

first institution of the Society to the present time amount to 37*l.* 16*s.*, of which 6*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.* only have hitherto been received.' The system of fines was evidently not a success. In 1824 a separate 'Geological Society Club,' limited to forty members, was established (see p. 65).<sup>1</sup>

At the second meeting of the Geological Society, held on Friday, December 4, 1807, it was resolved that the Right Hon. C. F. Greville be invited to become the patron of this Society; that there be a president of annual election; that G. B. Greenough be president for the ensuing year; and that W. H. Pepys be elected treasurer.

It may be mentioned that Charles Francis Greville (1749-1809) was the second son of the first Earl of Warwick, and had formed one of the finest collections of minerals ever gathered together. He was a Privy Councillor and resided at Paddington Green.

It was decided that forty-two gentlemen be elected honorary members of the Society. These are enumerated in the Appendix. They include distinguished men from all parts of the British Islands: Richard Bright of Bristol, Joseph Carne of Penzance, E. D. Clarke of Cambridge, J. J. Conybeare and John Kidd of Oxford, John Hailstone (Woodwardian Professor) of Cambridge, Robert Jameson and John Playfair of Edinburgh, Richard Kirwan of Dublin, and others.

The one serious defect in the list of honorary members is the omission of the name of William Smith; and yet it included the Rev. Joseph Townsend, whose claim to the gratitude of geologists rests mainly on the knowledge of the strata and their fossils, which, as already stated, he acquired from William Smith (see p. 5). As remarked by John Phillips, Smith was 'almost unnoticed, except by visits from Mr. Greenough, the president, Sir James Hall, and a few other members, to examine his collections in Buckingham Street (March 1808).'<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See 'List of the Geological Society Club,' edited by H. W. Monckton, 1905.

<sup>2</sup> 'Memoirs of William Smith,' 1844, p. 71.