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12. In the year 1752, some grave-stones* were dug up near Wroxeter, the ancient *Urioconium*,† on one of which were three panels, two bearing inscriptions and the third left vacant. According to the copy in Gough's *Camden*,‡ Vol. iii. pl. 1, fig. 5, these inscriptions stand thus:—

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| D M PLACIDA AN LV CVR AG CONIA XXX | D M DEVCCV S ANXV CVR ^A G RATRE | |
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* They are now preserved in the library of Shrewsbury Grammar School.

† In the MS.S. of the Itinerary of Antoninus (*vide* ed. Parthey and Pinder, Berlin, 1848), the name is given also as *Uriconium*, *Uiriconium*, *Uroconium*, and *Viroconium*. The anonymous *Ravenas* has *Utriconton*; and in the treatise of Richard of Cirencester, *de Situ Britannia*, we find the forms *Viriconium* and *Virioconium*, besides *Uriconium* and *Urioconium*. It is difficult to decide which should be preferred. Mr. Wright adopts *Uriconium*, and Mr. Scarth *Urioconium*; whilst the weight of authority seems to me to preponderate in favour of *Viroconium*, the *Ὀυροκόνιον* of Ptolemy.

‡ I have omitted points, for I am uncertain whether the marks between certain letters, as they appear in the copy of *Gough's Camden*, which I use, are intended for points or for representations of defects in the stone, or are blemishes in the engraving or printing.