

It may be mentioned that since 1858 several applications were made to the Government that they would consider the claims of the Geological Society for rooms, when the reconstruction of Burlington House was taken in hand. To this, in 1860, a guarded answer was received from the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

In accordance with the above-mentioned resolution invitations were issued to Fellows to bring their wives and daughters, or lady friends, to the ordinary evening-meetings, to be held during the session commencing November 7, 1860, at Burlington House. After the Council had concluded its sitting at Somerset House, Professor T. Rupert Jones, assistant secretary, Mr. George E. Roberts, the clerk, Mr. H. M. Jenkins, and Mr. A. Stair, Library and Museum assistants, attended by Charlton, the house steward, together with minute-book, diagrams, chalk, pens and ink, attendance-book, and other needful accessories, were conveyed in two four-wheeled cabs, from Somerset House, Strand, to old Burlington House, Piccadilly, where the diagrams were fixed up, and all other arrangements were made. After dining, the president and Council and other members of the Geological Society Club arrived, and the meeting was formally opened. Dr. Henry Woodward attended several of these meetings, but, as he remarks, alas for the lack of enthusiasm in that elder generation of ladies, as compared with the interest manifested in these enlightened days!—only three or four ladies appeared, but among them Lady Lyell and the Misses Horner were constant attendants.

A proposal brought before the Council on June 7, 1861, that the meetings for the next session should take place at Somerset House was negatived. Accordingly once more the temporary rooms at Burlington House were utilised for the meetings. A complaint was received in January 1862 from Dr. W. B. Carpenter, the registrar, that the Society had held its meetings that session without applying for permission from the University of London. This oversight was duly rectified.