

7. MONTAGUE PLACE,
RUSSELL SQUARE,

23rd November, 1865.

SIR,

The Committee of the Geologists Association have received from Mr. Highley a series of propositions which he thinks are calculated to enlarge the sphere of our Association's usefulness and better to carry out its original objects. Your Committee have felt their importance to be such that they prefer to submit them to the general body, rather than to dispose of them on their own mere motion, and they urgently request your presence at the next Meeting, Tuesday, 5th December, at Seven precisely, for the purpose of obtaining the expression of your opinion, so that if the majority of the Association should adopt Mr. Highley's Propositions, or any of them, action may be taken at the Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, 2nd January, to give them practical effect.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant.

JOHN CUMMING,

Hon. Sec.

[P. T. O.]

- That in order to extend the usefulness of our Association, and carry out its original objects, it is desirable to obtain papers on subjects having a wider range of interest than those to which our attention has hitherto been directed, especially in branches of Natural History illustrating the types of ancient organic life.”
- That for this purpose, our efforts must be directed to enlisting in our ranks Students of all branches of Natural Science, especially men whose professional studies have led them to cultivate those pursuits.”
- That lists of desiderata be prepared and extensively circulated, showing the Members of the Society, and those who may be willing to cooperate with them, what are the subjects upon which information is particularly sought, either by way of papers to be read or Lectures to be delivered—singly or in courses.”
- That a better organization is required of our Field Excursions with a view to increasing the numbers attending, and of deriving more practical benefit from their labours; that for that purpose a Member be requested to undertake the duty of reporting to the Association the results of each Excursion, and that the Members be urgently invited to communicate to such reporter the results of their day’s collection or observation.”
- That it is advisable to arrange beforehand, and advertise a series of Field Excursions at least once a month during the Summer Season, and that suggestions be at once requested from Members as to the locality of each, and the special objects of interest in each branch of **Natural History** to which attention should be directed.”
- That the hour of meeting be changed from Seven to Eight o’Clock in the Evening.”