

cality most striking ; and the alteration of the limestone in contact is very analogous to that produced by trap veins on calcareous strata. This verification of his system filled him with delight, and called forth such marks of joy and exultation, that the guides who accompanied him, says his biographer, were convinced that he must have discovered a vein of silver or gold."

There are various other objects interesting to the geologist on this track through the property of the Duke of Atholl. We understand that when Agassiz was last in this country, he accompanied to the locality an Edinburgh professor, well known both in the worlds of letters and of science, with the intention of visiting a quarry on the grounds of his Grace ; but, on addressing his Grace for permission, there was no answer returned to his letter, and the distinguished foreigner had to turn back disappointed, to say how much more liberally he had ever been dealt with elsewhere, and to contrast, not very favourably for our country, the portion of *liberty* doled out to even the learned and celebrated among the Scottish people, with that enjoyed under the comparably free and kindly despotisms of the Continent. The incident happily illustrates the taste and understanding of his Grace the Duke of Atholl, and intimates the kind of measures which the public should keep with such a man. If the Scottish people yield up to his Grace their right of way through Glen Tilt, they will richly deserve to be shut out of their country altogether : and be it remarked, that to this state of things matters are fast coming with regard to the Scottish Highlands. It is said of one of the Queens of England, that in a moment of irritation she threatened to make Scotland a hunting-park ; and we know that the tyranny of the Norman Conqueror did actually produce such a result over extensive tracts of England. The formation of the New Forest is instanced by all our historians as one of the most despotic