

bation from the chair and by the general sense of the meeting. But I can go farther. I have sought information from some of the oldest, most active, and most influential Fellows of the Society: and upon good authority I am enabled to say that the accusations are *not true*. One of those gentlemen, whose means of knowledge are ample to a degree that few men can obtain, has written to me; "I can fully bear testimony to the entire correctness of what is stated in your Note. in contradiction of the calumnious assertions with regard to the discussions at the Geological Society.—I can truly say that no discussions or observations hostile to Revealed Religion, or treating it with levity, have ever been heard by me at the Society's meetings; nor do I believe that in so large and respectable an assembly, generally attended and often presided over by Ministers of religion, any such would be for a moment attempted or permitted."

The abstracts of papers read in the Society are printed for the use of its members, under the title of *Proceedings*; and brief statements, with the approbation of the Society, are sent to the two journals mentioned, by a gentleman in whose ability and accuracy the fullest confidence may be placed. By this method, the public is furnished with correct information, instead of being left to the reports of incompetent persons, which could scarcely be any other than defective and misrepresenting.