

8th September.	Nativity of the Virgin—A tree—sometimes a crown or a pair of shears, as the sheep should then be shorn.
14th "	Exaltation of the Cross—A cross.
21st "	St. Matthew—Sometimes a balance denoting equinox.
29th "	St. Michael the Archangel—Sometimes the face of St. M. If it froze before that day it would freeze after the 1st May.
4th October.	St. Francis—Sometimes a cross.
7th "	St. Birgita—Sometimes a cross with a ring at the top.

ANNUAL EXCURSION.

The Annual Excursion was made on Saturday the 27th of June, 1863; when the members, accompanied by numerous friends of both sexes, visited the Parish Church of Sefton, which was inspected under the guidance of Mr. Picton, the Rev. Dr. Hume and other gentlemen acquainted with the remarkable features of the building. On quitting the church the party proceeded to Ince Blundell Hall, which was kindly thrown open on the occasion by the proprietor, Thomas Weld Blundell, Esq.

A considerable time was spent in the examination of the fine collection of works of art in sculpture and painting for which the hall is renowned, and the beautiful pleasure-grounds were also visited; after which the company drove to Waterloo, where they dined together, Joseph Mayer, Esq., F.S.A., &c., Vice-President, occupying the chair, A. Craig Gibson, Esq., F.S.A., Hon. Curator, and D. Buxton, Esq., F.R.S.L., Hon. Librarian, acting as vice-chairmen. The usual loyal and complimentary toasts were proposed and responded to, that of "Continued Prosperity to the Historic Society of Lancashire and "Cheshire," being given by the Venerable Archdeacon Jones, and acknowledged by the Rev. A. Hume, D.C.L., &c., Hon. Secretary. Dr. Ihne, Dr. Heywood Thompson, J. A. Picton, Esq., F.S.A., George Artingstall, Esq., and other gentlemen also delivered addresses, at the close of which the party returned to Liverpool highly pleased with the day's proceedings.