

Alkborough, whence the united streams flow on, and empty themselves into the German Ocean.

At Derby, where the train arrives at half-past five, half an hour is allowed for dinner; and we then proceed by the *North Midland* line, by Duffield, and Belper, through a beautiful valley watered by the Derwent, which is seen winding its way towards Derby. The high grounds skirting this valley are composed of the millstone-grit, and sandstone of the Carboniferous system (see p. 41.). Ten miles beyond Derby, we arrive at Amber Gate station, where an omnibus and other conveyances are in waiting, to convey passengers to Cromford and Matlock.*

The road from Amber Gate, leads through a succession of picturesque scenes of surpassing beauty. At Whatstandwell-bridge† (see *Lign.* 165.), over which the Derwent is crossed, the view is most imposing. The river is seen rapidly pursuing its course between richly wooded ravines, fringed with

* As it frequently happens that more passengers are brought by the train, than the omnibus or coach can convey, some activity is necessary to secure an outside place, which it is most desirable for the geological tourist to possess, that he may command a good view of the splendid scenery, which will be constantly opening on his sight, through the romantic pass that leads to Matlock.

† HOTSTANWELL in the guide-books; *Whatstandwell* in the Ordnance Map.