

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 refectation. 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.