

APPENDIX.

26th April, 1860. MISCELLANEOUS MEETING.

JOSEPH MAYER, F.S.A., V.P., in the Chair.

This meeting, held at Mr. Mayer's Museum, Colquitt Street, by invitation of the proprietor, was numerously attended by the members and their friends, including a large number of ladies. During the evening, Mr. Thos. Wright, M.A., &c., Hon. Mem., described the excavations at Wroxeter, the site of the ancient Roman city of *Uriconium*, explaining by plans the progress of the discoveries up to the present time, and exhibiting specimens of coal, pottery, personal ornaments &c., found on the spot.

At the conclusion of the lecture, a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Wright for his valuable discourse, and to Mr. Mayer for his kindness in throwing open his museum on the occasion was passed by acclamation.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The annual excursion took place on Saturday, the 7th July. At eight a.m. a numerous party took their departure by the Birkenhead Railway for Shrewsbury; and on their arrival paid a hasty visit to the town museum, for the purpose of inspecting the numerous relics there deposited, which have recently been found at Wroxeter, the site of the Roman city of *Uriconium*. The curiosities comprise various articles of personal ornament, fragments of pottery, glass, coins and human remains. The last named objects are of great interest; especially the skulls, dug out near the gate of the city which protected the ford or bridge across the river Severn. Their peculiar interest arises from their being quite different from the usual form; and it has been suggested that they belong to some barbarian tribe who had attacked the city gate and been killed in the action. In some cases the portion over the right eye is considerably in advance of the opposite side, and *vice versa*; whilst, from the circumstance that the sutures are correspondingly irregular, although perfectly closed, great objection is felt to the attempted explanation of these remarkable deformities, that they arose from violence or any other external cause.

From the museum the whole party proceeded in carriages to the excavations now open at Wroxeter, where they spent a considerable time in minutely examining the wonderful scene they present; the exhumed remains of a city reduced to ruins, and deserted 1,400 years ago,—the grand and massive fragment of the city wall, still standing 20 feet above the present surface, the bath, with its tessellated pavement, the hypocaust, the floors paved with lime-ash, or with tiles, and the long lines of foundation walls.

Calling, on the road back, at the interesting little church at Atcham, the party returned to Shrewsbury, and at half-past three sat down to dinner at the "Lion," the chair being filled by the Rev. Dr. Hume, supported by Major Egerton Leigh, of High Leigh; Dr. Robson, of Warrington; Dr. Johnson, of Shrewsbury, &c. The usual loyal toasts were succeeded by others referring to the society; and at a quarter to five about half the party took their departure homewards, the remainder staying to explore the ancient borough of Salop, and its picturesque surroundings, until eight, when they returned to Liverpool, after a day of much interest and enjoyment, heightened by the delightful weather.