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barn, perhaps a companion to the foundation stone shown in the engraving. This has been so badly rubbed by passing wains that it is undecipherable: even Mr R. P. Wright could not make out more than 'remains of half a line of letters and perhaps part of a second line below: it may well be some medieval cutting.' This stone does not seem to be mentioned in any published account: it is likely to be what is referred to by Parsons in the same MS, 'and in another stone is said the men worked for 1*d* a day when the Barn was built.'

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### A CARVED STONE AT DYRHAM

In the course of renovating Dyrham Rectory for Mr P. C. Girdlestone of Bath, on taking out a rejected fireplace, a carved stone was found built into the back wall. This is shown in the photograph: no further description is needed than that the upper part is one slab about 3 inches thick, and the four pillars are similar pieces of slab.

Dr Joan Evans submitted this to Dr George Zarnecki of the Courtauld Institute, who also consulted Professor A. F. Blunt and Mr John Summerson of the Soane Museum. The verdict is that it is provincial work of the 16th century, probably late in it. It has been suggested that it came from a tomb and that it served as a fire-back<sup>1</sup> but its purpose remains uncertain.

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### WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE NOTES

#### ERRATUM

The note describing finding of the Kingscote coffin by the late Col. Kingscote, printed on page 157 of vol. 72 is the note referred to at the head of page 155 and was meant to be printed in the space there. The date of the Probus coin is wrongly given as 176 instead of 276.

<sup>1</sup> See letter in *Country Life*, May 19, 1955, p. 1315.