

Werner, Dr. [J. F.] Berger, of Geneva, were then available, Dr. Laird was very instrumental, together with Dr. Babington, in making the necessary arrangements and [obtaining sufficient] pecuniary subscriptions to engage Dr. Berger to travel, first in Devonshire and Cornwall, and subsequently in the Isle of Man and north of Ireland, and to prepare geological accounts of these districts, which appear in the first three volumes of the *Transactions* (see p. 51). To Dr. Laird we owe 'the judicious selection of our motto from the "Novum Organum," which still stands on the first page of every volume of our *Transactions*'¹ (see p. 44).

JAMES PARKINSON (died 1824) was in practice as a medical man at Hoxton, was F.R.C.S., and the distinguished author of 'Organic Remains of a Former World,' 3 vols., 1804, 1808, 1811.

WILLIAM HASLEDINE PEPYS (1775-1856), of the Poultry, a member of the Society of Friends, was a chemist and natural philosopher, and a descendant of Sir Richard Pepys, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. He resigned his fellowship in 1829.

RICHARD PHILLIPS (1778-1851), of the Poultry, son of a printer and bookseller in the City of London, was a member of the Society of Friends. In early life he was the intimate friend of Davy and Wollaston. He became distinguished as a chemist, was elected F.R.S. in 1822, and was chemist and curator to the Museum of Economic Geology from 1839 until the close of his life; during the last two years he was president of the Chemical Society.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS (1773-1828), elder brother of Richard Phillips, also a member of the Society of Friends, carried on the business of printer and bookseller in George Yard, Lombard Street, and became the most distinguished, as a geologist, of the original founders of the Geological Society. He was author of 'A Selection of Facts from the best authorities, arranged so as to form an Outline of the Geology of England and Wales' (1818)—a work subsequently amplified in the classic 'Outlines' by Conybeare and Phillips (1822). His paper entitled 'Remarks on the Chalk Cliffs in the neighbourhood of Dover,' &c. (*Trans. Geol. Soc.* v. 1819), is one of the more celebrated of the early memoirs on English geology. Phillips was author also of important treatises on mineralogy. Of these his

¹ Buckland, Address, 1841, *Proc. Geol. Soc.* iii. p. 526.