

of the objects which they have in view, and I am therefore directed to express to you their earnest hope that you will allow them at all times to apply to you for such information as from the place of your residence, or the direction of your studies, they consider you peculiarly qualified to afford. They will also be greatly obliged if without any application on their part you will occasionally communicate to them your discoveries and opinions in Geological subjects.

When you come to London the Society hope to have the pleasure of seeing you at their first meeting 'at the Freemasons' Tavern' after your arrival, that the resident members may have the earliest opportunity of being introduced to you, and of showing you every attention in their power.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SECRETARY.

The following changes in the regulations were soon afterwards made :—

On March 18, 1808, it was decided :

'That ordinary members shall be elected by two-thirds, and honorary members by a majority of votes.'

On April 1, 1808 :

'That any foreigner may be proposed as an honorary member who has previously intimated a wish to correspond with this Society.'

The contribution to answer the purposes specified in Art. 5, Section V. was fixed at one guinea each member (June 3, 1808).

It is interesting to find that at this early date a Committee was formed 'to examine papers previously to their being read to the Society, and to take charge of all presents that may be received.' On March 4, 1808, Messrs. Aikin, Allen, and Richard Phillips were appointed to complete the number of this Committee. On June 2, 1809, it was 'Resolved: that five ordinary members instead of three be annually elected to complete the number of the Committee of Trustees.'