

Geology in King's College, London. He was secretary of the Society from 1864-71, and afterwards president. Another member, and the treasurer from 1868-82, was John Gwyn Jeffreys (1809-85), who had been educated as a solicitor, and was a conchologist, famous for his knowledge of British recent and pleistocene mollusca. He was succeeded as treasurer by the Rev. Thomas Wiltshire (1826-1902), who looked after the financial interests of the Society until 1895. Mr. Wiltshire, who had paid much attention to the Cretaceous mollusca, was honorary secretary of the Palæontographical Society from 1863-99.

The year 1871 was marked by the foundation of

THE MURCHISON MEDAL,

awarded according to the conditions of the Murchison Geological Fund, which was established under the will of Sir Roderick Impey Murchison, Bart., K.C.B., F.R.S.

The following is the description of the medal :—

Obverse—SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B. 1866.

Bust to left ; on truncation of bust, L. C. WYON.

Reverse—SILURIA. Two geological hammers in saltire, between them a trilobite, *Encrinurus punctatus* (above) ; a brachiopod, *Pentamerus Knighti* (on left), a trilobite, *Ampyx nudus* (below) ; and a gasteropod *Euomphalus rugosus* (on right). On either side and below, a border of Graptolites ; beneath, L. C. WYON.

By his will Murchison bequeathed the sum of 1,000*l.* to the Society, to be styled 'The Murchison Geological Fund.'

The annual income thereof was to 'be applied in every consecutive year in such manner as the Council of the said Society may deem most useful in advancing Geological Science, whether by granting sums of money to travellers in pursuit of knowledge, to authors of memoirs, or to persons actually employed in any inquiries bearing upon the science of Geology, or in rewarding any such travellers, authors, or other persons whom such Council may consider deserving of recompense.' He further directed 'that the Council shall in every consecutive year give a bronze cast of the Murchison Medal, executed by Mr. Leonard Wyon,¹ which I have hereafter directed to be annually furnished to the Geological Society, to some person to whom such Council shall grant any sum of money or recompense in respect of Geological Science.'

It has been customary to give the sum of ten guineas with the medal, and the balance as a fund.

¹ The medal is in fact from the same die as that given originally at the Royal School of Mines, and subsequently at the Royal College of Science.