

GEOLOGICAL EXCURSIONS.

————— “Let the moon
 Shine on thee in thy solitary walk ;
 And let the misty mountain winds be free
 To blow against thee; and in after years,
 When these wild ecstasies shall be matured
 Into a sober pleasure—when thy mind
 Shall be a mansion for all lovely forms,
 Thy memory be a dwelling place
 For all sweet sounds and harmonies, oh ! then
 If solitude, or fear, or pain, or grief
 Should be thy portion, with what healing thoughts
 Of tender joy wilt thou remember me
 And these my benedictions!’

WORDSWORTH.

I now propose to conduct the reader to a few British localities, and point out the mode of examining geological phenomena in the field, and of collecting organic remains from the rocks and strata; in other words, afford a practical illustration of the advantages to be derived from the knowledge acquired by our previous investigations. But from want of space, only one or two excursions can be described in detail; and I must restrict myself in a great measure, to extracts from my note-book, and