

Smith, *Collectanea Antiqua*, vi. p. 39, identifies it with the *cohors prima Apamenorum* of the *Notitia*; but there is no ground for this identification, and Mr. S. seems to have strangely confused the towns *Apamea* and *Hamah*, from which latter, as Mr. Hodgson first suggested, the *cohors prima Hamiorum* probably derived its name. Dr. Bruce's reading of the few letters on the broken stone is both acute and satisfactory, but I cannot understand his remark—"The date of these inscriptions is unknown."

From an inscription, given in the same page in the *Arch. Æliana*, we may infer that this cohort was at *Magna* in 136 or 137 A.D., for *Ælius Verus* was not *Cæsar* until the first of these years, and he died on the 1st of January, 138. An inscription, found at Kilsyth, Scotland, suggests that this cohort was stationed there, perhaps during the construction of the northern barrier about 140, from which they seem to have been recalled and stationed again at *Magna*, in the reign of M. Aurelius Antoninus (*i.e.* 152—180), under whom Calpurnius Agricola was legate in Britain.

We have, I think, another memorial of their stay at *Magna*, in an altar, figured by Dr. Bruce, *Roman Wall*, p. 399, 2nd Ed. It was erected (as I read it) by *Julius Pastor Imag[inifer]* of the cohort of Hamians.

In the *Notitia*, the second cohort of Dalmatians is mentioned as stationed at *Magna*, but no traces\* of this cohort have been found there.

60. One of the most perplexing inscriptions, found in Britain, is on a small altar, discovered in York, in 1752, and at present in the Museum of the Philosophical Society of that city. It may be represented thus:†

MAT·A??IA·?A  
M?I????DE  
MIL·LEG·VI VIC  
GVBER·LEG·VI  
V·S·L·M.

\* A monumental slab, found there and now preserved in the Museum of the Society of Antiquaries, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, may, possibly, be a memorial of this cohort, although it is not named on it. The inscription is by a centurion to his wife, whose birth-place is stated as *Salona*, the city in Dalmatia. See *Archæol. Æliana*, new series, i. p. 256.

† The queried letters are not effaced, but only doubtful, some of them in a less degree than others. Thus in the first line, the third queried letter is certainly G or C; and in the second, the first five letters are most probably M·MINV.