

Castle of Haigh and the Lady Mabel, was killed by the real Lord, Sir William Bradshaigh on his return from the Holy Land. This event, if it took place at all, would be in the reign of Edward I., and about the time when the church tower was built.

I have now gone through the facts and traditions connected with the history of Winwick to the 16th century. The township is decreasing in population, but whether it and Newton were ever the great towns which popular tradition would make them, may be doubted. They were certainly Royal Manors before the conquest, and Culcheth (in the parish of Winwick) has been assigned by high authority, as the site of many synods of the Anglo-Saxon Church. Many charters are dated from Cælchyth, or Cælichyth—and the place is called Kilsha by the country people. We have also one of the farm houses moated round, and called the "Old Abbey;" but when or why this name was given, is utterly unknown. It seems to point to some ecclesiastical building of remote antiquity.

Before the Meeting separated, several gentlemen expressed their individual gratification at the proceedings of the day; and on behalf of their respective Societies their best thanks, for the honour which had been done them.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

A Special General Meeting, called by the Council for the revision of the Laws, was held in the Royal Institution, on Thursday the 15th of April, at half-past one, p.m.,

Major-General the Hon. Sir EDWARD CUST, K.C.H., V.P., in the Chair.

The following is the substance of the alterations recommended by the Council, all of which were adopted unanimously:—

LAW I.—The expression was assimilated to the terms of the original Prospectus.

LAW III.—A date which was necessary only at the formation of the Society, was cancelled.

LAW IV.—A similar date cancelled.

LAW VI.—A clause was inserted requiring a retiring member to give a written notice, and to pay up all his arrears.

LAW VIII.—An unnecessary descriptive period was cancelled.

LAW IX.—Several dates like those in III. and IV. were cancelled.

LAW XV.—This, which was entitled "Powers of Council, as to Stipendiary Officers, Servants, &c.," was re-written, but without altering its effect.

LAW XIX.—The privileges of Honorary Members were modified, so as not necessarily to be for life.

LAW XXII.—Each Member was authorised to introduce two gentlemen, not Members, at any of the ordinary meetings.
