

CHAPTER XVI

ATTENDANCE OF LADIES. THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.
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ADMISSION OF LADIES TO MEETINGS—THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY—THE MURCHISON MEDAL—REMOVAL TO BURLINGTON HOUSE—PROPOSALS TO TRANSFER THE MUSEUM—THE LYELL MEDAL—THE BARLOW-JAMESON FUND—THE BIGSBY MEDAL—INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS IN 1888—W. T. BLANFORD—J. W. HULKE—THE PRESTWICH MEDAL—THE DANIEL-PIDGEON FUND—COUNCIL MEETINGS—NUMBER OF FELLOWS—SELECTION OF PAPERS—LITERATURE OF GEOLOGY—BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND INDEXES—CONCLUSION—COUNCIL, 1907

WE are informed by Dr. Henry Woodward that during the years 1860-62, when Mr. Leonard Horner was president, a strong effort was made to render the meetings of the Society more popular and attractive to the general public by the admission of ladies to the meetings.

The Council felt that the proposal to admit the fair sex, although supported by the president, Leonard Horner, and by his son-in-law Sir Charles Lyell, and many others, could not be carried into effect in the apartments of the Society at Somerset House, as the meeting room was inadequate to the probable influx of a large number of visitors.

A special general meeting was therefore held before the ordinary meeting on June 13, 1860, to consider the propriety of holding future meetings of the Society at Burlington House. A resolution in favour of the change was carried, and arrangements were made with the Royal Society and with the University of London, to occupy for the Wednesday evening-meetings the temporary theatre that had been erected in the quadrangle of old Burlington House.