

geology was represented by John Taylor, F.R.S., who was for many years treasurer.

The anniversary dinner of the Geological Society was established in 1811. Thus on June 12 of that year:—

It appearing to the Council desirable that the Society should dine together on June 22, the day succeeding the last meeting for the present session, it was

Resolved, that printed notices be sent to each of the ordinary members requesting their attendance on that occasion. The dinner to be at the Freemasons' Tavern on that day at five o'clock, and to be ordered at 15s. for each person, all expenses included.

Early in the previous year the Council took into consideration the question of publishing papers that had been read before the Society.

On March 16, 1810, at a special general meeting held at twelve o'clock at the Freemasons' Tavern, it was resolved to publish the more important communications made to the Society, but not at stated periods, the title to be the *Memoirs of the Geological Society*; a discretionary power being given to the Committee of Trustees, who would superintend and direct the publication, and insert important geological information from other works in the form of an appendix.

Early in the following year it was resolved, that the term *Transactions* be substituted for *Memoirs*.

The Committee of Papers (see pp. 21, 37) was requested to prepare the memoirs in the possession of the Society for publication; and it was agreed to entrust the printing of the first volume of the *Transactions* to Mr. William Phillips on certain conditions, of which the following were mentioned:—

That the number of copies printed shall be 750.

That the paper, type, and form should be according to certain samples.

That the ink employed shall be of the best character.

This volume was published at the expense and risk of certain of the members of the Society; the ensuing four volumes were published at prices regulated by the Council, and at the cost and risk of the printer and bookseller to