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Observation in the back garden of this property (after giving a talk) revealed the presence of architectural fragments used as garden features and forming a dump, largely hidden by undergrowth. The stones included rubble and dressed fragments, the former being a mixture of limestone and clunch while the dressed pieces were all of limestone. Amongst the latter were at least one piece of column drum (unfluted) and three or four pieces which had formed parts of composite columns. These often bore roll moulding.

A one piece squared window head or door head was noted, but the most interesting fragment was a very large piece of window tracery. Unfortunately, this was sealed by rampant vegetation and was deeply embedded in the soil.

This site is only 200m from the known site of St John's Hospital and 500m from the Cathedral and precincts.

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A later visit (17th August 1995) disclosed that much of the undergrowth had been removed and that some soil had also been taken away from around the stones.

The piece of window tracery could now be clearly seen and was photographed, together with another piece of stone bearing roll moulding. The corpus of stone is various and appears to form a low bank covered with soil and running along the western edge of the garden. Some of the shaped and decorated stonework was heavily weathered. Included within it are lumps of concrete, concreted brick and granite (apparently polished). The provenance of such a varied collection is unknown, but there was a gazebo-type structure at this location in the past and the architectural fragments may have been assembled to either form part of this structure or as part of the landscaping around it.

Clearance work of the stone work is scheduled to continue over the late summer/autumn period and an effort will be made to observe and record any future discoveries. It is planned to retain all the stonework as features within the garden.

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