

similar phenomena in the volcanic regions of Italy. “How marvellous are those laws, by which even the humblest types of organic existence are preserved, though born amidst the sources of their destruction; and by which a species of immortality is given to generations, floating, as it were, like evanescent bubbles on a stream raised from the deepest caverns of the earth, and instantly losing what may be called its spirit in the atmosphere !”*

VISIT TO THE CAVERN OF THE HIGH TOR.— After the visitor has taken a general view of the romantic scenery around him, a visit to the cavern at the foot of the High Tor will enable him to comprehend the nature of those physical changes which have imparted to this district its picturesque character. Descending into the valley, and passing northwards, through the only street in Matlock Bath, along the banks of the Derwent, which are beautifully overshadowed by copses and forest trees, the bold cliff of mountain limestone, called the High Tor, the most imposing feature in the dale, suddenly appears on the right bank of the river. This rock rises to the height of four hundred feet; the upper half forming a bare and nearly perpendicular wall of limestone; the lower portion being concealed by brushwood and luxuriant foliage to the river's edge. At this spot, a rude wooden

* “Consolations in Travel; or, the Last Days of a Philosopher;” by Sir Humphrey Davy. See also *Wond.* p. 416.