

to thirteen in 1860, and nineteen in 1890 and 1900. On one occasion (June 5, 1861) only two members were present and no business could be transacted. Such an occurrence appears to have been unique.

Between 1885 and 1895 large sums were invested, and the Society was at the end of the year 1895 in possession of investments valued at the considerable sum of 10,943*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.* Other sums have since been invested, but owing to the fall in the price of stock the value of the investments has somewhat decreased. The total value of funded property, at *cost* price, on December 31, 1906, was 11,733*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.*

The total number of members and Fellows elected from the foundation of the Society up to the end of 1906 was 4,603.

The maximum number of Fellows (1,361) was reached in 1881, since which date the number has fallen to 1,252.

Of these, one Fellow, a brother of Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton, and a pupil of Dr. Buckland at Oxford—the Rev. W. H. Egerton, rector of Whitchurch in Shropshire since 1846—was elected in 1832.¹

At the present time, although the total number of Fellows is lower, the number of contributing Fellows is larger than in 1881, the numbers being as follows:—

	1881	1906
Compounders	311	274
Contributing Fellows	791	946
Non-contributing	259	32
	<u>1,361</u>	<u>1,252</u>

Of the present number of Fellows 247 have communicated papers which have been read at one of the Society's meetings.

In 1898 the Council considered the question of referees, and decided that all papers should be referred as soon as convenient after they have been delivered at the

¹ The Rev. W. H. Egerton, writing from Whitchurch, on March 13, 1907, informs us that he is in his ninety-sixth year. His long Fellowship is perhaps unique, exceeding that of the Rev. Leonard Jenyns (afterwards Blomefield, 1800–93), who for more than seventy years was a Fellow of the Linnean Society.