



THE MAZER DISH.

The dish or bowl represented in the accompanying engraving, was manufactured from a piece of the oak formerly in Prince Rupert's Cottage, Everton. He is said to have lodged here during the siege of Liverpool in 1644; and the cottage was taken down exactly two centuries after, in 1844. A view of it as engraved on the bowl is shewn in the illustration. The whole was presented to Lord Albert D. Conyngham, in the name of the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire. It is beautifully mounted in silver and lined through the interior. An elegant silver band encircling the exterior contains the following inscription:—

“GIVEN TO LORD ALBERT D. CONYNGHAM, PRESIDENT OF THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, BY THE HISTORIC SOCIETY, ON THE VISIT TO LIVERPOOL, AUGUST SECOND, MDCCCXLIX.”

The silver shield opposite to that which contains a view of the cottage bears the inscription:—

“MADE FROM THE HOUSE OCCUPIED BY PRINCE RUPERT AS HIS HEAD QUARTERS, DURING THE SIEGE OF LIVERPOOL, 1644.”

In presenting the bowl to Mr. Pettigrew, in the name of the Historic Society and for Lord Albert D. Conyngham, his Worship the Mayor alluded to the contrast presented by the past times and the present, and hoped that it would be a memorial of a peaceful invasion as it had been of a warlike one. Mr. Pettigrew returned thanks in appropriate terms, and calling for wine, devoted the first draught from the vessel to the time-honoured toast of the locality—“Success to the good old town of Liverpool and the trade thereof.” The effect upon the audience may be imagined; thunders of applause rang through the whole building.