

## EXCURSION TO PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

On Thursday, 18th August, 1910, a visit was made to Peterborough, when twenty members together with friends in the district made a tour of inspection of the town and its Cathedral under the guidance of Mr. W. Fickling, of St. Peter's College.

The first place visited was the Town Hall, erected in 1671 upon the site of the old Guildhall. The party then followed their guide to the parish church of St. John's, which was erected in the first decade of the fifteenth century. The materials used for its erection were taken from the chapel of St. Thomas à Becket, which stood within the precincts of the Cathedral.

A privilege was granted to the visitors by the Peterborough Natural History, Scientific and Archæological Society to inspect the curious and interesting objects collected in their Museum. The relics and portraits of Mary Queen of Scots called for special attention. Mr. Charles Dack, Hon. Curator, kindly acted as guide.

After luncheon at the Bull Hotel, Mr. Fickling led the way to the Cathedral. Here he read a useful paper on the history of the building, and then guided the party over it, pointing out carefully and minutely all the interesting features from the old Saxon foundations to the roof of the topmost tower. Opportunity was given to see the mechanism of the old fifteenth century clock as it struck the hour of 5 p.m.

The thanks of the Institute were given to Mr. Fickling for the trouble he had taken to make the visit so great a success, and to Mr. C. Dack for his kind support.



HARDWICK HOUSE.

The Seat of GERY MILNER-GIBSON-CULLUM, ESQ., D.L., J.P., F.S.A., President 1911.