

On the motion of Dr. Hume, seconded by Hugh Neill, Esq., the Lord Albert Denison, K.C.H., F.S.A., President of the Archæological Association, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Society.

The following Antiquities were exhibited :—

By Dr. Kendrick, Warrington. I.—An Ancient MS. Survey of the Barony of Warrington, Burton Wood and Sankey, A.D. 1592. On a fly leaf at the end, containing various entries made at subsequent periods, James I. is twice spoken of as “Kinge James on Englande.”

II.—“Human Passions delineated,” by James Collins, alias “Tim Bobbin,” author of the *Lancashire Dialect*, being a series of Humorous and Sarcastic Engravings, published in 1772-3.

III.—An Ancient Brank or Bridle, formerly used in the public exposure of scolds and other unquiet women.*

By Thomas Lyon, Esq., Appleton Hall, Roman Pottery found at Castle Northwich, Cheshire.

By the Hon. Sir E. Cust, Vice-President, A Volume of the Publications of the Record Commission; a Collection of Engraved Fac-similies of Autographs of Royal and Noble Personages; and a number of Coins found in digging the foundations for the French Protestant Chapel, Threadneedle Street, London.

By Dr. Hume, A Copper Signet Ring, of rude workmanship, with the motto *ih̄t*, found in Lancashire, and a number of Brass Rubbings.

T. Avison, Esq., Treasurer, read the following extract from the Will of the Founder of the Grammar School at Great Crosby, on the subject of which information had been requested at the November Meeting :—

“*Extracted from the Registry of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.*

“*POOR,*

“*In the Will of John Harrison, Citizen and Merchant Tailor, of London, dated 15th May, 1618, amongst other things therein contained is as follows :—*

“*ITEM,—I give and bequeath unto the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Corporation or Fraternitie of St. John Baptist of the Mystery of Merchant Tailors in London, whereof I am a Brother, £30, to make a dinner on the day of my Funeral.*

“*ITEM,—I give and bequeath unto the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Corporation or Fraternitie £500 in Money, to the end and intent that they or their successors, Master or Wardens and Assistants of the Company or Fraternitie for the time being, shall erect and build up in Great Crosby, in the Parish of Sephton, in the County of Lancaster, where my Father was born, within a convenient time after my death, one Free Grammar School for the Teaching, Educating, and Instruction of Children and Youth, in the Grammar and Rules of Learning for Ever, which shall be called by the name of the Merchant Tailors' School, founded*

* See Illustration, Plate 5.

at the charge of John Harrison. And I will that the said School shall have *continuance for ever* of one Master and one Usher, and my will and meaning is that the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Fraternitie for the time being, and their successors, shall be the Governors of the said *free School*, and shall from time to time for *Ever* nominate and appoint one sufficient, discrete, and learned man to be Master of the said School, and one sufficient and discrete learned man to be the Usher of the said School.

“ITEM,—For the maintenance and continuance of the said School, and of the said Master and Usher, and for the performance of other charitable payments hereafter mentioned, I do give and bequeath unto the said Master, &c., for *Ever*, all my Messuages, Houses, Grounds, and Tenements situate in Crane Court, in the Parish of St. Augustine aforesaid, and all my four Houses on the great side which lieth in the Parish of St. Augustine, and called the Old Change, in the Ward of Farrington within, in the City of London, and all those my two Houses lying in St. Swithin's Lane, near London Stone, with their and every of their appurtenances, and the reversion and reversions thereof, to the end and intent that the said Master, &c., of the Fraternitie for the time being, and their successors for *Ever*, shall with the neat issues and profits of the said Messuages, Houses, &c., Yearly for ever pay unto the Master of the said School for his *Stipend* and *Wages* £30, and to the Usher of the said School for his *Stipend* and *Wages* £20 per ann.; and that the said Master, &c., shall Yearly for ever, out of the said rents and profits, pay unto and amongst the poor for the time being, dwelling in Lane Alley aforesaid, by and with the consent of the Chiefest of the Parishioners of the Parish of St. Augustine, £20 per ann.; and that the remainder of the said rents and profits of the said tenements, reserving £5 per annum for Ever for repairing of the said School, shall be bestowed to, and amongst the Poor Brethren of the said Corporation, as far as it will extend by 20 shillings a quarter a piece.”

July, 1619. }
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By J. Robson, Esq., An Acknowledgement for debt from Thomas Butler, Esq., of Bewsey, near Warrington, to King Henry the 8th. Of this curious document the following is an abstract:—

Indenture made the last day of June, 1524—between Cardinal Wolsey, Lord Chancellor, Sir Henry Wyatt, Treasurer of the Chamber, Sir Andrew Wyndesore, and Sir John Vaunce, on behalf of the King and Thomas Butteler, of Busey, and Lawrance Bonbixi, Merchant, of Luke—Witnesseth that Butteler and Bonbixi are indebted to the King, £3866 13s. 4d.—In payment of which the King agrees to take certain goods to be delivered to the above named parties before the Feast of All Saints, 1530, viz.:—For the King's Wardrobe,

300 yards of Black Velvet of Jeane, at 12 shillings
236½ yards Crymsyn Velvet in greym, at 13/4
150 yards of Black Sateyn and Tawney Sateyn, at 9/
271½ of Black Sateyn and Tawney Sateyn, at 7/ the yard,

amounting to £500, and these payments to be made annually after 1530, for 6 years, the goods to be equal to sample. They are also to furnish in the same way *other Silk, Woollen Clothes, Linnen Clothes, Furrer, and other wares as shall* amount to the sum of £1500, the last year allowed being 1560 in both instances. The Wardrobe of the King is to receive from Butteler and Bonbixi, in Silks, &c., £2000 for the first year of the six, and the Master of the Wardrobe will give them a *taile* or *tailes*, upon delivery of which to the Treasurer, they are to receive 200 marcs, and the rest of the £2000 to be rebated from the debt of £3866 13s. 4d. The next stipulations define these payments and receipts so as to discharge the whole sum owing, £3866 13s. 4d.

The parties are also allowed, if they cannot find the above articles or money, to deliver upon the King's Wharf, between the Tower of London and Billingsgate, yearly, as many *buttes of Malveseis, good and merchantable, and full gauge, free of all charges, at £3 6s. 8d. every butte*, as may make up the deficiencies.

The deed then states that Thomas Butteler and one George Colewyche, before John Port, one of the Justices, had acknowledged a sufficient warrant of recovery, to be had at the next Sessions, at Lancaster, of the Manors of Burton Wood, Laton, Sankey, and Warrington, with the appurtenants, 100 messuages, 200 cottages, 4000 acres of land, 1000 acres of meadow, 2000 acres pasture, 2000 acres moor, 1000 acres wood and £40 of rent, which Butteler warrants to be of the yearly value of £193 6s. 8d. clear—in assurance of the payment of £3866 13s. 4d.—to be seized in default of payment of any of the instalments.

At the corner of the last folio but one, is written in a different hand, "*Ista recognicio una cum conditione ejusdem pretextu warranti manu regis signati ac dilecto et fideli consiliario suo Roberto Southwell militi custodi Rotulorum cancellario suo directo, ista recognicio una cum condicione ejusdem cancellant^r & dampnt^r.*"

The following Papers were read:—

I.—NOTES ON A ROMAN ROAD, NEAR WARRINGTON.

By the Rev. A. Hume, LL.D., F.S.A.

In a Society like this, it is evidently of great importance to record separate facts of various kinds; and thus to procure a supply of suitable materials for some superior workman, to group, arrange, and explain the whole. It was with this simple object that I made one of an exploring party on two occasions, to the Roman remains near Warrington, and that I consented to record the facts that have