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This cyclostyled issue records the activities of the Society in recent years. The most important contributions are reports on excavations carried out in a damaged barrow at Emborough (N. G. R. : 31/633507) and in the earthwork on Blacker's Hill (N. G. R. : 31/5665).

The barrow produced some traces of woodwork suggesting the former presence of a Bronze Age burial on logs or planks. This must have been by inhumation, the acid soil removing all traces of the skeleton; burnt bone would presumably have survived. The indeterminate chips of flint were consistent with such an interpretation.

The earthwork on Blacker's Hill was shewn to have an outer rampart with sith a core of earth and turf and a slighter and less solid inner bank. No dating evidence is cited. The conclusion that the inner rampart belongs to the pre-Roman Iron Age seems justified, but the further suggestion that the remodelling and the addition of the outer bank is of Roman date is difficult to justify in view of the absence of Romano-British pottery.

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