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in the earth. On the opposite side of the pit we cut a small drain just below the level of the lowest elevation-course of the house. One or two quite modern objects (e.g. half a round shot) were found near the surface, but nothing at all at the Roman level, or below it, not even any fragments of distinctive Greek ware.

My overseer—a builder's foreman by trade—informed me that he had been engaged upon the building of several houses in Cherif Pasha Street, and other localities between the street and the point where I was working, and that, although the foundation had been sunk in all cases down to the virgin earth, no antiquities of any moment at all had ever been found. M. Alexandre de Zogheb showed me a spot just to the north-west of my pit, where a stele dedicated to *Isis Plousia*[1] was found in 1872, but assured me that in the foundations of the houses built by or for his family in that neighbourhood nothing had been turned up. The same report was given by men who had been engaged in the building of the Zizinia Theatre, and by owners of houses (e.g. M. Goussio) to the east of that edifice. Neroutzos relates the finding of Roman constructions near the Synagogue, and guesses them to be remains of Hadrian's Palace: and ruined walls, caps and shafts found in building the Municipality have been referred to the Temple of Saturn, but in neither case on any better ground than sheer conjecture. The one point established beyond doubt is the state of utter ruin in which the scanty remains of even Roman times are uniformly and everywhere on the north side of the Boulevard de Rosette.

B.—SOUTH OF THE BOULEVARD DE ROSETTE.

THIS part of the ancient site is more open. The eastern end is occupied by the vast Roman cemetery of Hadra, in which we made test-borings (*v. infra*, p. 28), and there is probably nothing better to be found there than Byzantine houses with rifled graves below them. Some fragments of Roman brick-work project from the sides of fosse, belong-

[1] Alexander himself is said to have ordered a temple Ἴσιδος Αἰγυπτίας to be erected in the city (Arr. Anab. iii. 1). If this dedication to Isis Plousia implies the existence of a temple, it might be the Founder's own foundation, and, if so, worth seeking. But the whole vicinity is built over now.

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