

14th June, 1866. MISCELLANEOUS MEETING.

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By invitation of the proprietor, a MISCELLANEOUS MEETING was held in Mr. Mayer's Museum of British and Foreign Antiquities at Seven p.m. on the above date, and numerous attended by members and their friends. After passing through the various apartments the visitors assembled in the principal room, when the Rev. Dr. Hume, Vice-President of the Society, read a Paper "On the Congrès Scientifique de France compared with the British Association for the Advancement of Science," which was followed by a Paper "On the Poet of the Christian Year," by David Buxton Esq., F.R.S.L., Honorary Librarian.

Thanks were voted by acclamation to the Authors of the Papers and to Mr. Mayer for his kind reception of the members and their friends.

ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The Society's Summer Excursion was made on the 14th of July, 1866, to Haddon Hall and Chatsworth, Derbyshire, and was attended by about a hundred and forty of the members and their friends. The day was remarkably fine and the long journey was made without misadventure, except that, on returning, some delay took place owing to the crowded state of the railroad in the neighbourhood of Manchester.

The arrangements enabled the whole party to visit both the places named, allowing also time for dinner while at Haddon and for tea after leaving Chatsworth, in the village school rooms at Beeley, about a mile from the railway station, which were hospitably placed at the disposal of the party by the rector, the Rev. Henry C. Sculthorpe, through whose kind co-operation, with that of Mrs. Sculthorpe, this part of the day's arrangements was very successfully carried out.