

manent publication. In December 1858 they resolved that it be circulated *gratis* among all the compounders and resident contributing Fellows, commencing, in 1859, with the February number.

In May 1861 they decided to present the *Journal* to the foreign members; and in 1870 they arranged to print an edition of 1,500 and to present copies to the foreign correspondents.

By some Fellows of the Society the publication of the miscellaneous part of the *Journal* was regarded as 'a great innovation upon established custom, a departure from a sound principle for a Society to publish, under its authority, anything beyond that which properly belongs to it as an integral part of its own proceedings.'<sup>1</sup> The Council, however, did not take this view. The notices of new books published in this country were soon discontinued; but the publication of the miscellaneous part of the *Journal* was not abandoned until the close of 1873. During the later years many abstracts of foreign Memoirs were contributed by Count A. F. Marschall (1805-87), who was elected a foreign correspondent in 1863.

The Council announced in 1845 that they had decided, by way of trial and in accordance with the wish expressed by several Fellows, to break up ten copies of the last five volumes of the *Transactions*, so that the papers might be sold separately. A catalogue of these was printed, and the prices to Fellows may be judged from the following:—

Buckland and De la Beche, 'On Weymouth,' 5s.

Fitton, 'Strata between the Chalk and Oxford Oolite,' 25s.

Murchison, 'Coal Field of Brora,' 8s. 6d.

Sedgwick, 'Magnesian Limestone,' 10s. 6d.

Owen, 'On *Thylacotherium*,' 5s.

On April 2, 1845, the Council decided that a referee be appointed for every paper on the day on which it was to be read.

An extraordinary mistake was made about this time, as on November 5, 1845, it was brought to the notice of

<sup>1</sup> Horner, Address to Geol. Soc. 1846.