

After that meeting the Rev. J. F. Blake made an offer to prepare and edit, without any remuneration, a catalogue of the type- and other important specimens in the Society's Museum, based on Mr. C. Davies Sherborn's manuscript catalogue. This offer was accepted, and the Council recommended that no further action be taken with regard to the Museum till this Catalogue was placed in the hands of the Fellows.

The Catalogue was issued in 1902 under the title:—

'List of the Types and Figured Specimens recognised by C. D. Sherborn, F.G.S., in the Collection of the Geological Society of London. Verified and arranged with additions.' By J. F. Blake, M.A., F.G.S., with an Appendix (synopsis of the contents of the Geological Society's Museum).

This volume is of value in recording not only the minerals, rocks, and fossils, but also other objects of historic interest, such as the apparatus and specimens used by Sir James Hall in his experiments on the vitrification of basalts.

In 1875 notification was made of the foundation of

THE LYELL MEDAL,

awarded under the conditions of the will and codicil of Sir Charles Lyell, Bart., D.C.L., F.R.S.

The following is the description of the medal:—

Obverse—CHARLES LYELL. Bare head to left; beneath head, 1873; on truncation, L. C. WYON.

Reverse—The three columns of the Temple of Jupiter Serapis at Puzzuoli, which have been submerged and have again risen.¹

By his will Lyell bequeathed to the Society the sum of 2,000*l.* and 'the Die executed by Mr. Leonard Wyon of a Medal to be cast in bronze and to be given annually and called the Lyell Medal, and to be regarded as a mark of honorary distinction and as an expression on the part of the governing body of the Society that the Medallist (who may be of any country or either sex) has deserved well of the Science,'—'not less than one third of the annual interest [of the fund] to accompany the

¹ See Lyell, 'Principles of Geology,' and Suess, 'Das Antlitz der Erde,' English translation, ii. 1906, p. 368.