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LIGHT ON EARLY LIFE IN NORFOLK

Professor Atkinson and
Saxon Caistor

"A Very Remarkable Series of Urns"

The importance of recent excavations in the Saxon burial ground at Caistor and the value of these discoveries in throwing light on a most obscure period of English history were described by Professor Donald Atkinson, of Manchester University, in a lecture to members of the Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society at Suckling House, Norwich, on Friday.

The Rev. J. W. Corbould-Warren, Rector of Caistor, who was in the chair, said that Professor Atkinson was best known to them for his excavation of the site of Venta Icenorum. He had shown them a great deal of the life and the sort of civilisation of our fellow county people in the very earliest days of the Christian era. But to-night he was to lecture on a period which was known as the dark period. The Dean of Norwich in his Latin sermon before Convocation called it very aptly a period of relapse and confusion and darkness worse than ever. That was the period on which Professor Atkinson was to throw a gleam of light.

"Is it not amazing?" said Mr. Corbould-