

dicare the usual burial-place of the Equites singulares, part of the body-guard of the emperor :—

D . M .
AVR MA
CRINVS E
EQ SING AVG .

Mr. Copperthwaite has made known an inscription found at Old Malton, which is believed to have been placed as an invocation of good fortune at the shop-front of a goldsmith. Mr. Wright has given a figure and explanation of this unique monument*. The inscription is thus read :—

FELICITER SIT
GENIO LOQGI
SERVVLE VTERE
FELIX TABERN
AM AVREFI
GINAM .

The fourth word is supposed to stand for *loci*.

Before following the course of the Derwent below Malton, we may pause to restore, in imagination, the ancient aspect of this part of Yorkshire. The general features of its valleys and hills were, no doubt, due to the action of sea-waves on its subsidence below and re-elevation above the level of the sea. To this general effect has been since added the surface influence of descending rains, and all the agency of atmospheric vicissitudes. The Vale of Pickering, originally a sea-valley in the strata, has been in great measure filled up by deposits of two kinds and successive ages. These may be seen on the cliffs which the *modern sea-action* has made by cutting into the basis of this vale near Filey. First upon the unequal floor of the strata is deposited detritus full of fragments of far-transported stones—the glacial drift of modern geologists. In hollows of this, which is a marine deposit, lie sediments derived from fresh water, often containing shells of

* 'The Celt, the Roman, and the Saxon,' p. 247.