The thanks of the Meeting were then given to the President for his Address, and it was—Resolved unanimously, that the Address be printed and circulated amongst the Members.

Ordinary Meeting, 8th February, 1859.

The Rev. Thomas Wiltshire, M.A., F.G.S., Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following ladies and gentlemen were elected Members of the Association :— Miss Falkner ; Mrs. Wiltshire ; Mrs. Hislop ; W. T. Wakefield, Esq. ; Edmund St. Aubin, Esq. ; G. E. Roberts, Esq. ; M. Moggridge, Esq. ; John Hooker, Jun., Esq. ; Samuel Highley, Esq., F.G.S. ; H. A. Green, Esq. ; J. H. Fuge, Esq., F.R.C.S. ; John Hawkins, Esq. ; G. Grant Francis, Esq. ; H. T. Wood, Esq. ; Gilbert Elliott, Esq. ; Sidney Crawshay, Esq. ; R. W. Williams, Esq. ; Mr. G. West ; Mr. Watson ; S. Salter, Jun., Esq. ; F. G. Rance, Esq. ; Mr. J. E. Price ; H. Pittet, Esq. ; J. H. F. Mitchener, Esq. ; W. C. Mac Laren, Esq. ; E. G. Lobb, Esq. ; Mr. Knight ; Samuel Lobb, Esq., M.A. ; John Henderson, Esq. ; Charles S. Haines, Esq. ; Thomas C. Fothergill, Esq. ; Caleb Evans, Esq. ; David Christie, Esq. ; William Buckwell, Esq. ; James Brunlees, Esq. ; W. P. Bonner, Esq. ; W. G. Bonner, Esq. ; Brackstone Baker, Esq. ; A. Bailey, Esq. ; Dr. S. L. Phipson ; James Pape, Esq.

The Chairman stated that in consequence of the urgent representation of several of the Country Members, in reference to their exclusion from the Ordinary Meetings of the Association, the General Committee had felt it to be their duty to recommend that the rules in that respect be so amended as to admit Country Members to such Meetings, and that a requisition had been signed by six Members, calling on the Secretary to make the next Ordinary Meeting a Special Meeting for the purpose of amending the rules in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee ; and also to alter the day of meeting from the second Tuesday to the first Monday in each month, an alteration which became necessary in providing suitable rooms for the Association.

The Secretary reported the following donations towards the Library and Museum of the Association:—

“The Abstract of the Proceedings of the Geological Society of London, 1858-9.” By T. R. Jones, Esq., F.G.S.

“The Geologist,” for February, 1859. By the Editor, S. J. Mac-
kie, Esq.

“The Flora and Fauna of the Geological Systems.” By G. H.
Morton, F.G.S. From the Author.

“A Treatise on the extraction of the Precious Metals by means
of Mitchell’s Patent Amalgamating Machinery.” From the Author,
J. Mitchell, Esq., F.C.S.

A Collection of Minerals. By Messrs. Mitchell and Rickard.

A Paper was then read by Hyde Clarke, Esq., D.C.L., on “Geo-
logical Surveys of the British Isles” by the Members of the Associa-
tion, in which he sketched out a plan for the organization of local
committees in conjunction with the Association, by which the work
of the Government surveyors and others labouring in the geological
field might be usefully followed up, and supplemented by the bringing
together of new facts, as local circumstances might favour their col-
lection. He adverted to the valuable services which had been ren-
dered to the science by ladies, and mentioned several whose names
were well known as accomplished geologists.

He believed that much remained to be done, in more minute
classification of the strata, &c., by local researches, and that much
good was to be effected by announcements of new minerals, particu-
larly such as would be useful as manures, for building-materials, or
in connexion with the manufactures; as well as by notice of such
operations as new mines, quarries, wells, pits, railways, roads, tun-
nels, &c.; of landslips, observations on springs, on thermal, superficial,
and subterranean waters; electro-magnetic observations on mineral
bodies; earthquakes in particular districts; the rates of erosion on
shores, and of new depositions; the like of river-operations; of
recent and ancient abrasions; and many other particulars, which
would be not only interesting as bearing on points of theoretical
geology, but as likely to throw light on questions of great practical
and economic importance.

From these records Mr. Clarke thought valuable reports might be drawn up, from time to time, which would exhibit the progress of geological knowledge ; and that thus a really useful work would be effected by the Association.

Several promises of Papers were announced.

Ordinary Meeting, 8th March, 1859.

The Rev. Thomas Wiltshire, M.A., F.G.S., in the Chair.

It was stated by Mr. Wakefield, one of the Honorary Secretaries that in consequence of the resignation of the Presidency by Toulmin Smith, Esq., it had devolved upon the General Committee to exercise the power conferred on them by Rule XXXII. for the filling up of vacancies which might occur in the offices of the Association, and that they had accordingly requested the Rev. Thomas Wiltshire, one of the Vice-Presidents, to accept the office of President, and that he had much pleasure in stating that that gentleman had acceded to their request.

The Chair was then taken by the President.

After the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 8th February,

The President stated that it had been considered necessary, in consequence of the urgent representations of several of the Country Members, to rescind Rule V., which excludes Country Members from the Ordinary Meetings, and to vary Rule VI. by the omission of the word "Town" at the beginning. The Rule so altered would then state the privileges of all the Members, whether Town or Country.

The Requisition, duly signed, calling on the Secretary to convene the Meeting with a view to this and to an alteration as to the day of meeting having been read, the question as to rescinding Rule V. and the modification of Rule VI. was put to the vote and carried unanimously.

It was then put to the Meeting that Rule XXIX., as to the