

THE HISTORY OF THE

ROYAL SOCIETY OF LONDON

FROM ITS INSTITUTION IN 1660 TO THE PRESENT TIME

The first object of the Society was to promote the improvement of natural philosophy, and to that end it was necessary to assemble a number of persons who were qualified to discuss and improve the sciences of nature. The Society was therefore instituted in the year 1660, and from that time it has continued to flourish and increase in numbers and in the extent of its inquiries.

The first meeting of the Society was held on 28th December 1660, at the house of Sir Robert Brouncker, the first president of the Society. The members of the Society were at that time limited to twenty persons, and the first meeting was attended by only a few of the members.

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