

February 21, 1845, the Council notified that the new mode of publishing the *Proceedings* of the Society in an illustrated form had not met with the sale anticipated, and that other arrangements had meanwhile been put in hand.

In a circular issued on December 23, 1844, it was stated that the president and Council had entered into an agreement for one year with Messrs. Longman & Co. for the regular publication of the proceedings of the Society in a periodical, to be entitled '*The Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society of London.*' The cost of the work was to be defrayed by the publishers, who took upon themselves the risk and profits, while the option was reserved to the Fellows of receiving either the *Proceedings* gratuitously or the entire journal at the trade price.¹ The sum of 160*l.* per annum was to be allowed by the publishers for illustrations.

It was arranged that the work was to consist of two parts; the first was to comprise the papers read before the Society and selected for publication, while

'The second, or miscellaneous part' was to consist of 'Translations or Abstracts of Geological papers published in the Transactions of Foreign Societies or in foreign journals, and of analyses of the contents of works expressly Geological, both English and Foreign;' but the Articles in this division of the *Journal* were also to extend 'to such publications in the departments of Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, and Natural History as may be judged to have a more immediate bearing on Geology, strictly so called.'

The work was to be edited by the vice-secretary; and he was instructed by the Council 'to abstain from the expression of his own or any other contributor's individual opinion, in any analysis of a book or memoir he may insert in the *Journal*, lest, by implication, the Society might be understood to pass a judgment. Further, they have thought it advisable, for the same reason, to direct

¹ *Proc. Geol. Soc.* iv. pp. 528, 529.