

By Messrs. W. Wynne Ffoulkes (*of Chester*), Charles Potter, and H. Ecroyd Smith, objects in illustration of the Paper of the evening. Objects found upon the sea beach of Cheshire, with cremated human remains from the site of the Roman objects; a Roman brass coin of Claudius found at Parkgate; and a brass seal of the Consistory Court of St. Asaph, bearing an earlier date than is recorded upon any published example, viz., 1571.

By Dr. Kendrick, of Warrington.

An oval plaque of horn, lately met with in a house at Burton, beautifully engraved with a bust of Charles I, below which is an eagle in a small medallion. Duplicates of this production were given by Charles I to his followers, but only two others are known to be in existence, one of which, now in the British Museum, was found in the pocket of James II after his decease.

The following Paper was read:—

ARCHÆOLOGY OF THE MERSEY DISTRICT, 1868,\* by H. Ecroyd Smith.

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#### ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The Annual Summer Excursion was made on Monday, June 21st, 1869, the locality chosen being Lichfield. The party, numbering about one hundred and twenty Members and their friends, including ladies, left Lime Street station soon after nine o'clock, arriving at Lichfield at noon. Much interest was excited by an inspection of the Cathedral and other public buildings, including the house in which Dr. Johnson was born; and the visitors were further gratified by inspecting the foundations of the palace of the former bishops of Lichfield, recently discovered in the New Palace Gardens, these foundations being courteously explained by Mr. Selwyn, son of the present bishop. At the dinner, which preceded the visit to the cathedral, the Chair was occupied by Joseph Mayer, F.S.A., President of the Society—the Rev. Dr. Hume, David Buxton, Esq. and John G. Jacob, Esq., filling the Vice-Chairs. The Mayor of Lichfield was also present, and kindly exhibited to the visitors the ancient mace and other antique insignia of office, which were of very curious and elaborate workmanship. The Excursion was rendered the more interesting from the fact that it occurred on the twenty-first anniversary of the Society's existence, which fact was suitably adverted to by the Rev. Dr. Hume, and other speakers. After tea, the party returned to Liverpool, the Excursion having been one of the pleasantest on record.

\* Transactions, p. 199.