

road from Leicester ascends a ridge of Triassic, or new red strata, called Birstal Hill, from whence there is a fine view of the town. In the meadows on the left, some ruined walls, covered with ivy, mark the site, and are the only remains of the Abbey, in which Cardinal Wolsey expired. Approaching MOUNT SOREL, an abrupt hill, with a mill on the summit, denotes, from a considerable distance, the geological character of the spot. There is a small Inn in the village, where accommodation may be procured. Visit the quarries, and also the establishment of Mr. Jackson, where the granite is worked into pillars, sideboards, &c.*

The hill is about 120 feet in height, and 1,400 yards long; and is estimated to contain about two hundred millions of cubic feet of workable granite, above the general level of the district.†

III. SWITHLAND. *Cambrian strata, or Slate-rocks.*—From Mount Sorel proceed to Swithland: as we approach the quarries, the employment of slate for every available purpose, in the footpaths, walls of cottages, &c., indicates the abundance of this material in the neighbourhood. At Swithland, the quarries are very extensive, and expose magnificent

* An interesting account of this manufactory will be found in Sir Richard Phillips's "PERSONAL TOUR."

† The granite resembles that of Aberdeen, but contains a larger proportion of felspar.