We might have expected many other monuments of Roman date, for Danum was the quarters of the Prefect of Crispinian Horse under the Dux Britanniarum, in the last years of Imperial sway in Britain. The old church of Doncaster, a rich and elegant example of perpendicular English architecture, was destroyed by fire (Feb. 1853).

From Doncaster toward Thorne the river runs in a flat district, in which its course appears to have varied much. At present, after passing the little town of Thorne (where Roman remains occur), the river turns north, for a few miles, and receives the picturesque river Went from the west (Appendix).

The Dun then flows eastward by an artificial cut to the new and thriving port of Goole, on the Ouse. This cut was made by Vermuyden the engineer, and from him it is named the Dutch River. Before the making of this cut, the Dun flowed northward into the Aire near Snaith, and the old channel is yet traceable, though much filled up : when a boy I have crossed it by bridges.

But this deviation of the river by art seems to have been preceded by others effected by nature. We find on the maps indeed between Thorne and the Trent, an old winding river channel called 'The Old Dun,' and this channel appears fairly traced from the north side of Hatfield Chace down to the outfall of the Trent at Adlingfleet, being the county boundary.

Southward of this point, the same winding course continues, and is called ' The Old Idle,' this being also the county boundary. If the Dun could be supposed to have ever flowed from Thorne by the line now taken by the Keadby Canal, this now somewhat puzzling part of the map would become intelligible. Such variations are by no means uncommon on rivers which flow through low marshy districts, and receive high tides, and great inundations from the upland.

Hatfield Chace is a great peat marsh ; Thorne Waste, a similar expanse. Both are now drained by artificial means, and in the excavations appeared the roots and stems of innumerable oak-trees, some apparently cut down with axes and wedges, others