

ference in my estimation; its elevated situation, its seclusion from the noise and bustle of the village, and its bowers, and hedge-rows of sweet-briar and roses, imparting a character of sylvan beauty to the spot, peculiarly grateful to the traveller who wishes to enjoy a quiet sojourn at Matlock Dale.* The local guide-books afford the necessary information to direct the visitor to the celebrated picturesque spots of this beautiful region; our immediate object is to point out the most important geological phenomena.†

GEOLOGICAL POSITION OF MATLOCK DALE.—That the reader may clearly comprehend the geological character of the romantic district in which he is now situated, we will briefly enumerate the several formations over which we passed, in our rapid transit from London; by the aid of Professor Phillips's geological map, the following description will be easily comprehended.

Our route from the metropolis commenced from the centre of the *Tertiary* strata, upon which London is situated (p. 32. *Wond.* p. 214.), and

* I may add, as additional recommendations, the excellent accommodation afforded, and the civility and attention of the hostess, Mrs. Evans.

† The book entitled "*The Gem of the Peak*," by W. Adams, price 1s.; and "*Brief Remarks on the Geology and Botany of Derbyshire*," by the same author, price 1s., will be found to contain much valuable information. The "*Derbyshire Tourist's Guide*," with plates, 1 vol. 8vo., by E. Rhodes, Esq., price 6s., is a delightful hand-book.