

APPENDIX.

4th March, 1858. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

REV. THOMAS MOORE, M.A., in the Chair.

The Chairman having read the notice convening the meeting, and stated its objects;—

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Hume, seconded by Thomas Sansom, A.L.S., and resolved unanimously:—

That this meeting agree to the proposal of Union with the Liverpool Photographic Society on the terms submitted, viz.:—

- I.—That the Photographic Society become part of the Historic Society, *i.e.*, that it accept the name and laws of the latter.
- II.—That the number of Sections as fixed by the present Laws be not increased; but that communications on Photography be admissible at all the ordinary meetings.
- III.—That a Photographic Committee be appointed annually at the commencement of the session, like the committees for Printing, Finance, the Library, &c.
- IV.—That it be allowable for the Authors to print Papers on Photography in anticipation of the Annual Volume of Transactions, at the discretion of such Committee.
- V.—That the property of the Photographic Society become the property of the Historic Society, and that the members of the Photographic Society be enrolled without Entrance Fee.
- VI.—That the Union date from the 31st March, 1858, if the preliminary arrangements be complete by that time.

The alteration of the Law regulating the distribution of the Society's Annual Volume, recommended by the Council, having been discussed; it was moved by the Rev. Dr. Hume, seconded by Albert J. Mott, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

To omit from the connexion in which they now stand in the sixteenth Section of the Laws, the words "to receive the Society's Publications, or," and to insert after the words "proceedings of the Society," the following sentence—"and no member whose subscription for the current Session is unpaid shall be entitled to receive the Society's publications." *

6th April, 1858. EXTRA MEETING.

CONVERSAZIONE AT THE MUSEUM OF BRITISH AND FOREIGN ANTIQUITIES,
COLQUITT STREET.

By the invitation of the proprietor, Joseph Mayer, Esq., F.S.A., an extra meeting was held here, when upwards of four hundred members, and ladies and gentlemen, their friends, attended.

* Law XVI, in accordance with the above resolution, now provides as follows:—

"From the first day of March in each Session, the Treasurer shall exhibit publicly in the meeting-room a list of the Society, on which shall be marked opposite each member's name, the date when his annual subscription was paid, or the amount of all arrears due. No member, whose subscription is in arrear for any but the current Session, shall be entitled to take any part in the proceedings of the Society; and no member, whose subscription for the current Session is unpaid, shall be entitled to receive the Society's publications. The Treasurer shall also prepare a complete Statement of Accounts, to be audited at the stated Annual Meeting of the Council."

The company occupied themselves for some time in inspecting the resources of the Museum, and after having partaken of refreshment, provided by the liberality of Mr. Mayer, assembled about nine o'clock in one of the lower rooms, when Mr. Alderman S. Holme proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Mayer for the gratification he had conferred upon them by throwing open to them his splendid collection. Our rulers ought to have anticipated Mr. Mayer in purchasing much of it for the nation at large; but it was a pleasing feature of the times that men of science came forward to do what our governors, in the multitude of their avocations, neglected to do for the nation. It was by the sagacity, foresight and public spirit of Mr. Mayer that the collection they had had the pleasure of inspecting had been thrown open to them. He felt sure he was only anticipating the feelings of every one who heard him in proposing on behalf of his fellow-townsmen their cordial thanks for the rich intellectual treat Mr. Mayer had that evening conferred on them.

The Rev. Dr. Hume spoke with the same feeling of thanks in the name of the members of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. There was a time when archæology had been sneered at, but that day had passed by, and its usefulness was now generally acknowledged. After specifying some of the leading objects of antiquity in the museum, he said that their history would give an insight into the habits and manners of the people who had passed over the countries in which they were found, thus affording a vast amount of valuable information otherwise unattainable.

Mr. Thomas Wright, M.A., F.S.A., claimed on the part of the visitors and strangers, to join to those which had preceded his tribute of gratification with the proceedings of that evening. The books of history which, thirty or forty years ago, were received with implicit faith, were now looked upon with incredulity. The reason was, that during those thirty or forty years people had been employed in investigating the contemporary records of former times, instead of resting satisfied with accounts written by persons who naturally gave a colouring to facts, derived from their own prejudices and opinions. With regard to the records seen in that and similar collections, their colouring was their own, and what those records told them must be faithful.

The motion was put by Mr. Alderman Holme as a matter of form, and carried by acclamation.

Mr. Mayer, who was received by the company with the most enthusiastic applause, then delivered an address, of which the following is a brief abstract:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am glad of this opportunity of offering you my sincere congratulations on the determination of our fellow-inhabitants to establish in this town a library for the people. It is an act which will redound to our honour. It is only in public libraries that we can expect to meet with works on the higher branches of human philosophy, or science, or mechanical construction. How many biographies have we read wherein men have recorded their regrets that their studies had been retarded for want of knowing what others had written on the subject of their inquiries. It has been decreed that a museum shall be attached to the library. This is truly wise, for many branches of inquiry have need of a museum of comparative and illustrative objects. Amid such truths as are just now disclosing themselves so rapidly around us, I conceive no man would dare say there are few who are interested in the study of antiquity. Those young men who would now be thought liberally educated must not confine themselves to the mere reading of Latin and Greek, but must add to those valuable acquirements general knowledge. I thank you for the honour you have conferred on me personally by your attendance here this evening, but I feel still more pleasure in thinking you are honouring the good cause of education and study.

The proceedings then terminated, and the company dispersed.

15th April, 1858. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

JOHN POOLE, Esq., in the Chair.

The Chairman read the notice convening the Meeting, and stated its object.

It was moved by the REV. DR. HUME, seconded by ALBERT J. MOTT, Esq., and resolved unanimously:—

That the proposal of Union of the Liverpool Photographic Society with the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire be finally confirmed, on the terms recorded in the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on the 4th ultimo.

14th July, 1858. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

EXCURSION TO CHESTER.

On Thursday, the 14th July, the Annual Excursion of the members and their friends took place. The party, consisting of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, visited Chester, leaving Liverpool at a quarter to eleven, a. m. They were met at the Chester Station by the Lord Bishop of Chester, Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton, Bart., M.P., the Rev. F. Grosvenor, Mr. W. H. Ayrton, and other gentlemen, members of the Chester Archaeological Society, and proceeded in the first instance to St. John's Church, through which they were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Marsden, the Rector, and the Rev. Mr. Grosvenor: the latter gave a short historical and architectural account of it, describing the changes it had undergone, and relating the various interesting legends of which it is the subject. The Priory adjoining was next visited, after which, at the invitation of Mr. Meadows Frost, the party repaired to that gentleman's house and partook of a slight repast. On proceeding to the Cathedral they were met by the Rev. Canon Eaton, and under his guidance inspected the Lady Chapel, the Chapter House, the Cloisters and Crypts, and the Free Grammar School. A short visit was next paid to the Church of St. Mary-on-the-hill.

At three o'clock the whole party assembled at the Savings' Bank, in the board room of which they partook of a cold collation. Edward Heath, Esq., V.P., presided, and several sentiments having reference to the progress of archæology, literature and science, having been proposed and suitably responded to, the party resumed their inspection of the various objects of antiquarian interest for which Chester is celebrated, including the Roman Bath in Bridge Street, the Walls, &c.; assembling at the Episcopal Palace, on the hospitable invitation of the Bishop, when tea and other refreshments were dispensed. After a day of great interest and enjoyment, the excursion party returned to Liverpool by railway in the evening.

The objects of the excursion were greatly assisted by the Lord Bishop and the Clergy of the Cathedral and City, and by Messrs. Hicklin, Hon. Secretary, Ayrton, Hughes and other members of the Chester Architectural and Archæological Society.