

the very same publication by the Bishop of Victoria, to which Dr. Todd had alluded. It would be seen from the following extract of this letter that Captain Broughton, in that distant land, still remembered the Academy :—

“ *Hong Kong, 29th January, 1852.*

“ I have a pamphlet for you which you may consider a curiosity. You may not have heard of the discovery in China of a sect of Jews, quite in the interior, 700 miles from the coast. They were found at a place called K'ae-fung-foo, last year, by two Chinese missionaries, who brought back with them six Rolls of the Law, each containing a complete copy of the Pentateuch, which are written on thick sheep-skins, sewed together. The account of their journey and discoveries was published. I shall take an early opportunity of sending you one, which, when done with, I beg you will present to the Academy. It will be accompanied with fac-similes of the MSS., copied by the Chinese, who are very expert at such work. They have outlived their language, while they retain to the full extent their exclusive caste and habits. Not a single individual could read the Hebrew books. They had been without a rabbi for fifty years, which may account, in addition to their poverty and destitute state at present, for their having parted with the rolls so easily. By the kindness of the the Bishop here, I have been able to obtain the pamphlet, journey, and fac-similes, and I shall send them to you by the first safe hand.”

The thanks of the Academy were voted to Captain Broughton.

Sir William R. Hamilton made some remarks on continued Fractions, and on their connexion with Quaternions, but desired to reserve a fuller account of his views for a future meeting of the Academy.

MONDAY, APRIL 26TH, 1852.

THOMAS ROMNEY ROBINSON, D. D., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

THE Rev. Dr. Todd, Secretary of the Academy, presented, on the part of the Rev. William Thomson, a bronze fibula, found in a fort in the townland of Drumgurra, in Farney, and also an autograph letter of Dean Swift, which was forwarded for presentation to the Museum by Mr. P. Brophy. The letter, which was addressed to William Walker, the Lord Mayor of Dublin at the time, had been discovered by Mr. Brophy amongst the papers of Mrs. Catherine Walker.

The following is a copy of the document :—

“MY LORD,—I enterly forgot, yesterday, a small Affair, —which I did intend to mention to your Lordship. About six months ago My Lord Orrery desired me to recommend the son of an old faithfull Servant who is still his Domestick in England, one Catharine Reyley to be admitted into the blue-coat Hospital. I apply^{ed} accordingly to the late Lord Mayor very frequently, but could never obtain that Justice. I have been these many years a governor of that Hospital, and have recommended fewer boys than perhaps any other Governors : and My Lord Orrery as he is a most valuable person in all Respects, as well as a great Friend to this Kingdom, hath a good Title to Recommend for so small a Favour. The Boys name is Edward Reyly. I have sent him with his Mother, to attend and get one of the Servants to deliver this Letter to Your Lordship. and I hope you will please to order his Admitance this day. He hath been already measured, and is tall enough for the standerl.

“I wish your Lordship success in your administration, equall if possible to your deserts, and am with the greatest