

of the Cambrian, or Slate system—and, lastly, Granite, Sienite, Porphyry, and other modifications of the plutonic or igneous rocks. The present notes refer to two or three days spent in exploring the country around Leicester, and in examining the granite of Mount Sorel*—the slate quarries of Swithland—the sienitic crags of Bardon Hill—the porphyritic masses of Markfield, and Grooby—and the coal-mines of Whitwick. On our previous excursion by railway to Leicester, (see Excursion to Matlock, p. 934.), the order of the succession of the strata from the metropolis to that town was described; on this occasion it will only be requisite to direct the traveller's attention to the abrupt isolated hills, by Hinckley, Grooby, and the craggy peaks of Charnwood Forest, in the distance, on the left of the railroad, before reaching Leicester. If a pedestrian excursion be resolved upon, three or four days at least will be required to follow the route presently pointed out; in a carriage and pair, it may be accomplished in a long summer's day, by starting from Leicester at six, and returning by ten or eleven.†

* SOREL, a corruption of *Soar Hill*, or hill on the river Soar.

† It may be well to remind the visitor that at Leicester, the following objects are worthy of notice:—the Roman Milestone, now placed in the High-street; the remains of the Roman Wall; and the Blue Boar Hotel, where Richard III. slept the night before the battle of Bosworth.