsible for its destruction. In 1778 a fine mosaic pavement and a few small statues were discovered here (Cabral and del Re, *op. cit.* 105; Bulgarini, *op. cit.* 97). (See Addenda, *infra*, 208.)

In August, 1819, excavations were made by Vescovali, which are described by Guattani (*Memorie enciclopediche per l'anno* 1817, 138) and Fea

¹ Some further remarks on the dating of Cyclopean masonry in Italy will be found in the description of La Civita, near Artena, by Dr. G. J. Pfeiffer and myself, which will shortly appear in the *Suppl. Papers of the American School of Classical Studies in Rome*, i. 87-107. Compare also the reports on the recent excavations at Norba, *Not. Scav.* 1901, 514-559; 1903, 229-262, and my paper on Monte Circeo in *Mélanges de l'École française*, 1905, 157 *sqq.*, and especially 181-186. In the last a distinction is drawn between Cyclopean and polygonal structures, the latter term being reserved for those in which an intentional avoidance of horizontal bedding is evident (*supra*, 132, n. 1).

(*Varietà di Notizie*, 166). A building was uncovered with six rooms with white mosaic pavements, one of which had a border with a meander in various colours, a portico about 15 palms (= 3·33 mètres) by 40 palms (= 8·88 mètres), with travertine bases and some remains of fluted travertine columns, coated with stucco and painted: then two rooms with marble pavements and, in each, three niches for statues—one room contained three statues of athletes, the other three Bacchic hermae. Next came six or seven more rooms with plain white mosaic pavements. A statue of a Faun with the nebris, and a draped seated female figure (perhaps a Muse) with the head let into the neck, the former being of different marble and inferior workmanship, were discovered here. At some distance a nymphaeum with three fountains was found, and a fountain figure of a boy with a vase on the left shoulder; also two other fountain figures, each representing a nude Faun seated on a rock (bought for the Vatican), and some rectangular marble pilasters with arabesque decorations in relief.¹

To the N. of this villa, and a good deal higher, occupying a prominent position on a projecting shoulder of the mountain, is the enormous Villa of Quintilius Varus. The name Quintiliolo dates from the 10th century, according to Nibby (*Analisi*, iii. 222), fundum quintiliolum occurring in a Bull of Benedict VII (978), which has a list of the estates belonging to the see of Tivoli (Bruzza, *Regesto della Chiesa di Tivoli*, 32 sqq.); and Quintilius Varus, the friend of Horace, certainly had a villa at Tibur (Horace, *Carm.* i. 18, 1).

The villa was reached by a branch from the road leading to S. Pastore and Vitriano, and some of the paving-stones may still be seen in the fieldwalls; Promis (*op. cit.* 29) gives the width as 3·7 mètres. It had either two or three terraces one above the other—the third or uppermost, which is described by writers of the 18th century (e.g. Volpi, *Vetus Latium*, x. 253–259), has entirely disappeared (Albert, *op. cit.* 37), and it may never have existed, as Zappi (*infra*, 157) and Antonio del Re (*op. cit.* 97) speak of two terraces only, as does also Nibby (*loc. cit.*). A very fanciful restoration is given by Kircher (*Latium*, opp. p. 159); but a plan, so far as I know, does not exist. That which I now publish does not pretend to mathematical accuracy, but may serve to give a general idea.

¹ Below this villa to the W.N.W. is a large open water cistern, 17·8 mètres in diameter, with five buttresses on the W. side, where the ground slopes away. To the S. of the villa, close to the Anio, is another small one, rectangular in shape.

Upon the lower terrace, at the S. angle, there is a large rectangular tank, about two or three feet in depth, with a pedestal at each of the narrow ends, as if to support statues ; under that at the N.E. end is the fountain by which the tank was filled, under the S.W. end the channel by which it was emptied. Behind this piscina, in the substructures of the upper terrace, is a cryptoporticus. The supporting walls of both terraces are of great size and extent, and are constructed of concrete faced with opus incertum and reticulatum of travertine. A view of that of the S.W. end of the lower terrace is given in Fig. 16.

Many discoveries have been made here.¹ Ligorio (*Cod. Vat.* 5295, f. 4) thus describes a pavement of mosaic² found in his time : 'et quel ch' era piu bello di quante cose n'erano rimaste a' noi (nostri) giorni, fu quello artificioso lauor di Musaico, che . . . ornaua il pauim^{to} d'una stanza che faceua inuidia ad ogni uaga et ecc^{te} pittura, doue è d'intorno, à tutta la quadratura un festone fatto di frondi di uiti di diuersi sorti piantate di uua, et d'altri frutti, con alc(un)e maschere interposti che troppo uaga cosa rappresentaua, et di dentro poi della riquadratura d'esso festone tutto il pauimento si uedeua pieno di tutti sorti di pesci, et animali che si truouano siluestri, come sono Cothurnici, quaglie, perdici, grui, Aquile, lepri, fagiani, pappagalli, et gallini, anatri fluviali et altri ucelli minuti, come sono passari, et ucelli cantarini. Doue era un quadro d'animali volatili, et doue quadri co' animali marittimi, come facessero una certa comparatione qual fusse piu nobile, l'una, o l'altra. Questo pauim^{to} la sciochezza degl' huomini che si truouano hoggidi ha fatto che ogni cosa è stata annullata, et portata a pezzi uia, tutto per l'ingordigia di quei che tirati dal guadagno per vendergli a quei altri che si dilettauo dell' antichità, l'hanno portato altroue, et con ogni incuriosità dell' honesto hanno priuato quella mem(ori)a del suo luogo, et d'un corpo intero uago et utile, l'hanno smembrato, rotto et fatto inutile, et tutto il difetto è uenuto da quei che hanno hauuto per gli anni a dietro in gouerno il luogo. Pertanto riman priuato quel luogo della uisitation di molti che à posta ui ueniuano a uedere, et chi p [per] dilettersi, chi p [per] imparare ui concorreuano da tutte le parti.' Antonio del Re (*op. cit.* 97)

¹ In the *Archivio Storica dell' Arte*, 1890, 196, Prof. Venturi gives some account of excavations made by Ippolito II d'Este in 1550-1560. About the former year a Hercules, a headless Venus, and another statue were found in Tivoli, the former being given to Ippolito's brother, Ercole I, Duke of Ferrara. About 1560, Pirro Ligorio was in charge of excavations at the Villa Adriana and the Villa of Quintilius Varus.

² The passage has been already published by Gori, *Archivio Storico di Roma*, iv. 256.

says that in his time hypocausts were found on the N. of the villa, and mosaic pavements in all parts, and tells us that in the time of Pius V (1566–1572) the marble known as Breccia di Quintiliolo began to be held in great repute, and that more than twenty loads of it were removed from this villa by Cardinal Montino (Furietti, *de Musivis*, 51, speaks of Cardinal Innocenzo de Monte), so that Marzi (*Historie Tiburtine*, 139) says, ‘ne fece una grossa raccolta in modo, che di presente (1646) più non se ne trovano.’

The following passage of Zappi may be of interest:—

[f. 79] ‘La Villa di Quintilio Varo . . . Confina con la Montagna di Piaule, ma si possiede il piano, Con doi Aquidotti il Maggiore succede dall’ Accqua Aniene, alto dieci Palmi, e sei largo fatto con gran disegno passa poi per la Strada Publica fatta per forza di Scarpello, e per porre la Strada in Piano passa sotto la Terra si come si uedono hoggi li Uestigij con il Tartaro prodotto da d^e Accque. L’ altro Aquidotto passa per Mezzo della d^a Montagna per la quale si conduceua l’Accqua Martia¹ in la d^a Uilla [a description of the house of Mons. de Rosci on Monte Piavola and of that of Messer Emanuele Portoghese follows] . . . [f. 80] (le Accque Aniene) seruiuano alle Peschiere et Anche in la intrata di essa Uilla, et Principalmente a quattro fontane oue hoggi si uedono le Nicchie alte trenta Palmi con il suo Uano Proportionate con una Loggia di sopra con Pauimento di Musaico, questo luogo era destinato per un cenacolo . . . per esser sottoposto al Leuante, et oltre a questo partecipa, e gode quattro Belle Amene Viste. . . . oltre di questo gode una Piazza di Cento passi longa e sessanta larga con una Loggia uerso Tramontana oue si ritroua in mezzo Una Peschiera, seguita poi uerso Mezzo Giorno la Prospettiaua della Valle del fiume Aniene . . . oue si Ritroua un altra Piazza quasi Riquatrata, et questo causa per [f. 80v] essere la Uilla diuisa in tre Appartamenti con un altra Loggia, et un altra Bellissima Peschiera con diuersi ricettacoli di Accqua per i Pesci, accosto di una Muraglia di d^a Peschiera uì era anche nel Mede(si)mo Luogo Uicino un altra Piazza Magiore di quattrocento passi, e larga sessanta recinta intorno secondo si uedono li Vestigij con le Base e Colonne tronche, e rotte per terra: il Pauimento di essa Loggia era di tanta Bellezza che credo nel Mōdo sia stato Raro, e di ciò ne ragiono de Visu, e per tutto da Me proprio.

¹ He seems however to mean the Acqua di Piavola.

Notai ui era un luogo Riquadrato di quindici Palmi con un festone intorno fatto con Ogni sorte di frutti possibili, un Brauo, e bello Musaico, e secondo la qualità delli frutti così erano coloriti di sì degno lauoro, che la Bona Memoria dell' Ill^{mo} e Reu^{mo} Sig. Guido Ascanio Sforza Cardinale Santafore ui mandò da Roma molti mulattieri, et altri huomini li quali portano d^o Musaico, il festone di d^o Musaico era largo da due Palmi e Mezzo, e per ciascun cantone del quadro ui era una Maschera le quali faceuano tutte diuersi effetti di uago, e Raro lauoro, e nel Mede(si)mo luogo ui sono sottoposto quattro Logge una sottoposta a Tramontana uerso la Sabina, la secondo a Mezzo Giorno [f. 81] La Terza a Leuante, e la quarta sugetta a ponente, e tutte fatte con grande Artificio. Ma in diuersi Luoghi di d^a Uilla Ui furono trouate una gran quantità di Brece Orientali dico cosa Nobilissima, non dico Brece ma gioie, era tanta gran quantità che elle faceuano più di Uenticinque some, e ciascheduna soma pesava più di ducento libre, le quali furno vendute in Roma a Molti e diuersi huomini per tre scudi la Soma per non essere conosciute, doppo che furono conosciute le stimano che le uoleuano più di Venticinque Mila Scudi, da huomini che ne haueuano cognitione, io ne hò uiste infinite, e tocche coi Mano delle quali ne fù donata una da Messer Gio. Dom^o Ciaccia a un certo Me^o Uincenzo Mancini da Tivoli dottore, et Auuocato in Roma la quale si ritroua di una grossezza simile ad una palla da Giuocare a Maglio, uaga, e polita che la traspare come gioia Ui furono trouate anche in d^a Villa sotto una Loggia [f. 81^v] una gran quantità di certe Monete e Medaglia di Argento di Valore di un Giulio L' una, in un Luogho di M^r Pirro Brigante Colonna, sotto d^a Villa di Quintilio, Gentilhomio Tiburtino; il quale Luogho egli fù destinato per Piantarui delle Vigne dato a Lauorare a diuersi homini della Città di Tiuoli, e un di quei Contadini Lauoratore Abruzzese Trouò le d^e Monete il quale si fuggi da Tiuoli, e Benche se ne ritrouano alcune con li Nomi come si intenderà qui sotto con alcune anche Belle imprese antique con suoi Riuersi li quali Meritano di essere notati come qui Uedrete.

C·CASSIUS

Il Riuerso un Carro Tirato a quattro con una Roma di sopra. (C. Cassius Longinus, about 109 B.C.: Babelon, *Monnaies de la République*, i. 325.)

P·CRASSVS·M·F·	Il Riuerso una Testà di donna con Pendente al Orecchio. (P. Licinius Crassus Dives, about 58 B.C.: Babelon, ii. 134.)
ROMA	Il Riuerso una donna con Una Palma in Mano.
FAVSTVS LATINVS	Il Riuerso un Carro con quattro Caualli con una figura con la Palma in mano. (Faustus Cornelius Sulla, about 64 B.C.: Babelon, i. 422.)
PANSA	Il suo Riuerso quattro Cáualli che guardano un Carro, con una Figura con Palma in Mano. (C. Vibius Pansa, about 90 B.C.: Babelon, ii. 537 <i>sqq.</i>)
CENSVR	Il Riuerso un Carro con quattro Caualli una Figura sopra con Palma in Mano. (L. Marcius Censorinus, about 184 B.C.: Babelon, ii. 195.)

[f. 82^v] . . . ‘In la Mede(si)ma Villa di Quintilio Varo doppo che io ne scrisse li suoi Vestigij, doppo certi Mesi Un Gentilhomo Citadino di Tiuoli chiamato M^r Ercole Ciaccia facendoui Lauorare per Piantarui una Vigna Oue si ritrouano Troncini diuersi, Statue, Colonne, Capitelli di Marmo et oltra di questo ui fù ritrouata una Colonna alta dodici Palmi Ma che dalle due Parti sù la Cima si ritrouaua a guisa di Piramide dico poi tonda, in la quale si uiddero di Belli, et Notabili Sugetti come gli dirò; sù alto della Colonna si uedeua un poco di Vano oue si ritrouaua un ferro che sustineua qualche Bella impresa Ma che al mezzo della d^a Colonna si uedeuano Sei Grillande di oliue Attaccate in certi Tronconi doppo si uede un Bastone alto tre Palmi simile a quelli che soleuano portare li Sig^{ri} Caporioni Romani quando si faceua il Gran Trionfo e Gioco di Testaccio auuoltoui a d^o Bastone uno Sciugatoio, Sotto poi si uedono sei figurine di Mezzo Rilievo compartite l’una auante l’altra alte da quattro Palmi incirca con le Braccia Aperte [f. 83] e le Gambe dislargate in dispositione uestite poi con li suoi panni, et uesti suelte le quali sono in somiglianza di Angeli’

Domenico De Angelis excavated here in the olive plantation called ‘La Montanara’ in 1773 and 1776, and found a statue of Mercury as a boy (now in the Vatican—Visconti, *Mus. Pio Clementino*, Rome, 1782, vol. i. p. 6,

tav. v.) and a nude statue of a freedman (Bulgarini, *op. cit.* 96). Other excavations made on the same site by Vescovali in 1820 resulted in the discovery of two Fauns (now in the Vatican), a seated statue of Jupiter, a small Bacchus, and other fragments (Bulgarini, *ibid.*; Sebastiani, *op. cit.* 92); while in 1825 a statue of a sitting female was found in the villa, which is now in Cambridge (Fitzwilliam Museum, no. 36). Above the villa, close to the railway line, is the large reservoir which supplied it with water; this has once more returned to use, and now serves as a clearing tank for the Acqua Marcia Pia. Revillas in his diary for Sept. 30, 1728, describes it as having three aisles and 24 pilasters, with a total length of 46 paces and a width of 13 paces: in the vault nearest to the end wall a hole, 2 palms in diameter, to admit the water (? more probably a hole for ventilation), and at the foot of the wall at the opposite end a hole for its exit, leading to a conduit about $1\frac{1}{2}$ palm in diameter.

It is uncertain whether this reservoir was supplied in Roman times solely with spring-water, or whether the water of the Anio was also taken into it. For along the course of the Strada di Quintiliolo, which leads from Tivoli to this villa on the N. side of the Anio, two aqueducts are traceable. One, which derives its water from a spring near the monastery of S. Angelo in Piavola, may be seen running above the modern road towards this villa: the specus was open, 22 cm. wide by 20 deep, the whole of it being formed by a continuous channel of concrete. The vertical shaft (measuring 48 by 63 cm.) by which the water fell into the reservoir was preserved until 1903, when it was destroyed. An arch of about 18 feet span crossing a small gully by the road was removed when the railway was made.

The other, which was fed by the Anio, is larger, and runs beneath the road; its mouth was found in 1835, near the upper end of the new tunnels which now convey the water of the Anio through the rock and over the new fall. (See Folchi, *Diss. Accad. Pont. Arch.* vi. 64; Nibby, *Analisi*, iii. 213.) The specus was cut in the solid rock, but vaulted with masonry, large blocks of Gabine stone ($1.25 \times 0.53 \times 0.53$ mètre) forming, where the rock failed, the sides and bottom also. It measured 2.5 mètres high by 2 wide, and its floor was 5 mètres above the present river level. At intervals of 14 mètres it had rectangular putei of brickwork, measuring on an average 0.73×0.5 mètre. After 54 mètres from its mouth there was a distribution tank divided into four branches, two on each side, each 1 mètre to 1.7 mètre wide. The specus was found to be entirely choked with the heavy

deposit formed by the water, and fragments of sepulchral cippi¹ were also found in it. About 30 mètres to the N.W. of the shaft of the smaller aqueduct and on a slightly higher level there is a round-headed channel of concrete in the hillside 1·76 mètre wide, the sides of which are encrusted with a dirty brown deposit about 3 cm. thick. This is traceable for at least 20 yards, and runs in the direction of the railwayman's house (casello) N.E. of the Villa of Quintilius Varus. It cannot be followed further in either direction, and may only have been a cistern; but if it is an aqueduct it should probably be connected with the larger of the two which we have just described. At the point where the Strada di Quintiliolo leaves the highroad into the town, yet another aqueduct specus has recently come to light, measuring 85 centimètres in width, and 95 in height as far as preserved (the roof has not been found); its sides and floor are constructed of bad concrete, the former being 45 and 49 cm. thick, the latter 30. The specus is full of dirt, and much deposit has been used in the concrete of the walls. It runs 20 degrees N. of E., and its date is quite uncertain.

Half a mile to the E. of the Villa of Quintilius Varus is the former monastery of S. Antonio, the residence of the late Mr. F. A. Searle. The villa upon which this building is erected is of considerable size, and parts of it are still well preserved. In two or three of the rooms mosaic floors are still in good preservation² (in one of them, which has a floor of white tesserae laid longitudinally, there are two round blocks of travertine to support the bases of columns, each 44 cm. in diameter, and 1·15 mètre apart), and in the lowest storey there is a well-preserved rectangular chamber,³ with an apse at the end: the apse was decorated with rough mosaic and sea-shells (Fig. 17). The walls are double, as a protection against damp, and faced with opus incertum which is almost sufficiently regular to be called reticulatum, and is interesting as showing how the latter was derived from the former: and the sides were decorated with columns carrying an entablature, but having no structural function, as the roof is supported by a barrel vault resting on the side walls. Below the monastery in the garden is a double

¹ I cannot locate the excavations described in *Bull. Inst.* 1832, 6, 'Nelle vicinanze di Tivoli il Sig. Arduini ha cavato alcuni pezzi di cornice di rosso antico; due piccole colonne, ed un pavimento di marmo palombino a scacchi.'

² Nibby, *op. cit.* iii. 221, speaks of remains of marble facing slabs and stucco in some of the rooms, and Antonini (*Manuale di vari ornamenti*, ii. 24, 25) gives two rosettes from fragments of ancient sculptures preserved here.

³ This chamber measures 10 mètres in width by 8 in length, not including the apse, which is 4·5 mètres in diameter.

terrace wall consisting of Cyclopean masonry behind, with opus reticulatum built against it, the latter with buttresses and niches alternating. A rough wall of Cyclopean work at a slightly higher level is of doubtful antiquity, and being only 3·4 mètres distant, cannot belong to another terrace of the villa. Lower down again is another terrace of opus reticulatum, and in other parts of the garden are other remains of substructures, so arranged as to afford the finest views of the gorge. The villa was supplied with water from the upper of the two aqueducts mentioned above, by a vertical shaft at the E. end of the building.¹

The villa at S. Antonio is generally supposed to have belonged to the poet Horace. No allusions in his own writings bear out this supposition: he was clearly very fond of Tibur, and was often there, but that does not imply that he possessed a villa of his own. But the writer of the Life of Horace, generally attributed to Suetonius, says (*Suetonii opera* ed. Roth, p. 298, l. 23), 'vixit plurimum in secessu ruris sui Sabini aut Tiburtini, domusque eius ostenditur circa Tiburni luculum.' The site of the Lucus Tiburni which is mentioned by Horace (*Carm.* i. 7. 13), Pliny (*H.N.* xvi. 87. 237), and Statius (*Silvae* i. 3. 74) is not known, though it is generally supposed to have been near S. Angelo in Piavola; but, if Horace had a villa at Tibur at all, there is no other site that so well justifies the words (*Carm. cit.*) in which he praises the beauties of the place: 'Me nec tam patiens Lacedaemon, nec tam Larissae percussit campus opimae, quam domus Albunae resonantis, et praeceps Anio, et Tiburni lucus, et uda mobilibus pomaria rivis.' On the other hand, the expression 'ruris sui Sabini aut Tiburtini' finds a good parallel in Catullus, *Epigr.* xlv., 'O funde noster, seu Sabine, seu Tiburs, nam te esse Tiburtem autumant quibus non est cordi Catullum laedere; et quibus cordi est, quovis Sabinum pignore esse contendunt,' and would thus seem to refer to the country house or farm which Horace possessed in the valley of the Digentia (now Licenza).²

¹ In the garden at S. Antonio I copied two brick stamps,

neither of which appears to be otherwise known. The former, (*tegula Toneiana de (figlinis) Quint(ianis)*), is a case of the mention of two brickworks in one stamp, which seems to occur only where the *figlinae Tonneianae* are concerned, and for which no explanation has yet been found (*C.I.L.* xv. p. 188). The combination with the *figlinae Quintianae* is a new one.

² M. Jullian maintains that this farm was actually within the territory of Tibur (*Mélanges de l'École française*, 1883, 82); but see Dessau (*C.I.L.* xiv. p. 368).

The concluding clause is therefore awkward: and two later passages—*Carm.* ii. 18. 12, 'nec potentem amicum largiora flagito satis beatus unicus Sabinis,' and *ibid.* iii. 1. 47, 'cur valle permutem Sabina divitias operosiores'—seem to show that Horace had but one country house. If the clause is genuine (and there seems no reason to suspect it, as far as the evidence of the MSS. goes, though Wickham, in his edition of Horace, i. p. 18, considers the form of statement to be quite consistent with the idea that the passage is an interpolation) the word *ostenditur* is still remarkable: the identification may have been made, without foundation in fact, for the delectation of the tourist, as well in the day of Suetonius as at present.

One argument that is used against the current theory—that the villa is too large for a man of Horace's means—will hardly hold water, as, though it was by no means a small house, it was rather below the average size of the villas of the district.

Five hundred yards E. of S. Antonio, higher up on the mountain slope, is the Casale S. Angelo, where the church of S. Angelo in Piavola stood till 1822. This is the traditional site of the Villa of Catullus, but there is no reason for the supposition, though the site seems to be ancient; ancient capitals and columns exist there, and some travertine voussoirs are built into the walls of the monastery (Searle in *Journal Brit. and Amer. Arch. Soc.* i. 94 *sqq.*).¹ Below it, close to the road, is a fountain, with the remains of a reservoir, which may or may not be of Roman date. Further down again, near the river, at a place called Truglia,² pavements of various marbles were discovered in the time of Antonio del Re (*op. cit.* 114); Cabral and del Re (*op. cit.* 90) speak of similar discoveries, and also of the finding of a column, on which female figures were sculptured in low relief, but as they give no details as to the precise site where these objects were found, it is impossible to say whether they refer to the same spot, or to excavations made nearer to the Casale S. Angelo.³ Below S. Angelo and the modern road, close to the great fall of the Anio, are the substructions of another villa, of rough concrete, and this is perhaps the site referred to.

Nearer still to Tivoli—opposite, in fact, to the two temples, in the gardens which now occupy the slopes—are the remains of large substructures in

¹ Cf. also Antonini, *op. cit.* ii. 23.

² No doubt the 'fundum trulias' of the Bull of 978 (*supra*, 129, n.).

³ In the church of S. Angelo existed the inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 3544, 3662.

opus reticulatum which the writers on Tivoli generally identify with the Villa of Vopiscus (Statius, *Silvae*, i. 3 ; Canina, *Edif.* vi. tav. 136).

From Tivoli to the Villa of Quintilius Varus, though the road must follow an ancient line, it now presents no traces of antiquity, though Promis (*op. cit.* 29) speaks of traces of substructures in irregular *opus quadratum* opposite the Cascatelle, and again near a chapel of the Saviour (probably above the new fall of the Anio). Not very far to the N. of the villa, however, and considerably above it, close to the southern entrance of the railway tunnel, the remains of an ancient road, winding along the slope of the mountain, and followed very closely by the modern railway, which as a rule runs just below it, begin to appear. The upper side of it is generally cut into the side of the slope, while the lower side is sometimes also cut in the rock, but is more often supported by a wall of rough Cyclopean work, or, in one place, by two such walls, 1.4 and 1.2 mètre in thickness respectively, with a bank of earth 1 mètre thick between them (Figs. 18, 19). The width of the road itself is 3.7 mètres. A little beyond the N. end of the tunnel are the remains of a small two-arched bridge, the piers of which seem to have been of Cyclopean work. The span must have been about 2.7 mètres, the width of the bridge about 6 mètres.

The road is clearly traceable until it reaches a point E. of the Casale Vitriano, to the S. of a large villa platform, with vaulted substructures in opus reticulatum, called Grotte di Scalzacane. The surrounding hills are also known as Colli Farinelli. Excavations made here by Prince del Drago in 1847 resulted in the discovery of architectural fragments, etc., also the brickstamp *C.I.L.* xv. 2382 (Bulgarini, *op. cit.* 101, who apparently attributes it to the second century ; Viola, *Tivoli nel Decennio* 1835-1845, 233 n. ; *Giorn. Arcad.* cxxv. (1851), 163). Not far to the N. is another large villa platform with walls of opus incertum. After this point traces of the road are scantier, but its section is clearly seen in the railway cutting about half a mile S. of Palombara station, and it soon reappears on the W. of the line, and may be clearly traced by its supporting wall on the E. as it ascends, past the remains of a large villa, to the E. extremity of the Colle Turrita, where it stops (*infra*, 172).¹

To the W. of and considerably below the first traces of this ancient road, a few hundred yards to the N. of the Villa of Quintilius Varus, are the remains of another villa, known as the Villa of Ventidius Bassus. It

¹ Since the above description was written the road has been almost entirely destroyed.

has three large platforms, the lower supported by a wall of opus reticulatum, the second by a wall of polygonal work, which faces westward and northward. The polygonal work is obviously of Roman date. The horizontal line seems to be intentionally avoided, and, though the joints are very fine and mortar still remains in them, the faces have been purposely left rough. The blocks vary considerably in size: some of them are as much as 1·5 mètre long, while others are only 46 by 44 cm. The wall appears to have been 1·75 m. thick.

In front of the best-preserved portion, which is in the centre of the platform, there has been a concrete wall in two thicknesses, the inner 24, the outer 57 cm., which does not seem to have risen to any considerable height above the present ground level, as it has a flat top. Further to the S., however, there is a piece of concrete walling faced with opus incertum which masks the polygonal work altogether, and has in it two blocks of travertine placed in such a way that they very likely formed the sides of a window of a cryptoporticus.

There have been further alterations at this level: the polygonal wall originally turned at right angles at the N. end of the terrace, but was later almost entirely hidden at the N.W. angle by the addition of lofty arched substructures in opus reticulatum, which carried a comparatively small structure set askew with the rest of the villa, in all probability a view tower. The uppermost terrace has almost entirely disappeared, but is still traceable. Cabral and del Re (*op. cit.* 106) speak of a chamber decorated with sea-shells and the so-called 'confetti di Tivoli,' fantastically formed pieces of calcareous deposit, which may still be seen in it.

Returning to the path to S. Pastore and Vitriano, we may examine the remains of ancient buildings which lie on the W. side of it.

At the Casale Mantellate, about half a mile W. of the road, and not far from the path to Ponte Lucano mentioned *supra*, 152, are some fragments of mediocre statuary. Over the gateway is a female head of white marble in a rough decorative style; while on each side of the door is a statue—one represents a youth, undraped, and is preserved as far as the hips: the hair is dressed high, and the left forefinger held to the lips, so that Harpocrates may be represented. The statue is unfinished, the left arm not being quite cut out, and the back left rough. The other statue is even more imperfect, and represents a Roman with a short curling beard and whiskers; the figure is fully draped.

To the E. of the Casale are traces of the platform of a villa, while a few hundred yards to the W. are two mediaeval towers side by side, enclosed within a wall the foundations of which are of opus reticulatum. Just to the S.W. of these are extensive subterranean chambers in opus reticulatum and brickwork, reached by a narrow passage faced with opus reticulatum ; they are roofed with gable roofs of cement set with planks, and probably served as reservoirs.

Close by, in making a vineyard, at the beginning of 1899, slabs of travertine from a pavement were found at a depth of 2 or 3 feet, and we saw a cippus *in situ* measuring 0·64 × 0·44 mètre, facing N., but any inscription that there may have been had perished. We were told that several more such had been found, in which case the pavement may have been that of a sacred enclosure or of a courtyard belonging to a tomb. A coin of uncertain date which we acquired was said to have been found with a dead body. We also saw some travertine columns, and a fine oblong pilaster of white marble, fluted on all four sides, and probably therefore belonging to some small shrine.

To the W. is the Casale Bellini, where in 1893 the remains of a villa in opus reticulatum and brick were discovered, with several copies of the brickstamp *C.I.L.* xv. 983b (first half of first century A.D.), while in 1894 a tomb was found, built of blocks of travertine, with an inscription as follows :

HYGIA
MVRDIAE PHIALE
NVTRICI SVAE

This may still be seen on the spot (*Not. Scav.* 1893, 520 ; 1894, 146). The district is called Il Favale,¹ so that not far off, in a vineyard belonging to the church of S. Silvestro, were discovered the sarcophagi of which Sebastiani (*op. cit.* 108) speaks : they were three in number, of white marble, two plain, and one of them with undulating channels (the technical term for which is 'strigils') having figures roughly carved in bad style in the centre and at the corners, of which those at the corners represent two Teraphim, so that a Hebrew was probably buried in it.

To the N. is the Campo Limpido, where in 1846 the remains of a very fine villa were discovered not far from the Ponte dei Prati (probably

¹ The name occurs in a Bull of Anastasius IV (1153-1154), Bruzza, *op. cit.* p. 76, l. 9.

that called by the Staff Map the Ponte delle Vigne, and not the Ponte dei Prati to the W. of Colle Nocelle)—a bath and a lead pipe with the inscription 'Tito Sabidio,' and also an aqueduct, paved with travertine slabs, which branched off into two channels (Bulgarini, *op. cit.* 100; *C.I.L.* xv. 7906); *C.I.L.* xv. 7908, found in 1847 'nei piani di Tivoli,' and bearing the inscription 'P. Sabid(io),' may also have been found here.

To the N. of the Campo Limpido, on the further side of the Fosso di S. Pastore, is the hill called Colle Nocelle, which is literally covered with the remains of villas. At the S. end is a large villa, with two terraces, just below which are the scattered remains of a tomb discovered in 1822: it had a cella of blocks of travertine,¹ with a portico of marble, covered with tiles of marble, with antefixae carved in good style.

Upon the epistyle of the portico was the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3735 (Sebastiani, *op. cit.* 418). Some fragments of this, and also the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3617, are still to be seen on the spot, though Dessau was unable to find either of them.

The lower terrace of the villa is supported by a wall of Cyclopean work with very strong tendencies towards opus quadratum (masked in places by rough opus reticulatum), facing S. At the W. end of this wall another wall goes to the N.; it is at first of opus quadratum of plum-pudding stone, which is soon succeeded by a stretch of opus reticulatum with limestone quoins about 80 yards in length. About 25 yards N. of the main wall, and, like it, facing S., is a wall of large, not quite rectangular blocks, of which only two courses are visible above ground. The blocks are, however, smooth-faced, whereas in the main wall some faces are left bossed.

Above this villa, near the top of the hill, is a large subterranean water reservoir, the internal measurements of which are 29·65 mètres in length, with three aisles respectively 3·30, 3·46, and 3·40 mètres in width, divided by two rows of eight pillars, each 90 by 80 cm. The intervals between the pillars are very irregular. To the N. of it a late cemetery with tombs formed of tiles has recently been found.

On the W. slope of the hill is an enormous villa platform looking W.N.W., with a facing of massive blocks of stone, which approximates closely to opus quadratum, since, especially in the buttresses, many of the

¹ Some of these were, according to Bulgarini, *op. cit.* 101, used for the edge of the new fall of the Anio. Its foundations have recently been cleared, and its plan brought to light. It had two chambers both 4·1 mètres wide inside, the one 4·43 mètres long, the other 2·35, with a door connecting them.

blocks are nearly rectangular, though horizontal bedding is not uniformly maintained, and the lower angle of one block is sometimes let into the upper surface of the next below it. The jointing of the stones is extremely fine; the bossing is obviously artificial, and resembles the rustica work of the Porta Maggiore (*Papers*, i. 150). The bossing projects about 9 cm., with a flat edge of 9 cm. all round. Mortar is, apparently, not employed. At each angle are buttresses—two at the N.N.W. angle, five at the W.S.W. angle, each measuring 1·2 metre in thickness, and projecting 1·8 metre from the face of the main wall. The wall is preserved to a maximum height of 4·7 mètres (Fig. 20). Upon the terrace are marble and brick lying loose, and at the S. angle are some remains of opus incertum in the wall of a cottage; but the rest of the villa has disappeared. Dodwell (*Views and Descriptions of Cyclopiian Remains*, pl. 122) gives a sketch of the terrace. The plan here shown is from my own measurements.

At the N. end of the hill is yet another villa, with two terraces, one above the other, both facing N., and on the upper one a water reservoir, measuring 11·96 by 3·63 mètres, and 2·9 mètres in height to the top of the vaulted roof. The lower wall was faced with opus reticulatum, as may be seen in the section of it which faces E.—the N. wall has lost its facing—while the upper wall was constructed of opus incertum.

Upon the lower terrace are various fragments of the architectural decorations of the villa, and many socket pipes, which were probably used to support the floors of hypocausts, or else built into the thickness of the walls as drain-pipes from the roofs. Sebastiani (*op. cit.* p. 418, n.) tells us

that the brothers Cocconari (who also discovered the tomb at the S. end of the hill) found some fairly good mosaic pavements here, and also the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3626. We found here a terracotta plaque with two male figures and the maker's name, OCTAVI (cf. *C.I.L.* xv. 2548).

On the E. of the road to S. Pastore remains of villas are comparatively scanty; there is one large villa to the E.S.E. of the Casale Cocconari, generally called the Villa di Cocceio, and now known as the Grotte di Corzano, with a platform facing W., supported by a wall of opus reticulatum. To the N. of this is a cutting in the rock, in shape somewhat like a theatre, which is probably a quarry. The mediaeval building known as S. Pastore lies at the end of the straight path we have been following, to the E. of the N. extremity of the Colle Nocelle. At the foot of the knoll on which it lies the path divides. At S. Pastore the following fragment of an inscription, cut in good lettering upon a slab of Luna marble, was found in 1898 (*Not. Scav.* 1898, 284): ' . . . uccic nae flam mpeius . . . '

Just to the W. of the upper Casale Vitriano, a little way below the summit of the hill, is a rectangular platform, the outline of which is clearly traceable, while the S.W. wall, 34 mètres in length, of fine Cyclopean work, the blocks having smooth faces and good joints, is still preserved for its whole length to a maximum height of 1·8 mètre. In front of this wall, on a lower terrace, is a tank sunk below the ground level, measuring 24·7 by 8·7 mètres, and at least 1·40 deep: the blocks show traces of having been covered with cement (Fig. 21). Upon the upper platform are traces of opus incertum; there are also some fluted columns of travertine coated with stucco, which probably belonged to this villa.

An ancient road perhaps led from S. Pastore to Casale Battista, and on the hill to the N.E. are possible traces of a road¹ towards the Colle di Vitriano, which lies half a mile to the N. At the S.W. corner of this hill are the remains of a very large villa, with two terraces.² The lower supporting wall, 52·4 mètres in length on the S.W. front (the N.W. side being 14·8 and the S.E. side 10·5 mètres long), is constructed of concrete faced with

¹ This is not shown on the map.

² A letter from Lesley to Lupi, describing a visit to this villa, and dated May 8th, 1732, is preserved in *Cod. Vat. Lat.* 9143, f. 89. In it the following passage occurs: 'ieri fui a Vitriano, viddi quel marmo che Marco havea fatto scavare. L'avevano sepolito di nuovo in mezzo di un campo, è di più rotto in vari luoghi.' No further description is given, and it is clear from the context that the reference is not to the villa itself.

limestone blocks, in Cyclopean work with so marked a tendency to horizontal arrangement as to be almost opus quadratum: the blocks are well jointed and the faces smooth. Small buttresses about 2 feet square, formed by a single vertical line of rectangular blocks, occur at intervals along the front wall. The height of the lower platform is about 7·5 mètres (Fig. 22). At its N.W. end a wall of reticulatum runs on for 13 mètres more. The upper terrace wall is constructed of Cyclopean work, approximating even more nearly to opus quadratum: it is masked in places by opus incertum. Dodwell, *op. cit.* pl. 123, gives a side view of the upper terrace.

Upon the lower terrace, which is about 51 mètres in depth, are fragments of very fine marbles of all kinds, showing that the villa was remarkable for its magnificence. At the S. corner of the terrace are the remains of the furnace of a hypocaust. Here I found part of a brick bearing a circular stamp, with a bird above an amphora and on each side the letters TI CL. A precisely similar stamp was recently found by us at a Roman villa near Saccomuro in the upper Anio valley, not far from Castelmadama. To the E. of, and above, this villa is a reservoir in concrete. Further E. again, on the E. slope of the hill, and overlooking the railway, are the remains of another villa; and in the field near point 169 are large blocks of travertine, some still *in situ*.

Vitriano has been the scene of many discoveries, but their site is not sufficiently accurately indicated to enable us to be certain whether they were made near the Casale Vitriano or on the Colle di Vitriano. Volpi (*Vetus Latium*, x. 382) speaks of the discovery of tombs, and (in *Diss. dell' Accad. di Cortona*, ii. 182 *sqq.*) of the excavation by Furietti and Tebaldi of a large villa facing S. and W., with three large platforms and very rich remains of marble (very likely, therefore, the villa on the S.W. side of the Colle di Vitriano). Here were discovered a statuette of a nude boy seated on a wine-skin from which a jet of water flowed, marble pavements, and architectural fragments of all sorts, also a brick bearing the stamp C.I.L. xv. 1849. Cabral and del Re (*op. cit.* 80) speak of the discovery of various antiquities in ploughing among the remains of a large villa (very possibly the same), and of the fall in 1778 of part of the substructures, which brought to light some of the marble pavement of a room. In Stevenson's MS. notes (*Vat. Lat.* 10552, f. 21) there is an extract from a paper in the archives of the Vatican library ('promemoria in arch. bibl. Vat. carte sciolte'), dated April 2nd, 1780,

describing the discovery in the excavations at Vitriano of a small but rare silver coin of 'John usurper of the Western Empire,' and of long drums of columns of bigio lumachellato, about 48 cm. in diameter.

In this neighbourhood was discovered *C.I.L.* xiv. 3596. Cabral and del Re give a detailed account of the discovery and destruction of *C.I.L.* xiv. 3777, but the inscription had already been copied by Brunelleschi about 1513, 'nella Piazza di Tivoli,' and how it can have travelled to Vitriano, been lost and then rediscovered, is not known; and, further, it is still in existence, though the inscription is somewhat damaged, at Frascati (*C.I.L. cit.*).

To the W. of the Colle di Vitriano is the Colle Sant' Antonio, upon the S. extremity of which is a mediaeval church: on the W. slope, below this church, are the remains of a large villa, which, to judge from the fragments of marble, was very finely decorated: the retaining wall of the upper terrace is of opus reticulatum and was decorated with pilasters 8 feet apart from centre to centre: the capitals are gone, but their places are marked by slabs of stone 2 feet long and '07 mètre high, which are 6 feet apart from edge to edge. Above them are flat arches over the spaces between the pilasters with stone voussoirs a foot in height, and above these again is a band of opus reticulatum 2 feet high.

Higher up the hill to the N. is a water reservoir, sunk below ground level: the specus which supplied it, 0'4 mètre in width, is still visible. On the ridge between the two summits of the hill are the remains of a road running N.N.W., which was supported by low walls of rectangular blocks of stone. To the N.W. again, on the W. slope, below the northern summit, and just above the stream which here runs S. of the railway line, are the remains of another villa platform, upon which is a ruined rectangular water reservoir, circular at one end, bisected along its whole length by a wall which carried a vault on each side of it. The excavations described in *Bull. Inst.* 1838, 50 (cf. 1837, 21), in which were found architectural fragments, many of them belonging to the latest period of the Roman Empire (when the building must have undergone restoration), and the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3615, were probably made here. Nibby, *op. cit.* i. 484, and Gell, *op. cit.* 176, both speak of a large villa upon these hills (which they call the Colli Farinelli), citing the spurious inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 406*.

To the N. of the railway, on the W. slopes of the Colle del Tesoro, are

the remains of another villa, facing W., which has three terraces, one above the other : the lowest retaining wall is traceable a little way above the railway line, the middle wall is of polygonal work and very well preserved (Fig. 23), while the uppermost is of opus incertum. Remains of other villas exist at several points between the Colle del Tesoro and the Colle Turruta, but they hardly require individual mention. In the construction of the railway two unimportant inscriptions (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3756, 3878) were discovered below the Colle Turruta in the remains of a tomb, with one or two other unimportant objects (*Not. Scav.* 1884, 160). Upon the E. extremity of the Colle Turruta (to which, as we saw *supra*, 164, an ancient road leads) are the remains of a mediaeval castle. The walls of this are built in places upon walls of Cyclopean work, which from their character and position appear to belong to a system of fortification (Fig. 24) : so that this was probably a small fortified outpost of Tibur in early times, to which, however, no name can be given.¹ It is a very noticeable fact that the ancient road from Tivoli leads up to this point and then ends abruptly.²

Aefula (*supra*, 132) was another such outpost on the S., and Varia (Vicovaro) on the N.E., guarding the road up the Anio valley, while Empulum (perhaps identical with Empiglione, though Dessau (*C.I.L.* xiv. p. 362) somewhat contemptuously rejects the idea) and the site now occupied by the village of Ciciliano were the outlying fortresses on the E.,

¹ Dodwell calls it Medullia, but without adequate reason (*infra*, 175, 183).

² The style of the walls at Turruta, if closely observed, shows some differences from that of the villas of the district. There has been, it is true, a certain amount of weathering : but though the joints were originally good and the faces of the blocks fairly smooth, there is not the extreme fineness observable in the later work ; on the other hand, there is no intentional archaism, such as that which leads to the bossing of the faces of the stones, and no positive avoidance of the horizontal line. The wall is 1·28 metre in thickness : the blocks in the foundation are larger than those above. The material is pudding-stone quarried on the spot. Mortar was not originally used, but has been introduced with the addition of the mediaeval superstructure.

The ancient walls are well preserved on the S.W. and W. : on the W., where alone this projecting knoll joins the rest of the hill, there is a slight projection in the line of the wall, as though there was an entrance at this point—which would indeed be the natural one. On the N. and E. but little of them is to be seen.

The site measures (maximum measurements) 185 paces from E. to W. and 70 paces from N. to S. ; but the E. end is almost the apex of a triangle.

The name Turruta occurs in a document of 1030 (Bruzza, *op. cit.* p. 67, l. 15), 'de plebe de sancto iohannes qui est posito intro castello qui dicitur turrita' ; and also in a Bull of Anastasius IV (1153-1154), 'ecclesiam sancte romule de turrita.'

On the opposite side of the railway, on the slope to the N.E. of the station are foundations of roads and walls in Cyclopean work, of which, in their present state, but little can be made.

commanding the road which ran into the country of the Hernici—Ciciliano occupying an exceedingly strong position.

Livy (vii. 9) tells us that the people of Tibur refused to receive the Roman armies on their return from a campaign in 361 B.C. against the Hernici, in which they captured Ferentinum; and that, as a result, Rome declared war against Tibur, capturing the dependent cities of Empulum and Sassula¹ in 355 and 354 respectively (*ib.* 18, 19). These outlying fortresses, all of them in communication with Tibur by roads, show the strength of this city in the days of her independence, and the extent of her territory.

To the N. of this hill, on the further side of the stream, are some caves in a cliff facing S. (Fig. 25), which have all the appearance of having originally served as tombs, and may form part of the necropolis of this early settlement. On the summit of the hill above the tombs (which is called the Colle Cigliano) are the remains of a large villa in Cyclopean work and opus incertum, with remains of a cryptoporticus on the S.W. and S.E. Gell (*op. cit.* 133) identifies it with the site of Caenina (*supra*, 65). To the N.N.E. at Scocciasanta (point 221 on the map) is another villa with two terraces, both supported by retaining walls of polygonal work, the upper of which is remarkable as having in it a curious aperture for drainage. It is figured by Gell (*op. cit.* 134; cf. also my Fig. 26). Upon the upper terrace is a water reservoir.

The road which has been followed from Tivoli to Turrina must in the Roman period, one would think, have served the district of Marcellina and Palombara, and eventually have gone on to join the Via Salaria near Monte Libretti, forming a very important line of communication. There are no certain traces of it² (though there are some blocks which may belong to its paving) between the point where it ascends to Turrina and the cemetery of Marcellina, but a road can be traced with certainty at one or two points further N., and has apparently been only recently destroyed in several places (Fonteanive, *Avanzi Ciclopici*, 62). To the N.W. of the cemetery, near point 245 there seems to be visible in the stream-bed the junction of two roads, one going 15° E. of S. (which would be the road in question) and the other going 20° S. of E. (I was informed that the latter ran towards

¹ That the site of this place is quite uncertain we have already seen (*supra*, 134).

² The reference is of course to the straight line taken by the track which has but recently been superseded by the modern road with its curves and zig-zags. See the passage of Nibby's *Schede* quoted *supra*, 82, n.

the water reservoir to the E. of the present highroad from Marcellina, and that it had also been found on the N.W. side of the modern road coming up from Ponte Lucano.)

Another argument for its antiquity is the fact that it is joined, to the S. and N. of the villa at Scocciasanta, by other ancient roads, the one descending from the saddle between points 229 and 221, and not being traceable further either S.E. or N.W., the other running from the villa at point 229 N.E. along the ridge, until it falls at an acute angle into the line of the road of which we are speaking. In neither case is the pavement preserved, but the supporting walls are clearly traceable.

To the N.N.W. of the villa at point 221 is another of similar character, with a reservoir with three chambers, the central one 2·7 mètres wide, the two side ones 2·45, without interconnection. Half a mile to the N.N.E. is the village of Marcellina, which apparently does not occupy an ancient site. Just before the village is reached, near the Casino Trusiani,¹ buildings with pavements of mosaic and of marble were discovered (Sebastiani, *op. cit.* p. 413, n.), and Nibby (*op. cit.* 294) in 1825 saw many architectural fragments and pieces of mosaic which had recently been found. Sebastiani (*ibid.*) speaks of another mosaic pavement found near the Casale Faccenda, and of a paved road going thence towards Monte Gennaro, as if the Casale Faccenda lay on the N. of the village. Marocco (*Stato Pontificio*, x. 82), writing in 1836, also speaks of recent excavations by Prince Borghese; in these *C.I.L.* xiv. 3615 was found. The brickstamp *C.I.L.* xv. 2388, and the lamps (*ibid.*) 6562a (plain top), 6573a (crab), 6593 (top broken), 6595 (Gorgon's head), were found in a tomb near Marcellina in 1898. On the E. side of the village is a very large subterranean water reservoir, measuring 38·5 by 22 mètres, divided into six aisles with round *spiracula* in the roof. To the N. of the cemetery, at a place called Colle Malatiscolo, are the remains of a double platform; the retaining wall of the upper terrace is of rough *opus quadratum*, and upon it are several fragments of columns, which may belong to a temple,² or simply to a villa—the fact that there are the remains of two water reservoirs would point to the latter.

To the N.W. again is the steep slope known as Monteverde. Upon this are four very prominent terrace walls, one above the other, all facing

¹ In a garden along the highroad, S.W. of the cemetery, are fragments of columns and an Ionic capital.

² *Infra*, 176, n. 3.

S.E., in which Gell (*op. cit.* 311) and others have imagined that they saw the remains of the walls of a primitive city, Gell preferring to identify the site with that of Medullia (see Nibby, *op. cit.* ii. 293, and compare *supra*, 172, n. 1). The two lowest are close together, and obviously belong to a villa. The first is of very rough opus incertum, with rectangular niches joined by arches, in front of which there was once a portico (Fig. 27): the next of polygonal work, of blocks of limestone carefully jointed but having the faces left rough, masked at the bottom by a low strip of opus incertum. The platform has been lengthened towards the S.E., and here the polygonal blocks are smaller than in the original portion—several about 30 by 20 cm.

The third terrace wall lies three or four hundred yards higher up the slope, and is of opus incertum: at the N.W. end is a round tank in concrete, at the S.E. end a small water reservoir cut in the rock. The uppermost terrace wall is about the same distance away again; it is of Cyclopean masonry, very finely jointed, with a strong horizontal tendency, 30 mètres in length, and 3·5 in height (Fig. 28).

Considerably further up the mountain, in the deep ravine known as La Scarpellata, and close to the steep path which ascends it, are three retaining walls in the bed of the torrent, the lower of opus incertum, the two upper of polygonal work, with very fine jointing and obviously of Roman date.

Immediately to the S. of these platforms the modern road from Ponte Lucano comes up to join the road from the station of Palombara and Marcellina. It appears, however, to follow more or less closely an ancient line, inasmuch as paving-stones are visible in the fieldwall to the W. of the S. portion of its course. It at first passes the remains of a few villas, but soon reaches the district of the quarries in the travertine of later formation, which must, one would think, have occupied the place of sulphurous lakes, or of some obstruction which obliged the original Via Tiburtina to pass to the N. of it. Here there are no remains of antiquity; but a little before the railway line is reached, on the E. of the road, recent agricultural operations have brought to light the remains of a large villa, which must have been of considerable magnificence. Previous discoveries of fragments of sculpture are recorded in *Not. Scav.* 1897, 148. The place is known as Le Grottele.

A little further on, on the S. edge of the railway line, is the Casale Battista, which is built upon foundations of opus reticulatum. After the

railway has been passed, the modern road runs through a long valley, while the ancient road soon diverged from it, ascending the Colle della Colonnella in a N.E. direction, with a branch going due N. along the E. bank of the Fosso Vazoletto (*infra*, 180).

On the N.W. side of this road, some little way up, is the solid concrete core, about 25 feet high and 10 feet square, of a tomb, from which the hill may perhaps take its name;¹ and a little further on the remains of a villa in the polygonal style, the blocks being very well jointed, and but little mortar used: a vault to the N. has been added later.

Further up the hill,² a little to the W. of the path, is a very large villa with two platforms, the lower of opus incertum, with nineteen intermediate buttresses, each 1·5 mètre thick, at irregular intervals, and the upper of Cyclopean work: upon this is a reservoir fed by a spring which still supplies a modern fountain. An ancient road descends W.S.W. past this villa to the path in the valley, but its width is only 2 mètres.

Remains of the road along the ridge continue to be met with (it is paved with blocks of local limestone); and there are remains of water reservoirs and other buildings near points 225, 222, and 227.

The road must have joined the ancient line of road to Palombara below the platforms of Monteverde. On its N. side, S.S.E. of point 235, are the remains of another great villa³—a portion of an arched substructure still remaining is about 84 feet long and 12 wide, and close by is a circular open tank 26 mètres in diameter, while among the ruins are traces of two smaller reservoirs. The prevalence of such buildings in this district is no doubt due to the fact that none of the great aqueducts passed through this neighbourhood, so that each house had to arrange for its own supply. Springs are, however, not lacking.

Not far to the W. are the remains of a large mediaeval castle (il Castelluccio), and the ruins known as Marcellina Vecchia belong to the same period.

Just before Palombara, on the right, is the Casino Belli, now the property of Mr. P. J. Chubb, who has discovered in his garden, about

¹ Colonnella means 'a small column.'

² For a sarcophagus found on this hill, see *Not. Scav.* 1894, 146.

³ Probably referred to under the name of Le Grotte by Marocco, *Stato Pontificio*, x. 64. He also mentions excavations made hereabouts by a certain Signor Mendola, not long before 1836, in which were found the remains of a temple (*supra*, 174).

100 yards to the S. of the house, the limestone pavement of a road 2·06 mètres in width, running 10° S. of W. It very likely is merely a short road joining the line which runs to S. Francesco (and thence, possibly—though I have not marked it even conjecturally in the maps—to Montecelio). There do not seem to be traces of antiquity upon this path at present, though, when the first section of it (as far as S. Francesco) was improved, a few years ago, some fragments of terracotta reliefs, which probably adorned tombs, were discovered. One, now in the possession of Signor Bonfigli, represents a youthful figure of Hercules, seated upon a rock, with his left elbow leaning on a mask. Other fragments have been removed to the Vigna Guberti, to the N. of Palombara. All belong to the Roman period, being reproductions of late Greek models.

A mile or so W.N.W. of S. Francesco is the interesting church of S. Giovanni in Argentella, recently declared a national monument, with some paintings of the end of the 13th century. The church itself belongs to the 12th century, but there are traces of an earlier building, perhaps of the 9th century.

A full description, from the pen of the late Sig. Enea Monti, with photographs of the church, will be found in *Bull. Crist.* 1898, 122, and a short mention in the *Relazione dei lavori eseguiti dall' Ufficio per la conservazione dei monumenti di Roma e Provincia*, 1899-1902, 211 *sqq.* Some necessary restorations were made in 1902, and the church to some extent protected from damp, though more still remains to be done. The most important of the paintings is reproduced in the first article cited (tav. x.-xi.). In the entrance porch is a sarcophagus of white marble with rounded ends; in the centre of the front is a space decorated with the 'strigil' pattern (*supra*, 166), and on each side a lion attacking a boar: there are also two other marble sarcophagi without reliefs at the fountain outside. One of the columns of the Cosmatesque iconostasis at the end of the right aisle (which bears the date 1170) rests upon a piece of marble bearing the letters

I — E G A T O —
v E S P A S I A N I

The letters of the lower line must have been some 3 cm. high, and those of the upper rather larger. One of the four columns which support the baldacchino of the high altar has been cut from a fragment of a

frieze of Roman date, and bears traces of the name T·IVNIVS (*Bull. Crist. cit.* 126), and a fragment of a sepulchral inscription in elegiacs may be seen in the floor of the nave (*ibid.* 134).

In the last line but two I read	} XIT EGENS ANIMO
in the last but one	

To the E. of S. Giovanni, on the W. edge of the path from Palombara to Montecelio, are the remains of a villa ; and a little further S., at a point where the path passes along a ridge between two deep valleys, upon what looks not unlike an embankment about 6 feet high, there were found, almost under the path itself on its E. edge, two tombs of the Villanova period, which seem to belong to a date intermediate between the civilisation of the Terremare and that of Latium (*Not. Scav.* 1902, 20 ; *Bull. Com.* 1902, 97).

Tombs of quite a late Roman date, with tiles, are said to have been found not far off. A little way to the S.E. is a water reservoir, and further S. again, on the Colle Marocco, are other ruins, indicated on the map, which need not be mentioned in detail. Two sepulchral inscriptions, now in the possession of Signor Scipione Bonfigli, by whose kindness I am able to publish them, were found on this hill. The first is upon the front of a small cinerary urn of white marble 250 mm. high by 178 mm. broad, the letters being 15 to 17 mm. high :

DIS MANIBVS
LAETILIAE L · F
GEMELLAE
VIX ANN XII
PATER ET
MATER
FECERVNT

The second is upon an upright slab with a base to stand upon, tapering in thickness towards the top. It is 56 cm. high and 30 wide at the bottom, and the letters, which vary from 45 to 60 mm. in height, belong to a late period :

M S
 TVSIDIAE
 FORTVNIAE SI
 FIL DVLCISSIME
 Q · V · AN · XVI · M · III
 D · XXIII TIOS
 DEVS VXSICVS ET
 CLODIA NATE PA
 RENTES FILIAE¹

Another sepulchral inscription, that of one Sophron (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3846), has also passed into Signor Bonfigli's possession; it was at Tivoli until a few years ago, and was first copied there by Sieder in or before 1503.

At a point where the path runs for a short distance N. and S. just after it has entered the territory of Montecelio, other late burials are said to have been found, also a subterranean chamber, with paintings on its walls, now full of water.

To the S. is an open reservoir known as the 'Bagno delle Dame,' below which remains of baths are said to have been found with inscribed lead pipes, which have since been destroyed. There are ruins of another villa still further to the S. (on the N. edge of map no. ii.) on the Colle Selciata, the name of which seems to indicate that the path follows an ancient line, though there are now no traces of paving. At the bottom of the hill it reaches the valley of the Fosso Vazoletto (*infra*, 180). The path going N.N.W. up the Valle Marocco, and joining the modern road to Palombara E. of the Ponte Levatore, very likely follows an ancient line, though there are no certain traces of antiquity.

We must now return to the railway station of Montecelio (*supra*, 117) in order to complete our survey of the district. The southern of the two ancient roads which separated to the S. of Torre Mastorta (*supra*, 106) runs on, passing close to the station, and near the Casale dei Prati turns almost due E. Here it is joined by a cross-road from the N. branch, which itself went on apparently due N. to S. Angelo;² for though there are no definite traces of antiquity along the modern road (till recently a path), an

¹ My reading is in some points uncertain, and I have not had another opportunity of verifying my copy: Signor Bonfigli has, however, kindly done so.

² Whether the modern road up to Montecelio follows an ancient line, or no, I cannot say.

undoubtedly ancient road is seen to the N. of the Riserva la Pissina, which in all probability starts from it: and some means of communication with S. Angelo on this side must have existed. Nor are there any certain indications in the path traversing the valley between S. Angelo and Poggio Cesi, which also seems a necessary line of traffic. Taking first the road going E. from near the Casale dei Prati, we find scanty traces of paving along it: the remains of several villas not far from its course are indicated on the map, but hardly require a detailed description. In one place there is a tomb by its side, with a cruciform chamber faced with opus reticulatum, the voussoirs of which are very fine. Not far from the villa at point 115 is a fragment of a draped female statue of white marble, about life size. To the W. of the Casale Battista the road passes through a fairly deep cutting, the character of which has been much altered by the passage of a stream through it, and reaches the road from Ponte Lucano, of which we have just spoken (*supra*, 175).

We must now follow the road leading due N. from this point, along the E. bank of the Fosso Vazoletto, which is, in all probability, ancient. Close to the point where the road along the Colle della Colonnella diverges from it, there are the ruins of the small church of S. Vincenzo,¹ with remains of painting on the front of the triumphal arch—a sheep, with head upturned towards the left foot of a figure of which little else remains, and a decorative border of foliage below, not well executed, and covering some better work in stucco, with egg and dart pattern. The end of the church is not apsidal, but is a square of 3·20 mètres. To the E. of it are the remains of a villa.

On the other side of the stream, at the Casale Sinibaldi, are preserved some unimportant fragments of sculpture, and two inscriptions—one *C.I.L.* xiv. 3923, the other unpublished, so far as I know.

The numeral is undoubtedly 6000.

¹ It is mentioned in a document of 1030 (Bruzza, *op. cit.* no. xii. cf. p. 87).

The inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3922 is recorded as having been found 'above Casale Battista in the territory of Montecelio,' *i.e.* here or hereabouts.

Whether the Casale Sinibaldi stands on an ancient site or not, there is no evidence to show; but a little way to the N. are the substructures of a villa in Cyclopean work, with a somewhat strong tendency towards *opus quadratum*. It is probable that these are the walls spoken of by Fonteanive (*Avanzi ciclopici*, 58); cf. Gell, *op. cit.* 135; *Il Buonarroti*, 1873, 4; *Bull. Inst.* 1873, 38. There is, however, no doubt as to their real character, and the idea that an ancient city could ever have stood on this site, at the bottom of the slope of the hill, seems absurd, for it is absolutely unprotected on the N.

A kilomètre N.N.W., below the village of Montecelio, are the remains of a very large rectangular reservoir in *opus incertum*, with two chambers, each 23·89 mètres in length and respectively 4·46 and 4·54 mètres in width (below it are some traces of the villa which it supplied); and at the same distance further N. again are the remains of a similar structure, open to the air.

In the valley below, E.N.E. of Montecelio, are the remains of another villa, one of the largest in this district. Of the buildings upon the platform, which measures some 70 by 60 mètres, practically nothing is preserved, cultivation being responsible for their destruction. The construction is mainly of *opus reticulatum* along the front, cubes of different colours being used so as to produce a decorative effect. Bands of brick run through the whole at intervals, and the quoins are of tufa. The drainage arrangements are noteworthy, the weepholes in the front being in communication either with round pipes or triangular drains, so as to remove all moisture from the platform. The terrace is at least 8 mètres high in front as it stands. The plan on p. 182 is from my own measurements.

Upon the platform itself are remains of a mediaeval church (S. Stefano),¹ the apse of which is shown with dotted lines, and a little to the N. of the double piscina is a mediaeval fountain. Excavations were begun here by Signor Boccanera in the 'eighties, but interrupted by his death.

The castle of Montecelio (the modern name is a corruption of Monticelli, a name as old as the 11th century)² has foundations of Cyclopean

¹ The church belonged to the abbey of Subiaco.

² *Annales Romaines* (1044-1073) in *Lih. Pont.* (ed. Duchesne) ii. 334.

PLAN OF A VILLA AT S. STEFANO, E.N.E. OF
MONTCELIO.

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Meters

work of limestone on the W. and N. sides; the blocks are rough, and, though apparently hammered, have not been dressed in any way. The faces measure from 1·07 m. by 0·55 to 0·6 by 0·5 m.; the blocks tail in from 1·18 to 0·7 m., and behind them are big stones and earth (Fig. 29). Here we seem, therefore, as indeed we should expect, to find the evidences of the early occupation of so strong a position; but the name of the site is another matter. Several early towns, which in imperial times had almost or quite disappeared, are mentioned as existing in this district—Ameriola, Cameria,¹ Corniculum, Medullia—but in no case can their sites be fixed with any certainty. Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 366) is inclined to identify Montecelio with Corniculum, which however lay, according to Dionysius (i. 16), somewhere between Ficulea and Tibur (*supra*, 56). The inscription in praise of Servius Tullius, said to have been found here at the end of the 17th century, is a blatant forgery (*C.I.L.* xiv. 403*). Gell (*op. cit.* 54) places Corniculum at S. Angelo; but, strictly speaking, as Prof. Hülsen (in Pauly-Wissowa, iv. 1604) remarks, following Bormann (*Altlatin. Chorographie*, 253), it should be sought somewhere in the Tenuta of Marco Simone; though it must be confessed that the name Montes Corniculani seems eminently to suit the three sharp-pointed hills of Montecelio, Poggio Cesi, and S. Angelo.

The only other trace of antiquity in Montecelio, with the exception of isolated architectural fragments, is to be seen within the castle. Here is a small temple, the cella of which is well preserved. It is of brick, rectangular, measuring 4·1 mètres wide by about 8 long; the walls are 0·85 mètre thick, and it rests on a stylobate 1·6 mètre high. The colonnade was probably tetrastyle; the pilasters in place still have Corinthian capitals; their diameter is 0·45 mètre, their height up to the collarino 3·3, their distance apart from centre to centre 2·45. The brickwork is very good, the bricks averaging 0·035 m. thick on the outside and 0·039 on the inside, and the mortar layers 0·013 and 0·015 respectively. When the castle was built it was converted into a chapel (Lanciani, *Bull. Inst.* 1870, 45, from which these measurements are taken).²

Somewhere within the territory of the village a fine sculptured

¹ For Cameria, which is generally supposed to have been at or near Palombara, cf. *supra*, 76.

² Remains of a pagan cemetery, as well as those of the older church, are said to have been found at S. Michele, on the hill to the S. of the village, in 1724, when the foundations of a new monastery were laid (Casimiro, *Memorie delle chiese e dei conventi dei Frati Minori della Provincia Romana*, 187).

sepulchral cippus was discovered in 1898 (*Not. Scav.* 1898, 284), as were also, many years before, *C.I.L.* xiv. 3919, 3921,¹ and the lead pipe *C.I.L.* xv. 7900 (*Faustus fec.*).

To the S.W. of Montecelio are the remains of another huge villa on the slope of the hill, known as the Grotte della Pissina. Above it is the reservoir which supplied it, a large open structure, with a semicircular portion at each end, having a radius of 7·85 m., while the rectangular part in the centre measures 17·60 by 15·70 m. Its walls are preserved to a height of some 8 or 9 feet. A rough sketch plan of it is given.

Further to the W. are the remains of the villa, an immense building; the total extent of the lower terrace is roughly 240 paces from E. to W. and 140 from N. to S. In the W. portion of the S. side it is supported by a wall of opus reticulatum, with buttresses projecting 1·45 metre and 0·9 in width at intervals of about 3·4 mètres: 25 paces from this wall the upper terrace begins; this measures roughly 110 paces square, and comprises the buildings of the villa itself, which were constructed of concrete faced with brickwork. Of the superstructure but little is preserved, though the plan

¹ Whether the latter inscription, which speaks of *ordo dec. . . Moeniensium*, may not have been brought from Castrimoenium is uncertain: it is a fragment found in a wall of a church in 1853.

might be recovered by excavation. At the N.W. angle there is a little paving *in situ*, belonging no doubt to a branch from the road on the N., and a little further E. is a fountain basin, 1·85 mètre in diameter and 0·45 deep, hewn out of a single block of travertine. There are, however, considerable remains of cryptoporticus and subterranean chambers on the S. and E. sides of the upper terrace.

On the N. side of the villa there is a path going W. which contains several limestone paving-stones and is no doubt ancient. It was indeed very probably the Roman route to Montecelio, though it cannot be traced with any certainty beyond the commencement of the steep descent to the valley E. of Colle Grosso.

Between this point and the station of Montecelio are the remains of other villas, which are indicated on the map, but need not be mentioned in detail ; and there are others of a similar character on the Colle Grosso.

I do not know what the building can be to which Ciampini (*Vetera Monimenta*, i. 68) refers : ‘dum haec reticulata opera rimabar, animadverti non omnia ex topheo elaborata esse, ut hic Romae, neque ex silice, ut Tusculi, sed etiam quandoque ex marmore Tiburtino, et ex lapide Albano, sicut loci opportunitas, et vicinarum fodinarum natura ferebat. Antiquissimum aedificium reticulati operis vidi Corniculi, quod ipsi Corniculani Servii Tullii . . . Palatium fuisse existimant. Haec mihi indicavit D. Franciscus Maria Lancianus dum praeterito anno¹ apud ipsum, una cum solitis amicis hospes essem.’

On the hillside to the S. of S. Angelo is a large villa known as Vallemara ; it faces S., and has a cryptoporticus 3·6 m. in width on the E., S., and W., lighted by windows at the sides. It stands upon a lofty platform, supported by walls of opus reticulatum with large rectangular stone quoins, the front of which is some 48 mètres in length (Fig. 30). Above it to the N. is the reservoir by which it was supplied with water, 29·95 m. long, divided into three chambers, each 3·4 mètre in width.

Half a mile further W., just on the E. of the path ascending to S. Angelo, are some mediaeval ruins, built upon a large underground chamber, divided into three arcades, which may have been a Roman water reservoir. Upon the highest point of the Colle Lungo, about a mile to the S.S.W., the remains of a villa, probably belonging to the time of the

¹ Probably 1688, as, although the title-page bears the date 1690, the ‘Approbatio operis’ was given on Jan. 12, 1689.

Claudian emperors, a statue and two heads of marble and some fragments were discovered in 1895¹ (*Not. Scav.* 1895, 324, 421). A cippus was also found which may have indicated one of the boundaries of the property; and in the villa itself were found many tombs of later date.

Two miles N.W. of Montecelio, upon a slightly higher and more isolated hill, lies the village of S. Angelo Romano or S. Angelo in Capoccia.² This is accessible by two ancient roads from Rome—one the road described *supra*, 108, leaving the Via Tiburtina at the eighth mile, the other that known as the Strada Vecchia di Palombara (*supra*, 54 *sqq.*). The existence of these two roads proves that it was a place of some importance in ancient times, and possibly it is to be identified with Corniculum, as Gell thought (*loc. cit.*). Nibby (*Analisi*, ii. 325) prefers to call it Medullia, of which we know only that it was an ancient Latin town in the neighbourhood of Nomentum, and close to the Sabine territory, occupying a strong position ('tuta munitionibus', Liv. i. 33, cf. 38; Dion. Hal. ii. 36, iii. 1, vi. 34). Pliny (*H.N.* iii. 68) enumerates it among the lost cities of Latium (here the form Medullum is found). Bormann (*op. cit.* 262) prefers Coppi's view (*Diss. Accad. Pont.* v. 204), according to which it should be placed between the Anio and the Fosso Magliano (Magugliano, *supra*, 102) or Fosso di Marco Simone—*i.e.* somewhere in the neighbourhood of Marco Simone itself. But it is there that he places the *Κόρνικλα ὄρη* (*supra*, 56), and it would seem that his views are inconsistent with one another. In his map he puts Medullia (doubtfully) at Montecelio.

Both Nibby and Gell speak of the existence of considerable remains of walls in rough Cyclopean work (the latter even gives a sketch of them) outside the village, close to the church of S. Liberata, at the S. extremity of the hill: these they consider to be part of the walls of a city to which the site of the present village served as acropolis. I visited the village in 1898, and could then neither see nor hear anything of these walls, which may have disappeared in the interval, nor of any traces of ancient work in the village. The inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3926/7 is recorded as having been copied at S. Angelo. The only remains of which the inhabitants knew anything lay at the foot of the hill, half a mile to the N. of the village. Two hundred yards E. of the present road from Rome (the

¹ As the exact position is not given, I have not marked it upon the map.

² Poggio Cesi, the summit between Montecelio and S. Angelo, which is higher than either, is occupied by a mediaeval castle; and there are no traces of any constructions of an earlier period—a remarkable fact.

‘Strada Vecchia di Palombara’) are some insignificant remains of the terrace wall of a villa in Cyclopean work, known as Le Pezze, and to the N.E. are remains of the villa itself.¹ A little further E. are three circular cavities, probably quarries, one of which has been converted in Roman times into an open water reservoir with concreted sides, 80 feet in diameter and 6 deep.

Further E. again are the remains of a very large villa: there is a wall facing E., preserved for a length of 73 mètres and a height of 3 mètres. It is entirely in Cyclopean work: the tendency towards opus quadratum is strong, the faces of the stones are very smooth, and the joints very close, the angle of one block being sometimes dovetailed into the upper surface of the block below (see Fig. 31).

The line of the N. side of this terrace may be traced, but the wall itself has perished: 20 mètres in front of it are remains of a lower terrace wall in Cyclopean work, and 14 mètres in front of that remains of a wall in concrete. The line of the W. side of the terrace can also be perceived. The place is known as La Civitella, and this is where Gell (*op. cit.* 52) and Nibby (*op. cit.* i. 137) locate Ameriola, one of the cities of the Prisci Latini subdued by Tarquinius Priscus, and one of those which had disappeared in Pliny’s time (see Livy i. 38; Pliny, *H.N.* iii. 68). Of its exact site we really know nothing.

That the remains are those of a villa, and nothing more, there is, however, no doubt: they are situated in comparatively low ground, in a position strategically useless.

We have now concluded our survey of the territory of Tibur to the N., and turn to study the district to the S. of the city, keeping, as has been said, on the W. side of the wall of mountains which is broken only by the narrow Anio valley. The city of Tibur itself, and the Via Valeria which runs up the river valley, will be considered on another occasion.

VI.—THE TERRITORY OF TIBUR ON THE SOUTH

(*from Tivoli to Gericomio*).

The road which issues from the S. extremity of the town of Tivoli, and forms the commencement of the modern highroad, is, as we have

¹ They have inadvertently been omitted from both maps: the circular reservoir is to the E. of them.

seen (*supra*, 142), of Roman origin. This ancient road soon divides into three branches, one descending the steep slope that falls away towards the plain below, the second descending more gradually in a southerly direction, the third keeping more or less on the level along the mountain-side.

The first of these branches falls into the road from Ponte Lucano to Corcolle about a mile S. of the former (*supra*, 128, 142). Volpi (*Vetus Latium*, x. 654) recalls the discovery of pavement upon this upper section of it near a small chapel dedicated to S. Marco.

Upon each side of it are the remains of large villas. On the right below the Riformatorio is a large villa platform with retaining walls of Cyclopean masonry, described in *Civ. Catt.* 1857, ser. iii. vol. vi. p. 357 (cf., however, Hübner in *Bull. Inst.* 1857, 74), and by Fonteanive, *op. cit.* 74, as though it were a Pelasgic hieron! A little further down, upon a projecting shoulder of the hill, and commanding a splendid view, is another, the traditional villa of Plancus, built of opus reticulatum and opus incertum,¹ with two cryptoporticus.

On the left of the path, just where it crosses the modern highroad, is a large villa known as the Villa dei Pisoni.² The name goes back to the 10th century, for in a bull of Marinus II, of 945 A.D., and in subsequent documents (see Bruzza, *Regesto della Chiesa di Tivoli*, p. 19, l. 11, etc.), oliveyards and vineyards described as 'in pesoni' are mentioned as belonging to the see of Tivoli. Azzara found there in 1779 a unique statue of Britannicus, sixteen heads of Greek philosophers and poets (all of which he left to the royal library at Madrid), and the celebrated bust of Alexander the Great which is now in the Louvre (no. 436) (Visconti, *Museo Pio Clementino*, i. p. 13; Guattani, *Monumenti Inediti*, 1784, Gennaio, p. 2). Domenico de Angelis in 1780 found chambers decorated with painted stucco, the drawings of which existed in Bulgarini's time in the Palazzo Municipale (Bulgarini, *op. cit.* 115, n. 93). Francesco Carlandi discovered more recently some marble pavements and fragments of statues (Bulgarini, *ibid.*). Not far from this villa, at the chapel of S. Maria in Pisoni, which has now disappeared, the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3826 was often copied in the 15th and 16th centuries. In 1488

¹ In one place courses of baked bricks 0.04 metre thick, and tufa blocks 0.07 thick by about 0.20 long, are arranged alternately in threes.

² Two very poor views of it are given by Volpi, *Vetus Latium*, x. 1, opp. p. 360 (reproduced in *Veteris Latii Antiquitatum Amplissima Collectio* (Rome, 1776), pt. i. pls. 13, 14).

Fra Giocondo copied near this chapel (which was also known as S. Maria della Strada, while Cabral and del Re (*op. cit.* 134) speak of it as the Madonna delle piaggie or delle quattro faccie) seven inscriptions on the shafts of hermae of various Greek worthies—Andocides, Aristogeiton, Aristotle, Carneades, Heracleitus, Isocrates, Miltiades (Kaibel, *I.G.I.* 1134, 1136, 1138, 1159, 1168, 1170, 1186; Hülsen,¹ *Röm. Mitt.* 1901, 125, 155 *sqq.*, nos. 3, 4, 6, 13, 19, 20, 30). Sieder saw them in the same place in 1503: he notes that two of them were 'in S. Marco,' but this chapel was not far off. Pighius saw them there in the middle of the 16th century (and besides the seven already noted, apparently four more—*I.G.I.* 1128, 1131a, 1140, 1163a; nos. 1, 2, 7, 16 of Hülsen's collection), and drew the attention of Julius III to them, with the result that they were removed to the Papal villa (Villa di Papa Giulio).

I.G.I. 1167 (Hülsen, no. 18) may also come from the same locality, and 1221 (Hülsen, no. 43) certainly does. For the subsequent history of these hermae (several of which are lost) cf. Hülsen, *loc. cit.* 127 *sqq.* Ligorio added a number to the series, which are no doubt forgeries of his own (*ibid.* 131, 208).

Close by, near a ruined house just N. of this villa, called La Rosolina, was found a columbarium, with the tablets bearing the inscriptions *C.I.L.* xiv. 3725, 3781.

The second of the three roads descends in a southerly direction, leaving the modern highroad about half a mile from Tivoli; between it and the lower bend of the modern highroad are the remains of two villas, one of which is partly in Cyclopean work, finely jointed, with a tendency towards horizontal bedding, and the external faces smoothed (a low wall just below it, of similar but rougher construction, is probably a portion of the substructure of a road), while the other, a very lofty platform with walls of opus incertum, stands at the 26th kilomètre from Rome (Fig. 32).

Our road crosses the highroad close to the turn of the zig-zag (known

¹ Prof. Hülsen locates the villa, in my opinion, rather too far down the hill; for where Cabral and del Re's plan indicates it there are no remains of a villa, and one would think that they have inaccurately represented the locality of the large villa at the 26th kilomètre (which they place to the N. of the path), for they speak of it (*op. cit.* 137) as if it were a building of considerable size. It is, however, somewhat difficult to find the road which they call the Strada delle Piaggie (*op. cit.* 132) on the map: in fact, it is apparently the first of the three roads described by me which corresponds with their Strada di S. Marco, which descends directly to Casale Leonina.

as 'Regresso'),¹ and divides into two branches: one of these goes to the Villa Bulgarini, at the S.E. extremity of the Villa of Hadrian, the other to the Colle S. Stefano. Neither is demonstrably ancient, but both are probably so; their straightness of line is remarkable, and along both—especially the latter—remains of villas are frequent. This side of Tibur appears to have been, if anything, more thickly studded with villas than the N. side, as a glance at the map will show: in ancient times, in fact, there must have been an uninterrupted succession of aristocratic residences. It is not necessary to describe each one in detail, as they present, as a rule, the same characteristics, and we may confine ourselves to repeating that the traditional nomenclature is almost always utterly worthless.

The third and uppermost road, the Strada di Carciano, keeps some way above the modern highroad, on the level. Near the Villa Braschi (the Seminario) was found *C.I.L.* xiv. 3855, in 1739.

Above the road, behind the Villa Braschi, Antonio del Re (*op. cit.* 103) places the Villa of the Rubellii: 'doue si veggono muri antichi, & volte che mettono in piano la Villa sopra il dorso, & dopo discende, secondo si trouano le reliquie di essa Villa di muri rouinati frà le vigne fino alla strada della Quaregna nominata [*i.e.* the road following the S. bank of the Anio eastwards], e frà le Vigne & Oliueti, che all' opposita parte del monte discende fino alla strada, che conduce verso la contrada, detta le Piagge di Cassano, & si trouano sparsamente dette rouine in detto spatio con acque nelli luoghi bassi della Villa.' Kircher (*Vetus Latium*, 162) also speaks of the remains of this villa. In the time of Cabral and del Re (*op. cit.* 160) there was very little to be seen, and now the traces of it have almost entirely disappeared. The identification is simply due to the existence of the local name Ripoli, and is not a safe one.

Below the Villa dei Greci (now the Collegio Irlandese) there is a huge villa in three terraces, with retaining walls of opus reticulatum, which are noticeable as having cubes of both tufa and travertine, the two colours being arranged in patterns so as to produce a decorative effect (Fig. 33). Immediately on the W. of this villa is a small, but very perfect, water reservoir, a plan of which is given by Lanciani, *Commentari di Frontino*,²

¹ Stevenson (*Vat. Lat.* 10552, f. 1) mentions the existence of paving-stones at the 26th kilometre of the modern road, which probably belong to our road.

² I cite the paging of the reprint from *Atti dei Lincei*, ser. iii. vol. iv. (1880).

tav. i. Fig. 8 (see p. 46). This villa is frequently known as the Villa of Cassius, the name Carciano, which belongs to this district, being taken to be derived from a fundus Cassanus or Cassianus (both forms occur), mentioned in the documents cited on p. 129, n. 1, and to still perpetuate the name of Cassius, though Viola (*Risposta*, 63) rightly remarks that the indication is too vague to identify the villa with certainty.

Five hundred yards further S., below the road, and close to the turn of the modern highroad at Regresso, is another enormous villa with three platforms, supported by walls of opus reticulatum and Cyclopean masonry, the latter being treated as though it belonged to a Pelasgic hieron in *Civiltà Cattolica*, ser. ii. vol. viii. (1854), 349. Portions of the two lower terrace walls are shown in Figs. 34, 35; while Dodwell, *op. cit.* pl. 124, gives a view of the Cyclopean wall. According to Bulgarini (*op. cit.* 109, *Continuazione dell' Appendice alle Notizie su Tivoli*, 32), it was in this villa,¹ and not in that called by Cabral and Del Re 'the Villa of Cassius,' that the excavations of Domenico de Angelis were made in 1774–80 (cf. Lanciani, *Rendiconti dei Lincei*, 1897, 6; *Bull. Com.* 1898, 33). He discovered the group of statues of Apollo and the Muses (Helbig, *Führer*, i. nos. 274–281), a Minerva, a Faun and a nymph,² a child typifying sleep, a recumbent Bacchus, a Faun, a Hygieia or Salus, with a serpent, a draped female torso, and many hermae (see below). (Visconti, *Mus. Pio-Clem.*, ed. Rom. 1782, in fol., i. p. 13.) Visconti speaks of a mosaic representing a Nile scene, which, according to Viola (*Tivoli nel Decennio*, 289), was bought by a Russian in 1846: he also states that the excavations were continued by order of Pius VI, and that various Egyptian statues in black marble, a fine crocodile in *pietra di paragone*, a fine *rosone*, with a lizard and a frog playing in the leaves, some more hermae, and an altar, *Agatho Daemoni Sacrum* (*C.I.L.* xiv. 3533 = Kaibel, *I.G.I.* 1123), were found. It may be noted that *C.I.L. ibid.* 3614 was found, not with no. 3533, as is there stated owing to a misprint, but with no. 3553.

The hermae found in the villa are given in Kaibel, *I.G.I.* 1129, 1130,

¹ Both Nibby (*Analisi*, i. 389) and Sebastiani (*op. cit.* 230) are at fault. Cabral and del Re (*op. cit.* 165) call this villa the Villa of Brutus; but the contract for the excavations of De Angelis calls it the Villa of Cassius, and so do Nibby and Sebastiani.

² This group, according to Sebastiani (*loc. cit.*), was bought by Lord Jennings: Bulgarini calls him Penchins: but we really have to do with Thomas Jenkins, English consul and antiquity dealer, who bought it for 600 scudi, and resold it to a 'Milord Inglese' for 4,000.

1135, 1144, 1145, 1163, 1174, 1190-1192, 1194, 1195, 1208, 1220. The Plato herma, *ibid.* 1196, was found rather lower down the hill, and with it a head, not belonging to it, 'di non ordinario lavoro' (Viola, *Tivoli nel Decennio, cit.*). Kaibel wrongly quotes Viola as saying that the head was slightly damaged. Most of these hermae are now in the Vatican, but one of those of Pericles (1191) is in the British Museum; while it is not stated where the Plato is.

On the other hand, it was in the villa further to the N. (which the older writers on Tivoli call Villa of Cassius), beneath the Villa dei Greci, that excavations were made by Cardinal Ferdinando dei Medici and Francesco Bandino dei Piccolomini, Archbishop of Siena, on which occasion statues, columns, cornices, etc., were found (Antonio del Re, *op. cit.* 106). The text of the agreement between the Cardinal and the owner (dated Dec. 19, 1568) for the possession of this site, with liberty to excavate and take what he found, including the purchase of two columns of coloured marble, is given in *Bull. Com.* 1898, 32. In 1777, columns, fragments of statues, and pavements of coloured marbles were found here (Cabral and del Re, *op. cit.* 163).

Zappi (*Annali e Memorie di Tivoli*, ff. 69-71), writing in or about 1580, gives the following description of this villa :—' La Villa di Cassio si ritroua in una spiaggia di Monte Calvo discosto mezzo miglio dalla Città di Tiouli (;) un Aquidotto da sei palmi alto, et largo quattro, il quale passa per Mezzo la strada Publica oue si ritrouaua in quel tempo una Siricata [a corruption of Selciata] in pietre di Monte, et Tiraua uerso la Città di Tiouli . . . il quale Aquedotto con (*sic*) conduceua l'Accque Aniene principalmente in una Fontana Rustica di Tartari Tiburtini, che anche hoggi si Ritrouano li uestigii uicino ad un Teatro con una Loggia di sopra con pauimento di Musaico secondo che si uedono di Molte Colonne diuerse, di diuersa Natura et bellezza, fra quali ui ne sono di molte scoperte cauate di Novo sopra la Terra, con Busti e teste di statue, le Colonne sono di Mischio Africano et di Brece verdi Bellissime (;) oue questo luogo egli fù destinato per un Cenacolo Magnanimo et Reggio, secondo il Parere dello Scult^{re} M^o. Michel Angelo Bona Rota. Questo luogo si Ritroua sottoposto a Ponente . . . con una Piazza, Auanti a d^o Cenacolo longo più di ducento passi in piano et larga cento . . . lo qual Cenacolo godeua quattro Amene e Belle Viste . . . uerso leuante accosto alla strada Publica la quale seruuiua a molti altri luoghi Regali, la qual uilla la si Ritroua diuisa in tre Appartamenti il P^o

come li dico il Cenacolo con la Prima Fontana con il Teatro, il secondo Appartamento, si Ritroua Basso più di Uinti Palmi uerso Ponente, con una Abbitatione con diuersi ricettacoli, et Conserue di Accque per la Estate . . . possedeua Anche un Piano, il quale seruiua per un Passeggiatore con il suo Pauimento bellissimo di Musaico grosso e godeua l'Aere di Ponente, et anche sogetto all' Aere da parte di Tramontana, et oltra di questo seguita poi un altro Bellissimo e Regio Appartamento il quale possiede una degna habitatione similmente con una fontana Rustica fatta di Tartari Tiburtini alta la Nicchia più di trenta Palmi con il suo Vano proportionato, l'Accqua scatturiua in Mezzo della Nicchia si come hoggi si uedono li Uestigii detti di sopra alla d^a fontana, sopra la quale si ritrouauano tre diuerse loggie con certi Tramezzi di muro fatti con Grande Artificio uerso Tramontana per sguascio acciò si godesse il Fresco delli uenti secondo che egli spirauano perche la sua uaga uista possedesse l'Aere di Ponente, et la d^a habitatione possiede dicidotto Appartamenti tutti d'un Ordine, e tra l'uno appartamento e l'altro ui sono Ordini di Colonne Stuccate Toscani alte di quindici palmi, et auanti si ritrouaua un altra uaga Piazza, longa sessanta passi, et larga quaranta e possiede ponente e la Regal Uilla Adriana. . . non gli posso descriuere Totamente (?) tutte le qualità Magnificenze, Grandezze di essa, perche confondono l'intelletto dell' huomo li pauimenti di Musaico, et alcuni altri di Mischi porfidi, serpentini, et altri Marmi Belli simili Affricani in modo che gli riguardanti et ingegnosi spiriti Restano con loro satisfactione considerato tanta grande Magnificenza, et grandezza.'

In 'one or other of these villas, and probably in the latter (though the term 'Villa of Cassius' without further localisation is ambiguous), excavations were made in 1830 (*Bull. Inst.* 1831, 29), but without result except for the discovery of rough mosaics.

Upon the left-hand side of the Strada di Carciano, between the two villas, a little way beyond the divergence of the new road to S. Gregorio, which runs even higher along the mountain-side, is a small cave hewn in the rock, in which are four rough sarcophagi close together (Cabral and del Re, *op. cit.* 164).¹ A little way further on, the road is carried upon an

¹ In Stevenson's MS. notes in the Vatican library (*Vat. Lat.* 10552, . 23) there is a sketch plan of the tomb, a single rectangular chamber, about 3·70 by 2·70 mètres, cut in the rock: immediately behind it passes the specus of an aqueduct (probably the Anio Vetus) which curves around it in such a way as to indicate that the tomb is earlier in date than it. He also gives a sketch of the stone door slab of the tomb. There follows a copy by him of a document entitled 'Notitia delle reliquie ritrovate in una grotta del Territorio di Tivoli luogo d^o Carciano,' from

embankment, supported on the lower side by a wall of rough Cyclopean work (Fig. 36).

The specus of the three great aqueducts—the Anio Vetus, the Marcia, and the Anio Novus—now begin to be visible, running one above the other above the road. The specus of the Anio Novus, the highest of the three, traverses a large piscina, known as Grotte Sconce, divided into three chambers, which probably served as a clearing tank. The plan is roughly shown below.

A little further on, below the road, is the villa described *supra*, 191. Just beyond this, the road is again supported on the W. side by a long wall of Cyclopean work, preserved to a height of two or three courses only, parallel to and just below which runs the specus of the Anio Vetus, which has by this time passed under the road, while the other two aqueducts are still on the upper side of it. Beyond this again is a large villa with two terraces, both supported by walls of opus incertum and Cyclopean

which it appears that the tomb was opened on April 28, 1693, in the presence of Canonico Antonio Filippi, delegated by the Reverenda Camera Apostolica. A large slab of travertine was found, which served as the door of the tomb, with what was thought to be a cross upon it; but Stevenson's sketch of the slab (which he saw on the spot in 1879) shows that it was an imitation of four panels with a round hole to represent the keyhole. Five large nails, each one palm (m. 0'223) long, were found in front of it. Behind this slab was the tomb itself, a chamber containing four large sarcophagi, three of them each of a single block of peperino (two of them with heavy lids of the same material), and one of travertine with a cover of the same stone. On the stucco coating of the front of each of them, except of that which had lost its cover, were letters which could not be deciphered, except in the case of the travertine sarcophagus, where MAIOREO M could be clearly made out.

work, the lower wall being especially fine: it has Cyclopean work with a strong horizontal tendency for a length of 28·5 mètres and a height of 5·7 mètres, while on the S. side are three arcades of opus incertum, the rest being of the two styles alternately. Dodwell gives views of it (*op. cit.* 125, 126).¹ Upon the lower platform is a very finely preserved, though quite small, water reservoir. Hereabouts 'a destra nel luogo detto gli Arcinelli' was found the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3737.

A mile further on, the road cuts through the remains of a villa, at a place called Grotta Papale, where Cabral and del Re (*op. cit.* 168) place the Villa of Aelius Rubrius, on the authority of the inscription *C.I.L.* xiv. 3542, '*Herculi Domestico T. Aeli Rubri Superstitis.*' This inscription was carved upon the base of a statue of Hercules, larger than life-size, which had perished, though the shape of the feet and portions of the club and the lion-skin were preserved. The base was existing in the house of Lorenzo Bernini at the time of Cabral and del Re. If the find-spot is correctly given it is probable that we have, in this almost solitary case, arrived at the correct name of the owner of the villa.

Three-quarters of a mile further on, the road cuts through a round water-tank, near which are the remains of a villa. Here, according to Cabral and Del Re (*op. cit.* 169), hypocausts, columns, mosaic pavements, etc., had in 1779 recently been found. Near here was found, in 1790, the statue of a Triton, now in the Vatican (Visconti, *Mus. Pio-Clem.* i. p. 69, tav. 35).

Three or four hundred yards to the S. of the road, the Fosso di Ponte Terra was crossed by a bridge, of which two piers only remain, of concrete faced with small rectangular blocks of tufa. They are 3·6 mètres apart, 2·8 thick, and 3·9 broad: they are preserved to a height of about 6 mètres, and no traces of the spring of an arch are visible (Fig. 37). On the banks of the ravine no signs of either a specus or a road can be seen: but as there is no aqueduct deposit about, and the bridge is too wide for an aqueduct, it probably served for a road connecting the Strada di Carciano with the neighbourhood of S. Vittorino. Coming as it does at a sharp bend, it runs almost due E. and W. Petroncelli speaks of it as an aqueduct in his letter of November 18th, 1740.

Not much further along the road, Sebastiani (*op. cit.* 239) notes two

¹ A 'fundus fuscii' is mentioned in the Bull of A.D. 945 (*supra*, 148, n.), and this villa is called by some writers the 'Villa of Fuscus,' but without sufficient reason.

small niches which were used for columbaria, called Il Tesoro, cut in the rock on the left of the road, one round, the other square, with ollae of terracotta. Traces of painted plaster spread over the natural rock still remained. The fact that these columbaria were not enclosed within any building is strange. Half a mile further on is the Casale of Gericomio: a fine mosaic floor with a geometrical design in black and white has recently been discovered, and in one of the outbuildings is some opus reticulatum, so that an ancient villa no doubt stood here. Half of a marble head of Hadrian was found here by the Duca Conte di Poli (Cassio, *Memorie di S. Silvia*, 154), and Petroncelli, in a letter of September 7th, 1739, says 'nella vigna di Gericomio ci sono tre piccole stanze ad uso di stalle vicino al forno, in parte di opera reticolata ove mi vien detto ci siano nel pavimento alcune figure d'idoli greci in musaico.' Here the Strada di Carciano ends: its further course (if it ever had one) I have not been able to trace. It may have turned southwards as a modern path does, following the aqueducts (a road along the line of which must have been almost a necessity),¹ and have thus, after about a mile, reached the Colle Faustini in the neighbourhood of the Ponte S. Antonio (*supra*, 133).

Petroncelli in the same letter speaks of a building with four aisles (a water reservoir or the substruction of a villa), situated between Gericomio and the Ponte di S. Antonio, one-sixth of a mile from the latter, known as Le Cappelle.² After visiting it, he writes further as follows (November 18th, 1740): 'sono stato dopo ricevuto il suo pregiatiss. foglio a riconoscere il sito oggi detto delle Cappelle nelle vicinanze del Ponte S. Ant^o da me stimato il tempio della Buona Dea per che l'iscrizione dice *sub monte*, e mi son confermato questo possa essere, perche appunto resta sub Monte Affiano; massime che la Claudia non passa nelle viscere del Monte grande oggi detto di S. Angelo ma in quello più basso sotto del quale restan le sud^e Cappelle. Sempre però mi rimetto a ciò che V. S. Rev^{ma} sarà per risolvere. Ho trovato di più in questo stesso sito 4 stanze reticolate³ lunghe pⁱ. 43 larghi palmi 18 [9.56 × 4 mètres] et una piscina riquadrata per ogni parte di palmi 43 con aquedotto che gira come nella

¹ Some paving-stones may be seen in a newly-made wall along this path.

² It is on the E. edge of the Colonna sheet of the Staff Map.

³ Presumably this is the villa on the Colle Marcoraino, S.E. of pt. 492 near the W. edge of the Palestrina sheet of the Staff Map.

carta [a sketch plan which he sends with his letter] e nella parte versa cotesta dominante nel muro della d^a piscina al di fuori si vede una forma di pozzo (*sic*) largo palmi 3. Per andare da queste a Gericomio nello stesso sito lontano dalla d^a piscina 100 passi mi dicono che ui fosse un pozzo dal quale scaturiva acqua, ma ora è coperto dalla terra e spini. Nel sud^o aqued^o non potei entrarvi a misurarlo per le spine. Nello stesso sito parimente per andare a Gericomio si trova un pezo (*sic*) di strada antica che dirige alle Cappelle come meglio nell' annesso foglio.' (This road must more or less correspond with the modern path due S. from Gericomio.)

Further particulars as to discoveries made in this district are contained in the following passage of another letter from Petroncelli (Oct. 28th, 1739): 'La colonna miliare che tempo fà gli scrissi è stata trouata, ed è non colonna ma pilo di marmo di sei angoli con un festone intorno sostenuto da doi parti et in un angolo in parte rotto ui è la presente iscrizione nel principio mancante due lettere al più e questo staua un quarto di miglio lontano da S. Angelo in Vall' Arcese nei monti tra S. Gregorio e Gericomio,

dIS·MANIB
LVCRETIAE·SEX·F·
SEVERAE

The inscription is, I believe, unpublished.

In a letter of Dec. 28th, 1740, Petroncelli mentions a double-chambered 'piscina limaria' which he attributes to the Aqua Claudia (probably near the Colle dello Scoglio): cf. Cassio, *op. cit.* i. 154.

APPENDIX.

The MS. notes of Diego Revillas (1690-1742), to which reference is frequently made, were acquired by me at the sale of the library of the late Constantino Corvisieri in 1902. He obtained them from the head of the archives of the monastery of S. Alessio, where Revillas resided when in Rome, and sold a portion of them to the Berlin library in 1873,¹ retaining the rest himself. The matter contained in both portions is not infrequently identical.

Among my papers are considerable portions of the MS. of a work, which, according to fragments of drafts of a letter to a person (apparently an Englishman) whom, he hoped, would patronize it, was to consist of four dissertations in one volume in folio, (1) upon the Viae Tiburtina, Valeria, and Sublacensis, preceded by a disquisition on the Roman mile and the Roman foot (cf. *Diss. Acc. Corton.* i. pt. 2, pp. 65 *sqq.*, iii. pp. 111 *sqq.*); (2) upon the aqueducts—Anio Vetus, Marcia, Claudia, Anio Novus; (3) upon the territory of Tivoli and the ancient remains contained in it, forming the text to the map published by Revillas in 1739, *Diocesis et Agri Tiburtini Topographia*;² (4) upon the Marsi, the Lacus Fucinus and its emissarium, etc.

‘La topografia di questa regione delineata parimenti con tutta l’esattezza in gran foglio e di già incisa in rame,³ e fino dall’anno scorso ne diedi al Sig. Tommaso Denham una copia acciò la trasmettesse a V.S. Ill^{ma}.’

In another fragment he says that the work can certainly be ready for the press about the beginning of the year 1739 (it is possible, therefore, that the map of the territory of Tivoli was only published after all hope of the printing of the whole work had been abandoned), and mentions the encouragement received from Sir Smart Lethieullier of Aldersbrooke in Essex and Sir Charles Frederick,⁴ with whom he corresponded with

¹ *C.I.L.* vi. p. lxiii. no. cii.

² Stevenson (*Cod. Vat.* 10552) gives a copy of part of a letter relating to this very map from Canina to Coppi (dated Nov. 7th, 1855), lent him by Card. Nardoni in 1890, which runs as follows: ‘Stando a Tivoli mi venne dato di rinvenire nella libreria dell’Episcopato il rame della importante carta topografica della Diocesi Tiburtina rilevata dal Revillas che non si sapeva dove esistesse e resa molto rara, ma solo cognita per una nuova incisione fatta dal Petrowski che cancellando il nome del Revillas se la fece propria. Mi feci rimettere il detto rame da M. Vescovo di Tivoli e ne feci tirare 50 copie.’ Either Canina considerably overrates the rarity of the map, or else the copies which not infrequently come on the market in Rome are some of the fifty which were printed by Canina.

³ I obtained a copy of this map in Rome in April, 1905. It is as described by Mommsen (*C.I.L.* ix. p. 347), who only saw a drawing of it, and bears the date 1735 and the dedication ‘ill. ac rev. domino Josepho Baronio vigilantissimo Marsorum episcopo’: it was engraved at Rome by Sintes.

⁴ See Michaelis, *Ancient Marbles in Great Britain*, § 36, p. 61.

regard to the question of the length of the ancient Roman foot. A letter from the latter on the point (referred to in *Diss. Acc. Corton.* iii. 119) is in my possession,¹ and also the manuscript of a longer treatise on the same subject, dedicated to these two gentlemen. Revillas was, like them, a Fellow of the Royal Society, and contributed eight papers, mostly on astronomical and meteorological subjects, to vols. xxxix.-xlii. of the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society*. He was also Professor of Mathematics at the University of Rome, having been appointed at the beginning of the year 1725.

It may be of interest to give in full a few passages from a treatise on the Agger of Servius Tullius, which was probably intended to form part of the work upon the Via Tiburtina. The first (f. 14) deals with the course of what he believed to be the original road before it reached the Porta Viminalis.

‘Sed cum attentius loca illa contemplarer, et neque in aggere, neque in inaequali solo hinc et inde iacente indicia ulla perspicerem quae hunc antiquae viae ductum aut uti probabilem, aut saltem possibilem suaderent, vinitorem tandem, quem supra memini,² de re hac percontatus, intellexi viam silicibus stratam, ac multis ruderibus coopertam anno 1740, dum excavationes quaedam fiebant, inter plures parietinas detectam fuisse propius Diocletianas Thermas. Ad locum statim me contuli, quem non nihil reliquo vineae solo reperi. Viae directio, vinitore eodem referente, recta et ad rectos angulos versus aggeris medium tendere animadverti, ad locum scilicet qui passus circiter C. ab eo distabat, quem a Fabretto³ designatum dixi. Ibi agger aliquantulum pariter humilior viae sulcum quodammodo demonstrabat, qui recta similiter porrectus in eandem portam Clausam incidisset ad quam Fabrettus suam viam perduxerat.’

It is clear from the plan which he gives that the piece of pavement referred to (at D) is just to the S. of the piscina of the baths of Diocletian, but the lettering is a little confused. Revillas seems to have been unable to find the prolongation of the road outside the Porta Viminalis, the position of which he indicates correctly, for he refers to Fabretti's observations, and adds: ‘Viae porro eiusdem per hanc [Viminalem antiquam] portam directio, ad Viminalem novam [Porta Chiusa] prope meridionale Castrorum latus ut praediximus tendit. Quodsi hinc secus idem latus, perque occurrentes extra urbem vineas, recta linea ducatur, veteri simul atque hodiernae viae Tiburtinae paullo ultra S. Laurentii Basilicam⁴ haec linea occurret: in quo quidem tractu, etsi nulla viae veteris vestigia hodie appareant, subter ingestam nihilominus vinetorum terram ea latitare nullatenus dubitabit quicumque in omnibus per orbem Romanum stratis viis admirabilem quoad fieri poterat rectitudinem servatam perpendat. . . . Via ergo haec . . . haud alia esse potest quam veteris Tiburtinae pars, cui

¹ In this letter Sir Charles Frederick remarks: ‘io vi avrei ciò mandato per mezzo di My Lord Carlisle, ma la difficoltà ch’ io trovai di farne una versione in Italiano mi ha preoccupato.’ Lord Carlisle (the fourth earl) was much interested in the antiquities of Rome, and *may* be the person referred to above, whose patronage Revillas sought or thought of seeking.

² He speaks of him a little further back (f. 9) as his informant with regard to the Servian wall: ‘quum etenim ab vinitore, qui a multis iam annis vineam colebat, percontarer, num in terrae effossionibus veterum murorum quandoque emersissent, absque haesitatione respondebat, muri non lateritii, sed quadratis lapidibus exstructi ingentia frusta, multa humo cooperta non uno in loco secus aggere inventa fuisse, in parte eius extima.’ He refers either to the Vigna dei Certosini or to one next to it within the Villa Peretti (Montalto).

³ *De aquis* (ed. 1788), *Diss.* iii. tav. ii.

⁴ From the draft of a paragraph, ‘De diversione et mensura viae Tiburtinae ab urbe ad Albulas,’ we may add the following: ‘ubi viatrium laevorsum occurrit vinetis inserviens’ (the Vicolo delle Mattonelle, as Gori calls it—*Porta e Basilica di S. Lorenzo*, 73).

sequit s (?) temporibus altera recens substituta silicibus minime strata [this is wrong] quae a Porta S. Laurentii seu nova Esquilina ad veterem viam per huiusce Martyris Basilicam ducit.

It is further to be noticed that Revillas adopts Fabretti's view as to the original course of the Via Collatina—that it diverged from the Via Tiburtina at the Porta Viminalis, which of course implies that the original Via Tiburtina is the road which in later times left the city by the Porta Chiusa (*supra*, 86).

Jordan (*Topographie*, i. 1. 355, n. 26) suggests it as a possibility—'Ist dieser statt wie später eine Abzweigung der Via Tiburtina ursprünglich eine von der porta Viminalis ausgehende selbständige Strasse gewesen?' Lanciani, on the other hand, considers that the road running from the Porta Viminalis to the Porta S. Lorenzo is the original Via Tiburtina (*Forma Urbis*, 17, 18).

Revillas is, however, alone in his view that the Via Collatina was cut by the line of the Aurelian wall midway between the Porta Chiusa and the Porta S. Lorenzo. Of such a line of road there is no trace, until the Vicolo dell' Osteria (see 87) is reached, *i.e.* well outside the Aurelian walls. Within them the line of the road has never been discovered, nor is there any postern to let it pass through. Nibby (*Mura di Roma*, 341) mentions a 'porticina' too close to the Porta S. Lorenzo to have served for an independent road.

Further on (p. 24) we get his views as to the course of the Via Praenestina:

'Illud equidem indubium esse debet, hodiernam Praenestinam viam, quae laevorsum ex Porta Maggiore initium nunc sumit, et veteri post passus circiter . . . iungitur, tunc stratam quando clausa fuit porta, quae veteri viae inserviebat, cuius vestigia cum intra, tum extra hodiernos muros in vineis est hortis recognovimus.'

This view is in all probability incorrect (cf. *Papers of the British School at Rome*, i. 138, 150 n. 1), though it is interesting to note that the road through the postern could be traced in Revillas' day, and also in Nardini's time, for in his *Roma Antica* (1666) he says: 'dentro le mura si scorge fra vigne il solco della strada, per cui vi s'andava' (p. 39 = ed. iv. vol. i. p. 75); whereas Lanciani, *Forma Urbis*, 24, 25, gives no indication of it. Bufalini's plan of Rome (1551)—sheet A3 of the reproduction published in Rome in 1879—indicates what would seem to be a road running outside the city wall at right angles to it, but this starts, not from the postern, which in the original (sheet ST) is clearly indicated, but from the N.W. side of the next tower but one to the N.W.

Fig. 1. VIEW S. FROM CASTEL GIUBILEO: VILLA SPADA IN THE DISTANCE (*p.* 22).

Fig. 2. VIA SALARIA AT TWENTY-FOURTH MILE, LOOKING W.S.W. (*p.* 32).

Fig. 3. VILLA PLATFORM KNOWN AS GROTTA DI TORRI, W.N.W. ANGLE (p. 36).

Fig. 4. PONTE DEL DIAVOLO, VIA Salaria (p. 38).

Fig. 5. TOMB KNOWN AS SEDIA DEL DIAVOLO, VIA NONENTANA
(p. 45).

Fig. 6. GENERAL VIEW OF SIXTH TERRACE WALL ON COLLE
TUTTILO, PALOMBARA (p. 78).

Fig. 7. CISTERN ON SIXTH TERRACE, COLLE TIUTILLO, PALOMBARA (*p.* 78).

Fig. 8. DETAIL OF SIXTH TERRACE WALL ON COLLE TIUTILLO, PALOMBARA (*p.* 78).

Fig. 9. DETAIL OF THIRD TERRACE WALL, COLLE TIUTILLO, PALOMBARA (*p.* 78).

Fig. 10. VIA TIBURTINA AT BAGNI (*p.* 120).

Fig. 11. AQUEDUCT AT THE TRAVERTINE QUARRIES NEAR BAGNI (*p.* 123).

Fig. 12. PONTE LUCANO, VIA TIBURTINA (*p.* 126).

Fig. 13. RELIEF BUILT INTO A CHAPEL NEAR CORCOLLE (*p.* 138).

Fig. 16. WALL OF LOWER PLATFORM, VILLA OF QUINTILIUS
VARUS (*p.* 156).

Fig. 14. VIADUCT OVER FOSCO DI PONTE TERRA (*p.* 147).

Fig. 15. PONTE DELL' ACQUORIA (*p.* 151).

Fig. 17. NYMPHAEUM AT S. ANTONIO (*p.* 161).

Fig. 18. ANCIENT ROAD ON S.W. SLOPES OF MONTE STERPARO (*p.* 164).

Fig. 19. SUPPORTING WALL OF ANCIENT ROAD ON S.W. SLOPES OF MONTE STERPARO (*p.* 164).

Fig. 20. SUPPORTING WALL OF VILLA PLATFORM AT COLLE NOCELLE (*p.* 168).

Fig. 21. TANK IN PLATFORM OF VILLA AT CASALE VITRIANO (*p.* 169).

Fig. 23. LOWER PLATFORM OF VILLA ON COLLE DEL TESORO (*p.* 172).

Fig. 22. LOWER PLATFORM OF VILLA ON COLLE VITRIANO (*p.* 170).

Fig. 26. DRAIN IN WALL OF VILLA PLATFORM, COLLE CIGLIANO
(*p.* 173).

Fig. 24. CYCLOPEAN WALL UNDER WALL OF MEDIAEVAL CASTLE, COLLE TURRITA (*p.* 172).

Fig. 25. CAVES ON COLLE CIGLIANO (*p.* 173).

Fig. 27. LOWEST PLATFORM AT MONTEVERDE (p. 175).

Fig. 28. UPPERMOST PLATFORM AT MONTEVERDE (p. 175).

Fig. 29. WALL UNDER CASTLE AT MONTECELIO (p. 183).

Fig. 30. VILLA PLATFORM AT VALLEMARA, NEAR S. ANGELO (p. 185).

Fig. 31. SUPPORTING WALL OF VILLA PLATFORM N. OF S. ANGELO (*p.* 187).

Fig. 32. VILLA PLATFORM AT TWENTY-SIXTH KILOMÈTRE OF MODERN HIGHROAD
(*p.* 189).

Fig. 33. TERRACE WALL OF VILLA BELOW VILLA DEI GRECI (*p.* 190).

Fig. 34. UPPER TERRACE WALL OF VILLA NEAR REGRESSO (*p.* 191).

Fig. 35. LOWER TERRACE WALL OF VILLA NEAR REGRESSO (*p.* 191).

Fig. 36. SUPPORTING WALL OF ROAD (*p.* 194).

Fig. 37. BRIDGE AT QUARTO POMATA (*p.* 195).