

DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS.

At the end of September, 1861, as a workman was digging a trench on the premises of Mr. Robert Gibbs, in Church-street, Aylesbury, he came in contact with a quantity of human bones which had evidently lain there for a very long period. The skulls and a few other bones of two adults were found; they were in a perfect state, but were much broken by the spade. The teeth were very sound, the enamel being but little affected by time. The apparent position in which the remains were lying was West to East; they were near to and partly under the foundation of the house, and in such a position that further trace could not be well made, or there is little doubt but that the skeletons would have been found entire. They were both in the same position, lying side by side, two feet apart, and about two feet below the present surface. It is probable that the ground has at some time been considerably lowered which will explain the apparent shallow interment. Nothing in the shape of any portion of coffin, metal, or any other material, could be seen. The mould surrounding the remains was of a very dark colour; over this was loamy earth on which the foundation of the building stood. It is supposed that these premises once formed a burial place connected with one of the ancient religious houses or hospitals of the town.