

By Joseph Mayer, F.S.A.

A curious Astronomical instrument for calculating the position of the stars, supposed to have been in use about the 12th century.

By the Rev. Dr. Hume.

The first volume of the Proceedings of the Historic Society, containing many original letters and documents in connection with the formation of the Society in 1848.

By the Honorary Secretary.

A specimen of Photographic Portraiture.

The following Papers were read:—

ON TOPOGRAPHICAL ETYMOLOGY IN WEST DERBYSHIRE, *by Joseph Boulton, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.*

REMINISCENCES OF TWENTY YEARS AGO; OR FACTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORMATION OF THE HISTORIC SOCIETY IN 1848, *by the Rev. Dr. Hume.*

The Twentieth Session was brought to a close by a cordial vote of thanks to the President for his services during the year.

ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The Annual Excursion of the Society took place on Thursday, 30th July, arrangements being made to visit the Ruins of Furness Abbey. About one hundred and twenty Members of the Society and their friends, including many ladies, left Lime Street Station at 8.40 a.m., and arrived at Grange-over-Sands at 12.30 a.m., where arrangements had been made for dining at the New Hotel. The Chair was taken by Joseph Mayer, F.S.A., President of the Society, and the Vice-Chairs were filled by David Buxton, F.R.S.L., Honorary Secretary, and John G. Jacob, Esq., Treasurer. After an excellently-served dinner, Mr. Mayer proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family, which was duly honoured. Mr. James Smith gave the toast "Prosperity to the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire," and highly eulogised the President for the gift of his valuable Museum to the town of Liverpool. Mr. Mayer having acknowledged the compliment, Mr. Buxton proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to in a humorous and effective speech by the Rev. William Huntington, of Manchester. After dinner the party proceeded to Furness by special train at 2.30, where a description of the Ruins was given by Edmund Sharp, Esq.