

It may be mentioned that in 1862 the number of Fellows was 900, and at the end of 1863 it reached 1,001.

During the year 1862 the Council took into consideration the question of electing Foreign Correspondents, and at a special general meeting of the Society held on January 8, 1863, it was resolved :—

1. That the number of Foreign Members be in future limited to forty, instead of fifty as heretofore.
2. That a Class of Foreign Correspondents be instituted, not exceeding forty in number.
3. That the Foreign Members shall be elected out of the list of Foreign Correspondents.

The following Bye-law was passed at a special general meeting held on January 20, 1897 :—

The Foreign Members shall be selected from the list of Foreign Correspondents, or from among distinguished Fellows who are not British subjects, and may be recommended by Fellows in the same manner as already provided in the case of Foreign Correspondents.

On December 17, 1862, in reply to an application to retire from Mr. McLauchlan (see p. 101), it was decided that, as a special case, he should be allowed to remain a Fellow of the Society without further payment. To provide means to meet such cases a Geological Relief Fund has since been established.

A full report on the Museum of the Society was published in 1850. At that date Museum and Library were open to the Fellows from 11 till 5. The present hours of 10 till 5 were adopted a few years later. The naming and arranging of the recent mollusca in the collection were revised in 1859 by S. P. Woodward. In 1860 it was decided that in future the Society would do wisely to concentrate 'attention principally on the foreign collection, as it is known to us all that for British geology the Museum in Jermyn Street affords every facility for reference.'

Details of the foreign collection were given in the report for 1861, reference being made to Mr. Horner's elaborate and valuable catalogue of all the contributions