

3. From, Leasowe (Ancient Meols) three brooches in lead; one, from two to three inches in diameter, of wheel-pattern; the other two are lozenge-shaped, the pin, which forms a diagonal, being attached to a small cross-bar. Also, a large pin or skewer, with a moveable ring at the top and ornamented with three crosses; a fermil complete, with tongue; and an English silver penny of the reign of Henry II or III. The brooches date from the 12th to the 15th century.

By Mr. Thomas Gibson.

An ancient wood carving, illustrating the legend told of the foundation of Holyrood Abbey.

By Mr. Newton.

1. Four Puritan Tracts, entitled, severally, A Fanatic's Alarm, Address, Tract and Testimony, by Henry Adis, dated 1660.
2. A treatise on Crimes and Punishments, including various methods of torture and instructions how to inflict it, 1554.

The Rev. Dr. Hume, Honorary Secretary, drew attention to the recent disastrous fire at Santiago; and mentioned some phenomena said to have occurred at it.

Mr. H. Eeroyd Smith, Curator of the Society's Museum, explained the circumstances connected with the finding of human remains by some workmen engaged at the Leasowe embankment. He had obtained permission, on behalf of the Society, to remove the remains, but this had subsequently been withdrawn.

The following Paper was read:—

SOME ACCOUNT OF THE PAMPHLET LITERATURE OF LIVERPOOL.
Part I, Serial Publications, by *Thomas Dawson Esq., M.R.C.S.*

The author, after adverting to the illustration of the more minute points of interest in local or general history afforded by pamphlets, accounted for their paucity in regard to Liverpool as resulting from the intense activity of the whole community in the pursuits of business ever since the comparatively recent rise of the town. How absorbing must the pursuit of wealth have been throughout the period of scarcely one hundred and fifty years, the limit within which that progress has been made! In the early part of the last century, when the first dock was opened, Liverpool possessed but one square-rigged ship to go into it. The pamphlets relating to Liverpool may be classed under three leading heads characteristic of the epochs of the town's history—1st, the trade with Spanish America; 2nd, the African trade; 3rd the great Cotton trade, which exists to our own time. These include many very valuable contributions from distinguished Liverpool men. Mr. Dawson proceeded to give an account in detail of the serial publications in his collection, the whole of them being exhibited at the same time.