

We have already pointed out the curved position of the strata on the face of the *Church Tor*.

EXCURSION TO CRICH HILL. — The appearances observable at the High Tor, are of so striking a character, and involve the consideration of so many interesting phenomena relating to the physical mutations which this district has undergone, that it is desirable, while they are strongly impressed upon the mind, to take an excursion to CRICH, a few miles to the south-east of Matlock. Here there is an entire mountain of limestone, formed by a protrusion of numerous strata many hundred feet in thickness, through the once superincumbent beds of millstone grit and sandstone, into a dome-shaped mass, upwards of 800 feet high. And there it stands, a stupendous monument of one of the past revolutions of the globe, with its arches of rifted rock, supported by a central mound of erupted mineral matter, now cooled down into an amorphous mass of compact basalt! Were there no other object of interest near Matlock, Crich Hill would alone render it worthy of resort.

From the heights above our hotel, looking towards the south-east, a mountain remarkable for its elevation, and obtusely conical configuration, and distinguished by a tower on the summit, forms a striking object on the horizon, at an apparent distance of three or four miles—this is CRICH HILL; and on the same range, to the right, is seen the church-spire of Crich village (see *Lign.* 164.).