

the laboratory of the Royal Institution in 1813, had in the first instance applied to Sir Humphry Davy, expressing his 'desire to escape from trade, which I thought vicious and selfish, and to enter into the service of Science, which I imagined made its pursuers amiable and liberal.' Davy 'advised me not to give up the prospects I had before me, telling me that Science was a harsh mistress; and, in a pecuniary point of view, but poorly rewarding those who devoted themselves to her service. He smiled at my notion of the superior moral feelings of philosophic men, and said he would leave me to the experience of a few years to set me right on that matter.'<sup>1</sup>

Faraday, who no doubt took interest in the mineralogical side of the science, joined the Geological Society in 1824, and served on the Council during the years 1828-30.

<sup>1</sup> 'Humphry Davy, Poet and Philosopher,' by Dr. T. E. Thorpe, 1896, pp. 173, 174.