PROCEEDINGS.

FOURTEENTH SESSION, 1861-62.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Free Public Library, 18th October, 1861.

JOSEPH MAYER, F.S.A., &c., VICE-PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The SECRETARY read the following

REPORT.

The events of the past Session enable the Council, in retiring, to congratulate the members on the future prospects as well as the actual position of the Society. The papers contributed, most of which will shortly appear in the annual volume, were of equal interest with those of preceding years; and the removal of the Society's place of meeting, through the liberality of the Town Council, to an apartment in the Free Public Library, will effect a reduction in the annual expenses of about twenty pounds.

Twelve volumes of Transactions having already been issued, the Council decided to begin a new series with the volume now in the press, introducing such alterations with respect to type, &c., as appeared desirable. It will therefore be published as the first of a new series; those of the former being purchasable by members at reduced prices, which will be announced in the forthcoming volume.

As some diminution in the cost of producing the annual volumes may be expected in future, and the saving of rent-charge, already adverted to, may be regarded as permanent, the Council think this a favourable occasion on which to recommend the Society to alter Section V of the Laws, by omitting the words "who shall have an address "within the borough, or;" and to alter Section VII, by omitting the words "one guinea," and substituting the words "half-a-guinea." The first alteration will have the effect of entitling all members, residing beyond seven miles from the Exchange, to be enrolled as non-resident; by the second, the entrance-fee will be reduced to one-half its present amount. The Council believe that the Society will sustain no loss by these changes.

The usual intercourse with kindred Societies has been maintained, and the collection in the library extended accordingly; but the Council

have to repeat the expression of regret, made by their preeecessors last year, at the decrease in the number of contributions to the museum. The library, at 57, Ranelagh Street, will be open every evening of meeting, from five till a quarter to seven, as heretofore.

The Excursion this year was made to Beeston Castle, Peckforton Castle and Bunbury Church; and a miscellaneous meeting was held in Mr. Mayer's Museum of Antiquities. A brief notice of both will be found in the appendix to the new volume.

Agreeably to the laws, the Council submit the names of seven gentlemen for election in place of those who retire from their respective offices.

It was moved by J. E. HODGKIN, Esq., seconded by E. F. EVANS, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

> That the Report now read be adopted, and printed and circulated with the Proceedings of the Society.

It was moved by THOS. REAY, Esq., seconded by DAVID BUXTON, F.R.S.L., and resolved unanimously:—

> That the thanks of the Society be given to the Officers and and Sectional Members of the Council for their services during the past Session.

It was moved by P. R. MCQUIE, Esq., seconded by A. CRAIG GIBSON, F.S.A., and resolved unanimously:—

> That the thanks of the Society be given to Joseph Mayer, Esq., Vice-President, for the Illustrations for the annual volume presented by him; and for his reception of the members and their friends at his Museum of British and Foreign Antiquities on the 9th of May last.

It was moved by the CHAIRMAN, seconded by the Rev. A. HUME, D.C.L., Honorary Secretary, and resolved unanimously:—

> That the thanks of this Society be given to the Town Council and their Library and Museum Committee, for their liberality and kindness in giving the Society a place of meeting in the Liverpool Free Public Library.

A ballot having been taken for the Officers and Sectional Members of Council, the result was announced from the chair. (See p. v.)

It was moved by P. R. MCQUIE, Esq., seconded by THOMAS SANSOM, F.B.S.E., and resolved unanimously:—

> That, for the purpose of receiving the Treasurer's Statement of Account, postponed in consequence of the printing of the Annual Volume not being yet completed, this meeting do now adjourn to the 7th of November next, at Seven p.m.

At the adjourned Annual General Meeting held in the Free Public Library on the 7th November, 1861, the volume being still incomplete, a further adjournment took place to the 21st, when the following Statement of Accounts for the year ending 18th October, 1861, was submitted by the Treasurer.

THE HISTORIC SOCIETY OF LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE *in account with*

Dr. WILLIAM BURKE, *Treasurer.* *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. THE VOLUMES:—						
Vol. xii.						
Delivery to Members ..	6	1	0			
Illustrations	5	12	9			
				11	13	9
Vol. i. N. S.						
Printing and Binding ..	98	8	4			
Lithographing	1	18	6			
Delivery to Members ..	6	0	0			
				106	6	10
II. SESSIONAL EXPENSES:—						
Printing Circulars, &c..	6	12	6			
Stationery	3	7	0			
Postage Stamps	9	2	10			
Insurance..... ..	1	0	0			
Rent of Room in Ranelagh street	24	0	0			
Do. St George's Hall..	3	3	0			
Assistant Secretary	62	10	0			
Collector's Commission .	7	14	0			
Miscellaneous Expenses	13	11	2			
Refreshments at meetings	9	3	0			
				140	3	6
III. PERMANENT CHARGES:—						
Binding books for Library	1	0	5			
Books purchased for do.	1	15	6			
New Minute Book.....	1	6	0			
				4	1	11
IV. SPECIAL EXPENSES:—						
Proportion of Address to William Brown, Esq..	3	3	0			
Do. Stationery—Gallery of Science & Inventions	2	0	0			
Expenses at Excursion.	5	18	0			
				11	1	0
Balance in Treasurer's hands				25	11	4
				£298	18	4

	£	s.	d.
By Balance from last Account	12	14	6
Receipts in Session xiii. Arrears..	21	10	6
Do. do. Entrance Fees	17	17	0
Do. do. Annual Subscriptions	232	11	6
Do. Session xiv. ditto	8	18	6
Do. do. Life Composition	5	5	0
Covers for Volumes	0	1	4
	£298	18	4

Balance down £25 11 4

Examined by
PETER R. M'QUIE,
SAM. GATH,
} AUDITORS.

(E. & O. E.)
Liverpool, 19th November, 1861.
WILLIAM BURKE.

It was moved by the Rev. A. HUME, D.C.L., seconded by P. R. McQUIE, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

That the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts be passed and printed and circulated with the Proceedings of the Society.

7th November, 1861. ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION.

JOSEPH MAYER, F.S.A., V.P., in the Chair.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Society.

Proceedings and Papers of the Kilkenny and South-East of Ireland Archæological Society, N.S., vol. III, Nos. 31 to 33.

From the Compiler.

1. Family Reading: the New Testament Narrative harmonized and explained by the Bishops and Doctors of the Anglican Church.
2. Noctes Dominicæ; or Sunday Night Reading, made applicable to the proper Lessons for Sundays throughout the year; compiled from various Authors.

By the Hon. Sir Edward Cust.

From the Chairman.

1. The Conquest of Britain by the Saxons.
2. The Anglo-Saxon Sagas.

By Daniel H. Haigh.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By Mr. McQuie.

1. History of the Transactions in Scotland in 1715-16 and 1745-46. By George Charles, Stirling, 1817.
2. An Account of the Seals of the Kings, Royal Boroughs and and Magnates of Scotland. By Thomas Astle, Esq., 1792.

By Mr. Newton.

1. A work of John Bunyan, published from Bedford gaol.
2. Reply to ditto, by Mr. Fowler.
3. Moore's Antidote against Atheism, 1653.

By Mr. Henderson.

1. Life of Mary Stuart, folio, 1624.
2. Characters of Theophrastus, translated into French. Amsterdam, 1720. (David Hume's copy.)
3. Sir Walter Raleigh's Cabinet Council, edited by John Milton, Esq., London, 1658.
4. Fac-Simile of the first Scottish newspaper, *Mercurius Caledonius*, January, 1661.

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.

1. Three New Zealand mats of elegant and elaborate workmanship.
2. Specimens of New Zealand flax, and a piece of rope made from it.

By Mr. Dawson.

A large portfolio, containing three hundred original sketches of old buildings in and about Liverpool, many of which have been pulled down.

The following Paper was read:—

CHIT-CHAT OF THE 'FORTY-FIVE, *by Lieut.-General the Hon. Sir Edward Cust, D.C.L., &c.*, PRESIDENT.

14th November, 1861. LITERARY SECTION.

WILLIAM BROWN, Esq., V.P., in the Chair.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Society.

The Numismatic Chronicle, New Series, Nos. 2 and 3.

From the Rev. Dr. Hume.
Ceremonies connected with the Opening of the Free Public Library and Museum, presented by William Brown, Esq., to the town of Liverpool.

From the Author.
1. De la génération spontanée : avons nous eu père et mère ?
2. Négre et Blanc : de qui sommes nous fils ?
Par M. Boucher de Perthes.

From M. de Perthes.
L'Abbevillois, French Newspaper, dated 10th September, 1861.

The following objects of interest were exhibited :—

By Joseph Mayer, F.S.A.
1. A gold torque or collar recently found in a grave in Ireland. It is of the crescent form, an inch and three-quarters wide at the broadest part, gradually narrowing to the ends ; it has an engraved border, and is of native metal, very thin, the weight being only about three ounces.
2. The original matrix of the common seal of the Church of Saint Mary, Oxford.
3. One of the silver seals of the late Sick and Hurt Board.
4. The original enrolment book of the Yeomanry Cavalry for the County of Lancaster in 1792.
5. A MS. volume, containing many poems of the best of the Welsh Bards from the middle of the 15th century to the year 1672, when the collection was written. Many, if not all, of them are as yet inedited.

By Mr. Holden.
A photo-zincograph copy of Domesday Book, so far as relates to the county of Cornwall.

By Mr. Thomas Reay.
Two pencil-sketches of Childwall Church, by a labouring man, self-taught.

By Mr. William Blackmore.
1. One of the medals presented by Garibaldi to his companions in the conquest of Sicily. On the obverse is an eagle, holding in its claws a scroll, inscribed " S. P. Q. P. ;" it bears the inscription, " Ai prodi cui fu duce Garibaldi." On the reverse is a laurel wreath inclosing the sentence, " Il Municipo Palermitano riven- " dicato 1860," and surrounded by the names " Marsala— " Catalafimi—Palermo."
2. A photograph of Lely's portrait of Oliver Cromwell in the Pitti palace at Florence.

By A. Craig Gibson, F.S.A.
1. The original diary of Colonel Henry Bradshaw, brother of the regicide Lord President.
2. A True Copy of the Journal of the High Court of Justice for the Tryal of Charles I, as it was read in the House of Commons, and attested under the hand of Phelps, Clerk to that Infamous Court. London, 1684.
3. The Indictment, Arraignment, Tryal and Judgment at large,

of Twenty-nine Regicides, the Murtherers of His Most Sacred Majesty King Charles I.

4. The High Court of Justice; comprising memoirs of the principal persons who sat in judgment on King Charles the First and signed his death-warrant, together with those accessories excepted by Parliament in the Bill of Indemnity. Illustrated with their portraits, autographs and seals. Collected from authentic materials. By James Caulfield. London, 1820.

The following Paper was read:—

ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE LORD PRESIDENT BRADSHAW; WITH OTHER DOCUMENTS ILLUSTRATING HIS PERSONAL HISTORY,* *By A. Craig Gibson, F.S.A.*

21*st November*, 1861. SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

THOMAS SANSOM, A.L.S., in the Chair.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Royal Society, Vol. XI, Nos. 44 to 46.

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society, Vol. V, Nos. 1 to 4.

From the Author.
A brief Dissertation on Hieroglyphical Letters. By Constantine Simonides, Ph.Dr.

From Mr. J. Eliot Hodgkin.
Fifty pen-and-ink Sketches, in exact Fac-Simile, by J. E. H., from a copy of Polydore Vergil's History of England in his possession.

From Mr. H. W. Henderson.
1. A Warrington play-bill.
2. A Wigan Tradesman's Notice, dated 24th May, 1765.
3. A Wigan Election Address, dated 4th May, 1753.
4. A Sermon preached at St. Peter's, Liverpool, by the Rector, 27th Sept., 1790.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.
1. A complete set of plates illustrative of the Antiquities found near Great Meols, in Cheshire, the objects in several being coloured.
2. A scientific toy, for producing white from the rapid rotation of the seven prismatic colours.

By John Newton, M.R.C.S.
An Essay upon the Supremacy and Infallibility pretended to by the Church of Rome; by Peter Whitfield. Liverpoole: printed by and for the Author, 1749.

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* Transactions, p. 41.

By Mr. Fabert.

The Dial of Princes; compiled by the Rev. Father in God Don Antony of Guevara, Englished out of the French by T. North, 1568.

The following Paper was read:—

On Burnt-in Photographs, *by J. A. Forrest, Esq.*

5th December, 1861. ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION.

Joseph Mayer, F.S.A., V.P., in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were duly elected ordinary members of the Society:—

1. William Jackson, Bedford road, Rock ferry.
2. John Kendal, Fishergate, Preston.
3. Joseph Read, 17, Upper Huskisson street.
4. Nicholas Waterhouse, Rake lane.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Society.

Bulletin de la Société Archéologique de l'Orléanais, No. 38.

From the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Archæologia Æliana, Part 18.

From the Editor.

The Archæological Mine, Part 43, edited by A. J. Dunkin.

From the (late) Lord Londesborough.

An illustrated descriptive Catalogue of the collection of Antique Silver Plate formed by Albert, Lord Londesborough. By F. W. Fairholt, F.S.A.

From the Editor.

Fac-similes of certain portions of the Gospel of Saint Matthew, and of the Epistles of Saints James and Jude, &c. By C. Simonides, Ph. Dr.

From Mr. H. W. Harrison.

1. A certificate, dated 11th April, 1727, and signed by Foster Cunliffe and Bryan Blundell, Justices of the Peace for the borough of Liverpool, of the amount (£43 10s.) collected within the said borough by virtue of an Act of Parliament for the additional or new duty on houses and windows, for the year ending 5th March, 1727.
2. "A perfect Assessment or Duplicate" for the Ormskirk division of the hundred of West Derby, in the county of Lancaster, "of "y^e^ whole sums (and y^e^ Deficiencies thereof) assessed upon "y^e^ Papists in y^e^ severall Townships in y^e^ s^d^ Division and "hereunder particularly menconed by Vertue of an Act of par- "liament made in the ninth year of the Reigne of his p^r^sent

"Majestie King George Intitled an Act for granting an Aid to "his Majestie by laying a Tax upon Papists and for making such "other persons as upon due sumons shall refuse or neglect to "take y^e^ oaths therein menconed to contribute towards y^e^ said "Tax for reimbursing to y^e^ Publick part of y^e^ great Expences "occasioned by the late Conspiracies And for discharging y^e^ "Estates of Papists from y^e^ two-third parts of y^e^ rents and proffitts "thereof for one year and all arrears of y^e^ same And from such "forfeitures as are therein more particularly described."

The following objects of interest were exhibited :—

By Mr. McQuie.
An Essay on the Ancient and Modern Use of Armouries, with Illustrations. By Alexander Nisbet, gent. Edinburgh, 1718.

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.
A great number of Coats of Arms, in illustration of his Paper.

The following Paper was read :—

On the Heraldry of Lancashire and Cheshire, *by the Rev. A. Hume, D.C.L., Honorary Secretary.*

12*th December*, 1861. LITERARY SECTION.

William Brown, Esq., V.P., in the Chair.

The following donations were presented :—

From the Society.
Transactions of the Royal Society of Literature, Second Series, Vol. VII, Part 1.

From the Smithsonian Institution.
Second Report of a Geological Reconnaissance of the Middle and Southern Counties of Arkansas, made during the years 1859 and 1860. By Robert Dale Owen.

From the Author.
Collectanea Antiqua, Vol. V, Part 4. By Charles Roach Smith.

The following objects of interest were exhibited :—

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.
1. Model of a Fiji Temple.
2. Various Celts and other objects in stone.

By Mr. Mott.
A collection of MSS., Prints &c., relating to the poet Cowper, including a number of his autograph letters, the earliest dated 30th January, 1767.

By Mr. Thomas Reay.
MS. copy of the English Primer, or First English Prayer Book.

By Mr. F. J. Jeffery.

1. The new French silver five franc-piece, with the head of the Emperor Napoleon III laureated, in commemoration of his victories in Italy.

2. The Gothic crown-piece of Queen Victoria, struck in 1847, but subsequently, except a small number, returned to the Mint and melted down, their size, rather beyond that of the ordinary crown-piece, being considered objectionable.

By Mr. Buxton.

The case of James Mitchell, being the first account of a blind deaf mute ever published. By Dugald Stewart. Edinburgh, 1812.

The following Paper was read :—

ON A RECENT CASE IN THE COURT OF PROBATE,* *by David Buxton, F.R.S.L., Honorary Librarian.*

19*th December*, 1861. SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

JOSEPH MAYER, F.S.A., V.P., in the Chair.

The following donations were presented :—

From the Society.

Memoirs of the Royal Astronomical Society, Vol. XXIX, Session 1859—60.

From the Society of Antiquaries of Picardy.

Explication du Zodiaque de Denderah des Pyramides et de la Genèse. Par Justin Roblin.

From the Society.

Annual Report for 1860-61 of the Leeds Literary and Philosophical Society.

From the Society.

Report of the Proceedings of the Geological and Polytechnic Society of the West Riding of Yorkshire, 1860.

From the Association.

Transactions, &c., of the Liverpool Chemists' Association, Session 1860-61.

A discussion on a point of order having occupied the Meeting beyond the usual hour for the reading of Papers, the further business was postponed to a subsequent Meeting.

2*nd January*, 1862. ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION.

WILLIAM BROWN, Esq., V.P., in the Chair.

Mr. James Milligan, jun., Longview, near Huyton, was duly elected an ordinary member of the Society.

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* Transactions, p. 117.

The following Donations were presented:—

From the Society.
Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. XVIII, Part 2, and Vol. XIX, parts 1 and 2.

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Liverpool Philomathic Society, 1860-61.

From the Manchester Corporation.
Ninth Annual Report to the Council of the City of Manchester on the working of the Public Free Libraries. October, 1861.

From the Protestant Alliance.
The Speech of William Bovill, Esq., Q.C., M.P., in the action of *Turnbull v. Bird*.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By Mr. A Shute.
A black-letter Bible, dated 1630, with a curious genealogical table of Scripture Characters.

By Mr. Fabert.
A large stone bomb-shell, found in the old fortress called Bassein, about thirty miles north of Bombay. The fortress appears to have been built by the Portuguese.

By the Rev. G. B. Mellor.
An extensive collection of Brass-rubbings from monuments in various parts of England.

The following Paper was read:—

"On the Religion and Chivalry of England from the "Thirteenth to the Seventeenth Century," *by the Rev. George B. Mellor.*

9th January, 1862. LITERARY SECTION.

The Rev. Thomas Moore, M.A., in the Chair.

Richard Assheton Cross, Esq., M.P., was duly elected an ordinary member of the Society.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Smithsonian Institution.
Smithsonian Report, 1859.

From the Society.
Journal of the Statistical Society, Vol. XXIV, Parts 2 to 4.

From C. Roach Smith, F.S.A.
1. Denier de Charles le chauve, frappé à Famars.
2. Médaille Hispano-Mexicaine de Ferdinand VII.
3. Curiosités Numismatiques; Monnaies et Jetons rares ou inédits (3e Article).

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By Mr. J. R. Hughes.

1. A MS. volume, showing the disbursements made on account of the poor-rates of Toxteth Park about fifty years ago, amounting to about £50 a month; they are at present nearly £5,000.
2. The original list of persons assessed in Toxteth Park for the land-tax in 1797.

By Mr. Nicholas Waterhouse.

A bronze figure of a cat, which had once contained the mummy of a kitten, and bears on its head the sacred scarabæus, or mysterious earth-creating beetle. This object is from the great necropolis of Noph.

The following Paper was read:—

ON THE MIGRATION OF POPULATION IN GREAT BRITAIN,* *by Nicholas Waterhouse, Esq.*

16*th January*, 1862. SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

WM. BURKE, Esq., Treasurer, in the Chair.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Society.
Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society, Vol. XVII, Parts 2 to 4.

From the Society.
Journal of the Society of Arts, Nos. 441 to 470.

From Mr. R. McGill, St. Helen's.
Section of the St. Helen's coal-field, drawn to a scale and coloured.

The following object of interest was exhibited:—

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.

A beautifully illuminated work, designed and issued by Mr. Gilbert J. French, F.S.A., of Bolton, containing numerous specimens of descriptive devices, armorial bearings, mottoes, alphabets &c., for Sunday School decorations.

The following Papers were read:—

I. ON THE PROTECTION OF WOOD AND IRON SHIPS TO PREVENT FOULING,† *by N. Mercer. F.C.S.*

II. BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES OF SOME LIVERPOOL MATHEMATICIANS,‡ *by T. T. Wilkinson, F.R.A.S.. &c.*

6*th February*, 1862. ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION.

Rev. J. S. HOWSON, D.D., in the Chair.

Mr. Edward Edwards, Tue brook, West Derby, was duly elected an ordinary member of the Society.

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* Transactions, page 1. † Transactions, p. 81. ‡ Transactions, p. 29.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Kent Archæological Society.
Archæologia Cantiana. Vols. II and III.

From the Society.
Transactions of the Ossianic Society, Vol. VI.

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, Vol. III, Part 2.

From the Author.
Notes on the Origin and History of the Bayonet. Communicated to the Society of Antiquaries, by John Yonge Akerman, Esq., F.S.A., Secretary.

From the Author.
On Anglo-Saxon remains discovered recently in various places in Kent, by C. Roach Smith, H.M.R.S.L.

From Joseph Mayer, F.S.A., V.P.
Photograph of a monument found at Uriconium, on the site of the cemetery.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Chairman.
1. A copy of the earliest English translation of Camden's Britannia, by Philemon Holland, dated 1610.
2. Vetera Romanorum Itineraria, by Wesseling, printed at Amsterdam in 1735.

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.
A panel in white marble, containing the effigies of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, apparently of the eleventh century. It is said to have belonged to the collection of the late Earl of Shrewsbury.

By Mr. H. Ecroyd Smith.
A number of the antiquarian products of last year's excavations by the advancing tides in the sea-beach of Cheshire; comprising several novel types of brooches, hasps and buckles in brass, with Norman goad-spur and arrow-head in iron, &c.; some coins, including a sestertius of the Emperor Antoninus Pius (A.D. 138—161), and the clipped half of a silver penny of Henry II.

The following Paper was read:—

NOTES SUGGESTED BY A VISIT TO URICONIUM, *by the Rev. J. S. Howson, D.D.*

DR. HOWSON justified his bringing forward these slight notes so soon after Mr. Wright's communication on *Uriconium*, by the growing interest of the subject and by reference to recent excavations. He said he had only to offer literally some "notes suggested by a recent visit" to the place; and (1) he noticed how pleasant and how easy the excursion is from Liverpool, alluding generally to the historical associations of Shrewsbury and the aspect of the country towards Wroxeter. (2) He called attention to the geographical position of the place, not merely in regard to physical features, especially the Wrekin, the Severn and the

hills of the Welsh frontier, but rather in connection with military relations, noticing especially the river in front, and the space intervening between it and the hills, and the Roman roads running northwards to Chester (*Deva*) and southwards to Caerleon (*Isca*), which were great military stations, besides the Watling Street running S.E. to London and the Kentish coast. In connection with this last point he mentioned the great heaps of oyster shells at Uriconium, which had doubtless come from Richborough (*Rutupiæ*), the oyster-beds of which are celebrated by the Roman satirist. (3) Next he turned to the name, which is unquestionably the Latinized form of "Wrekin," the word so familiar to every Shropshire man,—"Wroxeter," having the same root disguised in a modern form, as is evident from the combination "Wrekin-Chester" in the earliest English translation of Camden. (4) The sources of identification were next touched on, and it was remarked that *Uriconium* is not mentioned by any Historian, but merely by Geographical authorities, viz., Ptolemy, Antonine, in his Itinerary, and the anonymous geographer of Ravenna—the mention, however, being of such a kind as leaves no doubt of its identity with the buried city near Worcester. (5) As to its history, it was shewn that the coins discovered there connected it with the period between Domitian and Valerian, many of them being those of Constantine and the usurper Carausius, and that all the appearances led to the conclusion that it was destroyed by violence just before the Saxons were settled in this country, a period when great destruction took place of cities near the Welsh frontier. (6) Some description was then given of the aspect of the place in its present state, and a notice of the books in which fuller descriptions may be found. (7) Among the results of the excavations, which began in February, 1859, the following were adduced:—proofs of the use of mineral coal by the Romans,—indications of a larger use of glass than is commonly taken for granted,—interesting traces of the zoology and vegetation of Britain in the Roman period, with illustrations of the social life of the time,—the use of slate,—various kinds of pottery,—ornaments, amusements, &c. (8) Turning now to the most recent excavations, Dr. Howson noticed that they were chiefly in the old cemetery of the city, along the road leading towards London; and especially he mentioned the fresh remains of a funeral pile, which had lately been brought to view, in which the very direction of the wind on the day when the cremation took place could be ascertained from the appearance of the charred fragments of wood. In conclusion, the difficulties of the Excavation Committee were alluded to, and a hope was expressed that the proprietor, the Duke of Cleveland, might continue his encouragement till he had done for this great monument of British Roman times, what another Northern Duke (the Duke of Northumberland) has done for the Roman Wall.

13th February, 1862. LITERARY SECTION.

A. Craig Gibson, F.S.A., Hon. Curator, in the Chair.

Mr. Charles Holt, Bolton, was duly elected an ordinary member of the Society.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Liverpool Watch Committee.
Report on the Police Establishment and the State of Crime, with Tabular Returns, for the year ending 29th September, 1861.

From the Architectural and Archæological Society of the County of Buckingham.
Records of Buckinghamshire, or Papers and Notes on the History, Antiquities and Architecture of the County, part of vol. I, viz., Nos. 1 and 2 to 8, and Index, &c.; vol. II, Nos. 1 to 6.

From the Numismatic Society.
The Numismatic Chronicle, N. S., No. IV.

From the Publisher.
Poor Rabbin's Ollminick for the Town o' Bilfawst, for 1862; being an illustration of the local dialect.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By Mr. Fabert.
A head-dress from Nova Zembla, of fur, ornamented with stripes of coloured woollen cloth.

By Mr. H. A. Bright.
1. A Copy of the very rare "One hundred and Ten Considerations "of John Valdes," translated by Nicholas Farrar, of Little Gidding, in 1638.
2. A Copy of the "Alfabete Christiano," by Valdes, translated from the Italian by Benjamin B. Wiffen, and of which 100 copies only have just been printed.

By Mr. Jacob.
A brass tobacco-box, ornamented with portraits of Frederick the Great, of Prussia, and Ferdinand, Duke of Brunswick-Lunenburg, and bearing an inscription referring to the Battle of Minden.

By Mr. Bloxam.
Two objects in Silver, with silver-gilt raised work, believed to be a pair of Anklets.

The following paper was read:—

On the Roman Forts between Burnley and Colne, *by Mr. James Stonehouse.*

20th February, 1862. SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

William Burke, Esq., Treasurer, in the Chair.

The following donations were presented:—

From the British Government, through Mr. Hartnup, V.P.
Observations made at the Magnetical and Meteorological Observatory, at St. Helena, vol. II, 1844-49.

From the Society.
Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society, vol. XVIII, part I.

From the Royal Irish Academy.
Proceedings, vol. VI; and Nos. 1 to 13 of vol VII.

From the Royal Society of Edinburgh.
1. Proceedings, 1860-61.
2. Transactions, vol. XXI., part 3.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.
A new and elegant Map of Australia, published at Sydney, shewing the routes of the various explorers over that vast continent. Dr. Hume shewed the course of Burke, Wills and King, and exhibited Colonial lithographed portraits of the first and second. A small volume was also laid upon the table, compiled from the diaries and the narrative of the survivor, printed at the office of the *Melbourne Herald*.

By Mr. Towson.
Numerous specimens of Metallic Ores, in illustration of his paper.

The following paper was read:—

On the Primary and Secondary Formations of Metallic Ores, *by J. T. Towson, F.R.G.S.*

6th March, 1862. ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION.

Joseph Mayer, F.S.A., V.P., in the Chair.

The following noblemen and gentlemen were duly elected ordinary members of the Society:—

Right Hon. the Lord Egerton of Tatton, Tatton park, Knutsford.
Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, M.P., 11, Carlton terrace, London, S.W.
Thomas Bazley, Esq., M.P., Hayesleigh, Manchester.
John Laird, Esq., M.P., Hamilton square, Birkenhead.
Lieut.-Col. M'Corquodale, Newton-le-willows.
Hon. Algernon, Egerton, M.P., Worsley Old hall, Manchester.
Richard Norbury, Esq., 8, Myrtle street.
Richard Fort, Esq., Woolley hall, Maidenhead, and Read hall, Clitheroe.
Right Hon. the Lord Wensleydale, Ampthill park, Ampthill.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Society.
Proceedings and Papers of the Kilkenny and South-East of Ireland Archæological Society, N.S., vol. IV, No. 34.

From the Suffolk Institute of Archæology, Statistics and Natural History.
Proceedings, vol. II, Nos. 1 to 7; and vol. III, No. 1.

From the Publisher.
Health: a Family Medical Journal, No. 3.

The following objects of interest were exhibited :—

By Mr. F. J. Jeffery.
Fac-similes of the various signatures of Napoleon Bonaparte.

By Mr. Newton.
A rare book, containing the code of the Inquisition, at the time when Galileo was its prisoner.

By Mr. H. Duckworth, F.G.S.
1. Some large flints, obtained by himself at the cuttings in the drift in the North of France, including the *langue-de-chat*, pike-head, cutting-tool &c.
2. Photographic view of the cutting, shewing one of the flint implements *in situ*.

By Mr. H. Ecroyd Smith.
Various specimens of objects in flints, evidently used by a very primitive people.

By the Rev. George B. Mellor, Warrington.
Three stone axes found in the North of Ireland.

By Rev. Dr. Hume.
Eight objects in stone, consisting of axes and war-clubs; one of the latter being of greenstone, beautifully wrought, and almost as delicate in construction as if made of bronze.

By the Chairman.
1. Flint implements, principally from the neighbourhood of Bridlington, consisting of arrow-heads, saws, a fish-hook &c.
2. Three objects in stone, viz. :—a chisel, several inches in length, from Warwickshire; a hammer, with hole for handle; and another found in Tranmere Pool, with part of the wooden handle which had belonged to it.
3. A large cup, probably formerly used as a drinking vessel. It is formed of staves of wood, the outside being covered with a sheet of bronze, overlapping the rim nearly an inch and a half within: the handle is of bronze, of the spiral form called the trumpet shape, peculiar to the Ancient Britons. It was found near the old encampment called Ternen-y-Mûr, in Merionethshire.

The Chairman referred to the recent decease of the Rev. Dr. Thom, and paid a tribute to his excellence and usefulness, and his long connexion with the Society.

The following Paper was read :—

THE HUMAN RACE: ITS ORIGIN, HISTORY AND EARLIEST FORMS OF CIVILISATION,* *by John Newton, M.R.C.S.*

13*th March*, 1862. LITERARY SECTION.

LIEUT.-GENERAL THE HON. SIR EDWARD CUST, PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

The Right Hon. the Earl Grosvenor, M.P., Calveley, Tarporley, was duly elected an ordinary member of the Society.

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* Transactions, p. 95.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Society.
Journal of the Royal Dublin Society, Nos. 20 to 23.

From the Society.
Journal of the Geological Society of Dublin, vol. IX, part 1.

From Mr. Thomas Gleave, Flint.
An Impartial Collection of the Addresses, Songs, Squibs &c., that were published at Liverpool during the election of Members of Parliament in November, 1806. Dublin.

The following object of interest was exhibited:—

By Mr. E. F. Evans.
Fragment of a large bowl of Samian ware, ornamented with the usual wave lines, with hares and leaves alternately, found near Flint in 1861.

The following Paper was read:—

On the Death of Charles the Second, *by Lieut.-General Sir Edward Cust, D.C.L., President.*

20*th March*, 1862. SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

Peter R. McQuie, Esq., in the Chair.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Society.
Journal of the Statistical Society, vol. XXV., part 1.

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Royal Society, vol. XI, No. 47.

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society, vol, V, No. 5; and vol. VI, No. 1.

From Mr. C. S. Gregson.
Proceedings of the Northern Entomological Society, for the 28th September and 21st December, 1861, respectively.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By Mr. Mercer.
1. A specimen of Daft's patent copper sheathing for iron ships.
2. A short length of the original Atlantic Telegraph Cable, shewing that the gutta percha covering had become contracted.

By Mr. C. S. Gregson.
1. Specimen of Nycia Zonaria, alive.
2. Photographs of Abraxes Grossularia.
3. Various entomological specimens.

By Mr. G. M. Browne.

Photographs, from under the microscope, of some remarkable forms of the Polycystins and allied genera of the Barbadoes chalk deposit.

By Mr. F. J. Jeffery.

Photographs of the respective handbills of the York stage-coach for 1706, when the journey to London occupied four days, and of the Great Northern Railway for 1861, when the same journey and back, with two hours for business or pleasure, may be performed in the same day.

The following Papers were read :—

1. Abstract of the Principal Mines of the Burnley Coal-Field,* *by J. Whitaker, F.G.S., and T. T. Wilkinson, F.R.A.S. &c.*
2. On the Coleoptera of the Liverpool District, Part II; Hydrodephaga,† *by C. S. Gregson, President of the Northern Entomological Society.*

10*th April*, 1862. LITERARY SECTION.

Peter R. McQuie, Esq., in the Chair.

The following were duly elected ordinary members of the Society.

Right Hon. the Lord Stanley, M.P., Knowsley, and 23, St. James's square, London.
William Mathison, Liverpool and London chambers.
James Stonehouse, 25, Phythian street.

The following donations were presented :—

From the Society.
The Numismatic Chronicle, N.S., No. IV.

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Liverpool, No XV.

From the Authoress.
1. Brief Comments on the Revised Speech of the Right Hon. Robert Lowe, M.P., on the Revised Code of the Regulations of the Committee of Privy Council on Education, in the House of Commons, February 13, 1862.
2. National Elementary Education and the New Code. By a School Manager.

The following objects of interest were exhibited :—

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.

A curious product of civilization—a watchguard, manufactured by a Maöri woman from her own hair.

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* Transactions, p. 113. † Transactions, p. 167.

By Mr. J. H. Gibson.
Several articles found at Wroxeter, consisting of bone styli, bone hairpins, an iron skewer or hairpin, and several coins.

By Mr. H. A. Bright.
The autograph of Nostradamus in a copy of *Silius Italicus*.

By Mr. Brakell.
A volume of historical and literary curiosities, containing fac-similes of letters, &c., and profusely illustrated.

The following Paper was read :—

A Historical Sketch of the Liverpool Blue Coat Hospital—Concluding Notice, *by Mr. J. R. Hughes.*

1*st May*, 1862. ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION.

Joseph Mayer, F.S.A., V.P., in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were duly elected ordinary members of the Society :—

E. H. Birkenhead, F.G.S., Scarisbrick street, Wigan.
J. H. Gibson, Apsley villas, Belmont road.
T. J. Hall, 28, London road.

The following donations were presented :—

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Royal Society, Vol XI, No. 48.

From the Society.
Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. XIX, Part 3.

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Royal Geographical Society, Vol VI, No 2.

From the Society.
Proceedings of the Liverpool Architectural and Archæological Society, 1860-61.

From the Society.
Journal of the Proceedings of the Manchester and Liverpool Agricultural Society, 1862.

From the Society.
Journal of the Architectural, Archæological and Historic Society for the County, City and Neighbourhood of Chester, Part VI.

From the Sussex Archæological Society.
Sussex Archæological Collections, relating to the History and Antiquities of the County, Vol. XIII.

From the Somersetshire Archæological and Natural History Society.
Proceedings, Vol X.

From the Suffolk Institute of Archæology, Statistics and Natural History.
Proceedings, Vol. III, No. 2.

From the Society.
Bulletin de la Soeiété Archéologique de l'Orléanais, No. 39.

From C. Roach Smith, F.S.A.
Note sur les ouvrages offerts à la Société d'Emulation, par M. Roach Smith, membre correspondant.

From the Society.
Journal of the Society of Arts, Nos. 471 to 492.

The following objects of interest were exhibited :—

By Mr. Craig Gibson, (by permission of Miss Jones of Bebington.)
A curious earthen drinking vessel, called a costril. It is in the form of a barrel, with two handles on the top, between which is the neck; through this the vessel was filled. At one side is a mouth-piece for drinking through, underneath which is a circular medallion, bearing, in *relievo*, a well designed lion courant. On one of the ends is a female face in *mezzo-relievo* in a moulded border; above is a *fleur-de-lis*, the whole enclosed in two palm branches. The remaining ornamentation is similar to that found on the rude pottery of the 16th and 17th centuries.

By Mr. H. Ecroyd Smith.
Various articles recently discovered on the Cheshire sea-coast, viz. :
1. The sole and part of the welting of a shoe or boot of the 12th—14th century. This specimen was found near the ruins of probably the last house of the ancient village of Meols.
2. The root of an antler of *Cervus Hibernicus*, perforated, and apparently having been used as a hammer-head.
3. An iron Norman *pheon* and lance-head, in excellent preservation.

The following Papers were read :—

I. Further Remarks on Metallic Ornaments, and Attachments to Leather,* *by the Rev. A. Hume D.C.L., Hon. Sec.*

II. On the Flora of Preston and the Neighbourhood,† *by Mr. Charles Joseph Ashfield.*

8th May, 1862. MISCELLANEOUS MEETING.

William Brown, Esq., V.P., in the Chair.

The Library and Museum Committee of the Town Council having given permission to the members to attend on this evening with their friends, including ladies, at the Derby Museum, which was lighted up on the occasion for the first time, a large party assembled, and, after partaking of refreshments in the Society's ordinary meeting-room, the remainder of the evening was spent in the following manner :—

In the lecture-room, Mr. G. H. Morton, F.G.S., delivered an account of the Geology of Liverpool and the Neighbourhood, illustrated by diagrams.

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* Transactions, p. 129. † Transactions, p. 75.

At the close of Mr. Morton's discourse, Messrs. Hardman, Baker, Abraham, J. Henderson, jun., and Sansom exhibited, in the meeting-room, numerous objects of scientific and general interest, under their microscopes.

Mr. T. J. Moore, the Curator, conducted the portion of the company not engaged at the microscopes through the Derby Free Museum, explaining its plan and directing attention to some of the most interesting objects in the collection.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By Mr. Bailey.

A sample of the *Nardoo* seed, which has recently acquired a painful celebrity as the wild food which afforded the last insufficient sustenance to Burke and Wills and their follower King, during the latter part of their wanderings in central Australia.

By Graham H. Hills, R.N., of the Liverpool Marine Surveyors' Department, through Dr. Hume.

A series of sketches of the Round Towers of Ireland, executed by the brother of Mr. Hills, and intended for publication.

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.

1. Specimens of stone hatchets, axe-heads &c., from Ireland and New Zealand.
2. Similar objects from Denmark, sent by Mrs. Whitehead.