

James Heywood, Esq., M.P., who had retired from the Society, was allowed to resume his connexion by paying the fees for Membership from the date of his temporary withdrawal.

The following selection from the donations was laid upon the table:—

From the Society. Memoirs of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Manchester, vol. vi. second series;—Dr. Robert Angus Smith's life of Dalton, forming vol. xiii. of the Memoirs of the Society.

From the Society. Journal of the Statistical Society of London, vol. xxx., parts 2 and 3, for June and September, 1856.

From the Society. Transactions of the Chemists' Association of Liverpool, 1856.

From the Author. Genealogical Essays, illustrative of Cheshire and Lancashire families, and a memoir of the Cheshire Domesday Roll, by George Ormerod, D.C.L., F.R.S.

From the Author. A pamphlet entitled The Manchester Exhibition Review. Royal Institution, 1856.

The following objects were exhibited:—

By Peter R. M'Quie, Esq. Stow's Survey of London, 1598. (Pub. 1603.)

By the Rev. Dr. Hume. A Chinese coin.

The following Paper was then read:—

ON THE RELATION BETWEEN THE MATERIAL PROGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CAPITAL AND LABOUR OF EUROPEANS. *By Edward Clibborn, Esq., R.I.A.*

The opinions advocated in this paper will be understood from the distinct announcement in the title. It is undeniable that the commercial necessities of one or more countries stimulate the industry of another; and it is natural that the superabundant capital of one nation should sometimes find its direction and successful expenditure in another. But such effects are reciprocal; and they differ in degree according to circumstances. The necessity for a constant infusion of new blood, by emigration from the older countries, was dwelt upon; and such a change in population naturally leads to a corresponding change in manners, political principles, and social grades. These are becoming less appreciable, and in the course of time will practically disappear. The writer noticed a tendency in the natives of the United States, which has frequently attracted observation;—their avoidance of physical labour when possible, and their desire to live rather by the exercise of the intellect. This is, in effect, the exchange of the manual for some of the liberal arts.

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20th November, 1856. SCIENTIFIC SECTION.

JOSEPH MAYER, Esq., F.S.A., in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The following gentlemen were balloted for, and declared duly elected members of the Society:—

William Lawrence Stroud, Esq., Oxtou.

Thomas Croxton, Esq., Blue Coat School, Bolton.

A. Craig Gibson, Esq., Lower Bebington, Birkenhead.

The following donations were laid upon the table:—

From the Society. Memoirs of the Royal Astronomical Society, Vols. xi. to xxiv. (Fourteen volumes 4to.)