

2. A cyphering book, dated 1675, remarkable for caligraphic skill and arithmetical peculiarities—belonging to Mrs. Goodwin, of Suffolk.
3. A kettle, a tea-pot, and a tube, used by the natives of Chili for preparing the maté tea—belonging to Mrs. Whiteway.

The following Paper was read:—

A DESCRIPTION OF A PICTURE FOUND IN ONE OF THE ROCK TOMBS AT BENIHASSEN, EGYPT.

Read by Dr. Buxton, in the absence of the author, the Rev. Dr. H. Haigh.

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ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The Annual Excursion of the Society took place on Thursday, September 14th, the locality chosen being Bebington, Cheshire. The party, including the friends of Members, both ladies and gentlemen, left the George's landing-stage at 1-30 p.m., and proceeded by steamer to New Ferry for Bebington. Here the Society visited the Fine Art Exhibition, opened under the auspices of Mr. Mayer, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, in aid of a fund for the establishment of a local hospital. The company were highly gratified with the collection, which contained pictures and other works of art of a high character. After inspecting the exhibition, the party were admitted to the grounds of Pennant's House, the residence of Mr. Mayer, to view the choice collection of rare plants, fruit trees, the fernery, &c., &c., the guests being hospitably entertained by Mr. and Miss Mayer. The parish church at Bebington was also visited and examined with great interest. It is now in process of restoration and renovation, its architectural features being well worth preserving; the West end is Norman, and in good preservation, the East being of the time of Henry VII, while the tower and spire belong to an intermediate period. The church is said to have no parallel in the neighbourhood. At four o'clock the party proceeded to Eastham, where dinner was served at the Ferry Hotel. The Rev. Dr. Hume, President, occupied the chair, having on his right and left Miss and Mr. Mayer, who were the guests of the Society on the occasion. The vice-chairs were filled by Mr. J. A. Picton and D. Buxton, Ph.D. Various toasts having been given and responded to, the party returned by steamer to Liverpool, having spent a most agreeable afternoon.