

EXHIBITION.

. Following the Lecture, an interesting exhibition of objects of local interest took place by members of the Society.

Mr. W. W. Tasker exhibited and described an ancient Sussex fire-back, dated 1696, which had been removed from a local historic County residence; also a collection of communion plate kindly lent by the Trustees of Matthew Henry's Chapel, and a Register bearing many interesting items.

The Committee of the Chester Free Library kindly exhibited several very valuable books.

Mr. Minshull exhibited some interesting old views and maps of Chester, as also did Miss Thomas.

Dr. Bridge, F.S.A., had on view several pictures, and a book described as the earliest printed in phonetic language.

One of the most interesting exhibits was the silver badge, or medal, presented by Prince Arthur to the Smiths', in 1499.

Miss Peele exhibited a very nice collection of 18th century fire-arms, and also a curious modern pistol.

Mr. J. T. Hughes had several exhibits, including a snuff-box made out of the skin of a malefactor executed at Warwick, and a piece of late 16th century horse-armor, *i.e.*, nose-piece.

Mr. Frank Roberts sent some original drawings by a local artist (the late Mr. Ivison).

Mr. W. E. Brown, a collection of local tokens.

Mr. Frank Simpson, F.S.A. (the Society's honorary secretary), exhibited a gun-metal vase dated 1641—said

by the British Association to be one of the finest of these specimens known; some mediæval spurs found during excavations for the foundations of a city house; and an 18th century brass reel stand.

On behalf of the Society, the Chairman thanked all who had contributed to the exhibition, and especially the Honorary Secretary, who was responsible for the collection and arrangement of the exhibits.

