

## Friday: Excursion.

Friday, the fourth and last day of the meeting of this Society, was devoted to an excursion to

### Chepstow and Tintern.

At Chepstow the Members, who numbered about seventy, left the rail, and went in carriages to the Wyndcliff and Tintern.

The party lunched at the Royal George, Tintern, and subsequently, on the motion of Mr. PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE (Brymore House), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the President<sup>1</sup> (the Mayor of Bristol) for his extreme kindness in giving them so much of his valuable time.

The HON. GENERAL SECRETARY (the Rev. J. A. Bennett), in moving a vote of thanks to the Local Committee, mentioned the invaluable services of Mr. John Reynolds. As to the places to be visited, they had thrown themselves entirely upon the Local Committee, which had resulted in the great success of this and the previous excursions.

(1). The Map of Bristol in this volume, in illustration of the President's Address, is kindly presented by him.

Dr. NORRIS, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. J. A. Bennett (Hon. Sec.), observed that the Mayor of Bristol had not only willingly seconded all the efforts of the Committee, but had freely upheld the traditional hospitality of the ancient city of the west.

On the motion of Mr. ROBERT LANG, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Curator, Mr. W. Bidgood.

### *Tintern Abbey.*

In the Abbey, the Rev. J. A. BENNETT (Hon. Sec.), gave a short historical account of the building, and credited Mr. John Taylor with being the first who discovered the date of the foundation of the existing ruins (1269).

Mr. W. GEORGE said that important fact, which had eluded the researches of previous writers, Mr. Taylor published in his *Tintern Abbey and its Founders*, 1869, which contained other new points relative to the Abbey, which the compilers of recent guide books had copied, and omitted to name the author to whose researches they were indebted for their new information.

Mr. EDMUND W. BUCKLE then conducted the Members round the grand ruins, and ably explained their architectural features—as he did those of

### *Chepstow Castle,*

which was visited on the return journey. This brought the proceedings of the Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Society to a close.

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