

From Mr. H. S. Fisher.

The Naturalists' Scrap-Book, Part 11.

From the Author.

The Uses of Discussion, by J. T. Danson.

From Mr. Burke.

Varus: a Tragedy, by Thomas Hugo.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Chairman.

1. Two specimens of Persian pottery of about the sixteenth century.
2. A piece of Limoges enamel, by J. Laudin, about 1680.
3. A Mug dated 1660, bearing a rude portrait of King Charles II, initials and the motto, "Be mery and wise."
4. A small circular two-handed dish with deeply fluted sides; apparently English of the seventeenth century.

By Mr. T. B. Robson, through Mr. Ecroyd Smith.

A fine male specimen of *Bombycilla garrula*, the Bohemian Chat-terer or Waxwing, one of the handsomest of British birds, but only an occasional visitant in mid-winter. It is fourteen years since it was noticed here; and, until last month, has not been recorded as seen in the Liverpool district, when two appeared at Moreton; one of them was shot, and the present specimen is thought to be its companion. It was cleverly captured by the gardener in Mr. Robson's grounds at Liscard Vale, Cheshire, a fortnight ago. Mr. Smith communicated an interesting summary of the several appearances and known habits of this beautiful arctic bird.

By Mr. F. J. Jeffery.

A proof-copy of his genealogical chart of the Oldenburg family, as enlarged for a second edition.

By Mr. T. Dawson.

The *Courier* newspaper for the 22nd and 29th of September, 1830, containing accounts of the opening of the Manchester and Liverpool Railway, and the death and funeral of Mr. Huskisson.

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.

A cap worn by the person next in rank to the king amongst the Makols in South Africa.

The following Paper was read:—

ON THE PAMPHLET-LITERATURE OF LIVERPOOL, Part II, by *Thomas Dawson Esq., M.R.C.S.*

Reverting to the First Part, on the serial publications from time to time published, but which had all perished in their nonage, the author expressed regret that so many efforts to make Liverpool the home of a periodical literature of her own should have been untimely frustrated, and hoped that in the good time coming this reproach would cease. Amongst the local publications exhibited, Mr. Dawson drew attention to thirty-nine Guides to Liverpool, extending from Moss's "Survey," 1784, to those of the present day, including the entire series of Kaye's

"Stranger in Liverpool." It was remarked that the first pamphlet (1710) book (1712) and library (1715) known to have belonged to Liverpool, were all of a sacred character. The pamphlet thus referred to is a sermon preached in Saint Peter's church, and a copy was handed round for inspection; it was the first of an extensive series collected by the author, those published in the ninety following years being also exhibited. They include a sermon on the death of queen Anne, 1714; the first grand oratorio (Messiah) performed in Liverpool, at St. Peter's Church; an account of the first balloon ascent here, by Lunardi, 1785; and the earliest known Liverpool poll-book, 1784.

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17th March, 1864. SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

GEORGE MANSFIELD BROWNE Esq. in the Chair.

The following donations were presented:—

From the Royal Society.

Proceedings, vol. xiii, No. 61.

From the Royal Geographical Society.

Proceedings, vol. viii, No. 2.

From the Liverpool Architectural and Archæological Society.

Proceedings, fourteenth Session, 1861-62.

From the Liverpool Literary and Philosophical Society.

Proceedings during the fifty-second Session, 1862-63, No. xvii.

The following objects of interest were exhibited:—

By the Chairman, on behalf of Mrs. Bury.

Photograms, from drawings by Mrs. Bury, of various specimens of polycystins collected from Barbadoes earth.

By Mr. J. H. Gibson.

1. An Act of Parliament, passed in 1767, authorizing the Corporation of Liverpool, to expend in the building and decoration of St. Paul's church a sum not exceeding £4,000; and £3,500 for building and furnishing the church of St. John.
2. Cromwellania; a collection of engraved portraits of the memorable persons of the Commonwealth.

By Mr. Buxton.

A copy of the Observer newspaper, dated 22nd July, 1821, containing a detailed and illustrated report of the coronation of George IV, including the conversation between Lord Hood, who demanded admission for queen Caroline, and the door-keeper who refused it.

[In consequence of the sudden indisposition of the Rev. Mr. Mellor, his Paper on the Monumental Brasses of England was postponed to a future meeting.]

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14th April, 1864. SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

NICHOLAS WATERHOUSE Esq. in the Chair.

Mr. Thomas Haughton, Head Master of the Liverpool Blue Coat Hospital, was duly elected an ordinary member of the Society.