

It is perhaps well that Sedgwick and Murchison gave their respective views on the Cambro-Silurian question in the *Quarterly Journal*, considering their influential position as Fellows of the Society, and the long period over which the unfortunate controversy had extended. Enough had now been said; and it is not surprising that the Council should pass a resolution, as Sedgwick has stated, forbidding him henceforth 'to bring before them any paper involving the Classification and Nomenclature of our older Palæozoic rocks.' There appears to be no record of this decision in the Society's books, and probably one of the secretaries was desired to intimate to the professor that further purely controversial matter could not be accepted. Nevertheless, as Sedgwick admitted,<sup>1</sup> he did again 'twice trespass on the forbidden ground of Palæozoic Nomenclature,' in papers subsequently brought before the Society.

At the opening meeting on November 3, of the Session 1852-53, Sedgwick communicated the important paper 'On the separation of the Caradoc Sandstone into two distinct groups, the "May Hill," and the "Caradoc."'

This was duly sent to a referee, and considered at a meeting of the Council on December 1, 1852; present: William Hopkins (president), Dr. Bigsby, Sir R. I. Murchison, Mr. Horner, Mr. Smyth, Professor Ansted, Mr. Greenough, Mr. Austen, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Bowerbank, Mr. S. V. Wood.

That all possible consideration was given to Sedgwick may be judged from the following Council Minutes:—

Professor Sedgwick's paper on the separation of the May Hill and Caradoc Sandstones into two distinct groups was ordered to be re-referred, with the view of specially reporting on the propriety of omitting all the controversial portion of the paper.

On January 5, 1853, it was ordered that Professor Sedgwick be made acquainted with the suggestions contained in the letters of the referees.

On January 19, 1853, Professor Sedgwick's paper, having

<sup>1</sup> Preface to 'Catalogue of Cambrian and Silurian Fossils,' by J. W. Salter, 1873, p. xxix.