

Septaria were abundant in the clay, many of which contained drift-wood, bored by the *Teredo*, one contained a *Nautilus regalis* as a nucleus, and several exhibited the usual crystallizations of calcite, heavy spar, and iron pyrites. Selenite, however, was very scarce in the clay, being found only in small crystals, and these by no means numerous.

VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF PRACTICAL GEOLOGY, MARCH 21ST, 1872.

Director :—PROFESSOR MORRIS, F.G.S.

On assembling in the Great Hall of the Museum, the Members were addressed by Professor Morris, who prefaced a descriptive lecture on the Minerals contained in the great horse-shoe case by some valuable general remarks on minerals, their composition and classification, more especially noticing those which enter into the composition of rocks, and which, compared with the number of described minerals, are remarkably few, probably not more than thirty or forty altogether.

The arrangement of the minerals in this museum is exceedingly simple as well as most useful to the geological mineralogist, since it is one founded upon a classification according to *bases*. Thus, all the Carbons are together, including diamonds, coal, anthracite, bitumens, graphite, amber, &c. All the Limes, the carbonates, the sulphates, and the phosphates; then all the Silicas, including the agates, quartz, cairngorm, &c.

At the conclusion of a very instructive lecture, a vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Professor Morris.

EXCURSION TO MAIDSTONE, APRIL 2ND, 1872.

Directors :—PROFESSOR T. RUPERT JONES, F.G.S., &c., Professor TENNANT, F.G.S., and W. H. BENSTED, Esq.

On arriving at Maidstone, the party was met by W. Bensted, Esq., jun., and conducted to the "Charles Museum." This, the free public museum of the town, is in a fine old manor house, now being enlarged and renovated. Many of the rooms are filled with a miscellaneous collection of antiquities, pictures, and other objects