

that no analysis of an English work be given, but simply an announcement of its contents.'<sup>1</sup>

It was not intended that the publication of the *Transactions* should cease on the institution of the *Journal*, but 'that when a paper could only be advantageously given in quarto, that form should be adopted.'

The *Journal* was to appear quarterly on the first day of February, May, August, and November.

In the first volume of the *Journal*, in addition to abstracts of foreign papers, there were notices of Brodie's 'Fossil Insects,' Darwin's 'Structure and Distribution of Coral Reefs,' Humboldt's 'Kosmos,' Lyell's 'Travels in North America,' Mantell's 'Medals of Creation,' Nicol's 'Geology of Scotland,' &c. Most of the notices were written by Ansted.

In 1846 a circular was issued by the Council to inform the Fellows that Messrs. Longman, who undertook, on terms very favourable to the Society, the publication of the first four numbers of the *Journal* at their own risk, had 'been disappointed in the sale in consequence of so small a number of the Fellows taking the *Journal*, and having thereby sustained a loss, they have declined continuing to run any further risk.'

There is no doubt that with the increased number of Fellows the proportion of the 'well-to-do' was less than in earlier days; it may also be inferred that a certain number of Fellows were more concerned in appending F.G.S. to their names than in adding the *Quarterly Journal* to their bookshelves.

The Council then determined to continue the publication on the Society's account and to discontinue the *Proceedings* in separate form.<sup>2</sup> The wisdom of this course was satisfactorily proved; and in April 1848 the Council felt justified in regarding the *Quarterly Journal* as a per-

<sup>1</sup> *Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc.* i. p. 2; and Horner, Address to Geol. Soc. 1846.

<sup>2</sup> The papers published in vol. iv. of the *Proceedings* from p. 251 onwards were reproduced in vol. i. of the *Quarterly Journal*.