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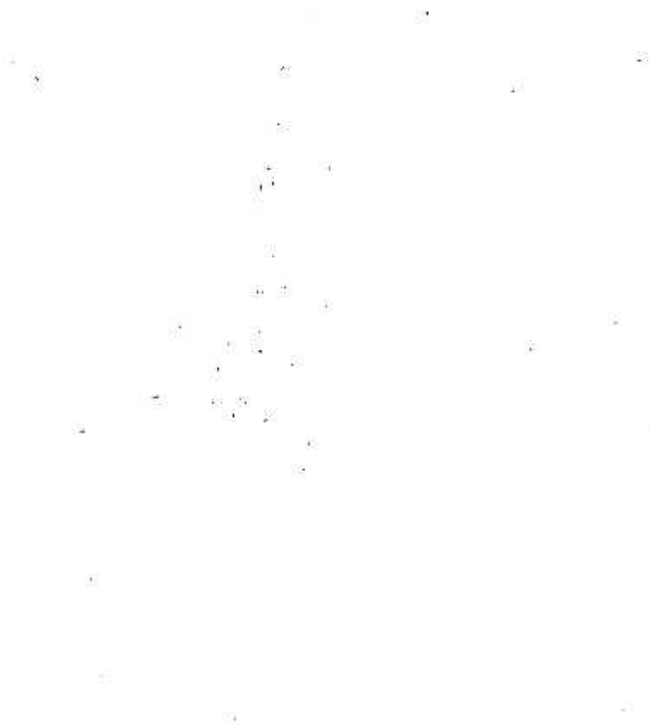
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I HAVE to express my indebtedness, and I do so with pleasure, to the Rev. J. E. Field, M.A., Vicar of Benson, for his kind and very valuable help in tracing the boundaries of the land granted by King Ethelbert in 996 to his three brothers.

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'tuns,' one of which was Bensingtun. But this name is not that by which the district was known to the British, but was bestowed on it by the victorious Saxons. The Banesingas, or Bensingas, descendants of a warlike leader or of some mythical hero, settled in this portion of the territory they had helped to conquer, which accordingly was called by their name.

The spot where the captured 'tun' was located was probably on the Chiltern Hills, and near the Icknield Way. Swincomb Down and the adjacent Britwell Hill have on them marks of entrenchment, and seem to have been connected by a road with the Upper Icknield. There may have been fought the battle on which the fate of this district depended.

On the acquisition of territory, the English were accustomed to grant out of it estates to individuals, and to retain the remainder as folk-land, or land of the community. Whether at the first any grants were made in the Chiltern district it is impossible to say. But subsequently the Church was largely endowed out of the lands that fell to the West Saxons by their victories in 571. The Hundred of Dorchester, including Thame and the outlying

The Cott. Tibur A vi. differs very little :

'An DLXXI. Her Cuñulf feaht wip Bryttas æt Biedcanforda | feower tunas genam.

'Liggeanburh | Æglesburh | Bensingtun | Egonesham.'

Cotton Tibur B i. agrees with A vi.