

duplicates were presented to the British Museum, the Museum of Practical Geology, King's College, the University of Cambridge, and the Orphan Working School, Haverstock Hill, London.

A most important task, undertaken in 1891, was the labelling and registration by Mr. C. Davies Sherborn of the type specimens in the Museum ; it was completed in 1899.

In 1895 the president of the Society (Dr. Henry Woodward) remarked that the expansion of the Library 'will eventually call for the transfer of the Museum to another home, and the utilisation of the space now filled with cabinets of fossils by shelves of books.' This question was seriously entertained by the Council, who reported in 1896

that if the Society decided that the maintenance of the collections in their present condition was undesirable, the British Museum (Natural History) would probably be the most satisfactory receptacle for them. The Council have accordingly been in communication with the Trustees of the British Museum, and find that they would be willing to receive such portions of the collections as the Society may wish to transfer to them on the following conditions : The specimens which are types, and those which illustrate papers read before the Society, are to be preserved and maintained apart, and the Trustees will reimburse the Society for the expenses in connection with the transference up to a sum not exceeding 300/.

To consider this matter a special general meeting of the Society was held on May 20, 1896 ; and after a prolonged and somewhat animated discussion 'the previous question' was moved and agreed to, and no further result was attained.

Another special general meeting, to consider the state of the Museum, was held on March 27, 1901, and it was then resolved, 'That in the opinion of this meeting the time has now come when this Society shall transfer its collections to some other museum.' This resolution could not, however, be acted on, as no notice of it had previously been given.