

river only by a precipitous rampart of mountain limestone, the Severn appears as a vast inland sea, bounded in the remote distance by the country around Gloucester, and extending on the right to the Bristol Channel.

Among other interesting geological sites within a few miles of Clifton and Bristol, may be mentioned—

1. Aust Cliff; a section of the Lias, from which many interesting fossils have been procured.

2. Banwell Cave; which is particularly deserving of examination (see p. 857.).

3. Cheddar Cliffs; which are equally interesting to the geologist and to the lover of picturesque scenery. They are about twenty miles from Bristol; and a carriage and pair will be required, if the visitor intends to return the same day. The best arrangement is to visit the cavern at Banwell, and remain in the neighbouring town the following night; and make an excursion to Cheddar Cliffs the next day.

There has lately been opened at Cheddar, a cavern which surpasses in the beauty of its stalactites any hitherto discovered in England. The Rev. W. D. Conybeare states, that it is the only one that at all realizes any idea we have of the far-famed *Grotto of Antiparos*. My friend, Rickman Ross, Esq., who visited it last summer, informs me that it consists of one grand arch, or porch, and three or