

## CHAPTER X

### THE 'QUARTERLY JOURNAL'

THE 'QUARTERLY JOURNAL'—CATALOGUES OF FOSSILS—JOHN MORRIS—  
CHARLESWORTH'S 'LONDON GEOLOGICAL JOURNAL'—COUNCIL, 1847  
—DR. BOWERBANK—THE PALÆONTOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY—LONDON  
CLAY CLUB—GREAT COLLECTORS OF FOSSILS—S. P. PRATT—P. B.  
BRODIE—PALÆOBOTANY—PRINCE ALBERT—THE KING OF SILURIA

THE great expense attending the publication of the *Transactions* gave anxiety to the Council in 1843, and in the following year they reported more fully on their difficulties. They estimated that a sum varying from 250*l.* to 300*l.* per annum was all that could be expended on the publications without anticipating future income or encroaching on capital.

While the number of papers increased, the sale of the *Transactions* did not justify further expenditure, and the Council essayed to effect a compromise by publishing in the *Proceedings* a 'very full abstract' of the papers read, accompanied by the necessary illustrations.<sup>1</sup> A few illustrations had indeed been issued in 1843 with certain papers in No. 95 of the *Proceedings* (vol. iv.), but a more comprehensive scheme was now suggested.

The Council decided that those Fellows who wished to receive the new form of *Proceedings* were to be charged five shillings, and the public seven shillings and sixpence, for the entire session (postage extra): 1,500 copies were to be printed. A specimen of the modified publication was issued in No. 97 of the *Proceedings*, containing the papers read at the first meeting of the session 1843-44.<sup>2</sup>

In their report to the annual general meeting on

<sup>1</sup> *Proc. Geol. Soc.* iv. pp. 336, 527.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* iv. pp. 225-34. The original price of the *Proceedings* had been 10*s.* each vol.