

500 copies of the work, containing 174 pages of letterpress and twenty-four plates, had been 345*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.*

Of these copies eighteen were presented or retained for the use of the Society; 229 were sold, realising 286*l.* 18*s.*; and 253 remained on hand.

The price was 1*l.* 5*s.* to members and booksellers; 1*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* to the public. Thus the Society had received within about 60*l.* of the sum expended, while more than half the copies remained on hand for sale. The success attending the new system of publication was ascribed in great measure to the activity of the secretaries, Dr. Fitton and Mr. Webster. It is satisfactory to learn that in 1826, 383 copies had been sold, producing 478*l.* 15*s.*, or 134*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* above the cost, as then estimated.

The second part cost 603*l.*, and within the first year 170 copies were sold, producing 289*l.*; while in their report for 1826 the Council announced that 272 copies had been sold, producing 412*l.* 18*s.* It was issued to the members at the price of 1*l.* 14*s.*

These records afford remarkable evidence of the enthusiasm of the members, but they cannot be taken to indicate that a renewed issue of quarto *Transactions* would meet with similar success at the present day. In the first two parts of this second series there were printed the famous memoirs by Buckland and Conybeare on the south-western coal district of England, by Thomas Weaver on parts of Somerset and Gloucestershire, and by De la Beche on the south coast of England.

#### THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CLUB.

Here it may be interesting to mention that on November 5, 1824, a not inappropriate date for an unofficial assembly, several members of the Geological Society met together and resolved:—

1. That a club be formed of members of the Geological Society to dine together on the days of the Society's meetings (see p. 16).

2. That the number of the Club be limited to forty members.