

other, of stimulating their zeal, of inducing them to adopt one nomenclature, of facilitating the communication of new facts, and of ascertaining what is known in their science, and what yet remains to be discovered.

That the gentlemen present, with Mr. Pepys and Mr. William Phillips, who have been prevented from attending this meeting, be considered the first members of the Geological Society.

That henceforth members be chosen by ballot. Any person desirous of becoming a member, having communicated his wish through the secretary to the Society, without being proposed or recommended in any other manner, shall be balloted for at the next meeting. The election to be unanimous.

That no person resident in London attend more than two meetings of the Society without becoming a member.

That each member shall be at liberty to introduce a visitor, under the preceding regulation.

That the Society dine together, at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the first Friday of every month, from November to June inclusive, at 15s. per head, visitors to pay as members. Dinner to be on the table at five o'clock precisely. Fine for non-attendance, 10s. 6d. Any member may avoid this fine by sending notice to the secretary of his intention to be absent, three days before the meeting.

That at the last meeting in June a subscription be raised to defray incidental expenses incurred by the treasurer for the purposes of the Society.

That G. B. Greenough, Esq., M.P., be treasurer, and Dr. Laird, secretary, for the ensuing year.

That a book be provided for recording the minutes of the Society, and for the insertion, by members or visitors, of any geological intelligence that may be presented. Every communication must be signed by the person who makes it.

(Signed) G. B. GREENOUGH.

The meetings of the Society and its Committees appear to have been held in a room temporarily engaged at the Freemasons' Tavern. The Society thus began its existence much in the form of a geological dining club, a feature which gradually disappeared as the number of the members increased. Moreover, in regard to the dining regulations, it was notified on June 2, 1809, that 'The fines from the