

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 1857.

JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

ROBERT M'DONNELL, Esq., M.B., and Frederick Field, Esq.,
were elected Members of the Academy.

Sir William R. Hamilton read a paper on the Icosian
Calculus.

Mr. J. M. Kemble, at the request of the President, delivered an Address on the utility of antiquarian collections in relation to the pre-historic annals of the different countries of Europe, with especial reference to the Museum of the Academy.

“DR. TODD, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY,—I should be guilty of great affectation were I to pretend that I thought what I mean to say was entirely devoid of novelty and interest to you. It is, in fact, mainly on account of the extensive opportunities which I have enjoyed of seeing what is new to many of us in the various European collections, that I am this evening called upon to address you. Nor can I venture to plead that I am not in the habit of putting forward my views in public whenever it appears to me desirable for our common study that it should be done; but still, I may justly say, that I never rose under feelings of greater embarrassment than at present, to address any academical body. I feel abashed at the extent of the subject itself with which I have to deal, and painfully aware how small a part of it I can treat of with satisfaction, either to yourselves or myself, within the limits of one short evening. I am not the less painfully aware that I am addressing a body of gentlemen who have bestowed great zeal and labour upon this subject, and whose