

2. That a Committee shall be appointed, consisting of twelve ordinary members of the Society, three of whom shall form a quorum, which shall be permanent until the object of their appointment is accomplished, and which Committee shall be named 'The Committee of Nomenclature.'

3. That this Committee shall have two principal objects for their attention, viz. the selection of appropriate terms for the uniform description of Geological and Mineralogical facts, and the collection of all provincial terms connected with these branches of science.¹

The following members were appointed on the Committee of Nomenclature, viz.—Mr. Horner, Mr. Greenough, Mr. Davy, Dr. Babington, Dr. Laird, Dr. Macculloch, Mr. Aikin, Mr. W. Phillips, Dr. Macmichael, Sir James Hall, and Mr. Lowry.

No records appear to have been preserved of the printed geological inquiries that were circulated among the members, of any replies, or of any decisions arrived at by the Committee of Nomenclature; and it is perhaps fair to conclude that the results of the inquiries did not fulfil the expectations of the Committee, and that geologists even in those days were loth to bind themselves to a uniform system of nomenclature.

At a meeting of the Geological Society, held on June 3, 1808, it was resolved:—

That henceforth the names of visitors shall be delivered in writing to the chairman of the meeting, with the names of the members by whom they are introduced.

The first printed list of members bears the above date. At the next meeting, held on November 4, L. A. Necker de Saussure and two others were introduced as visitors. Mr. Necker then presented to the Society 'a map of Scotland, coloured according to the different formations observable in that country, with an explanatory memoir.'²

¹ It is interesting to note that a Committee of the British Association has quite recently been formed to deal with this subject.

² For an appreciative notice of this geologist, who spent the latter part of his life in the island of Skye, see J. D. Forbes, *Proc. Roy. Soc. Edin.* v. 1862, p. 53.