VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF PRACTICAL GEOLOGY.

APRIL 21ST, 1873.

Director—ROBERT ETHERIDGE, Esq., F.R.S.

This, the first evening visit of the Association to a Museum, was intended to afford a convenient opportunity to Members to make themselves acquainted with the arrangement, and, to a certain extent, with the contents of this national depository for the fossils of the British Islands.

On the visitors assembling they were conducted by Mr. Etheridge to the lower of the two galleries which encircle the Great Hall, and which contain the Palæontological Collection.

The fossils are exclusively British, and the arrangement is stratigraphical. It will at once be seen, therefore, that the student may find without difficulty the prevailing fossils of any formation, the palæontological characteristics of which he may be desirous of studying. In addition to this simple and very advantageous arrangement, the linear extension of the cases is so great that a zoological classification of the fossils of each formation or *System* is carried out with considerable completeness. Little is left, therefore, to the student to desire in this beautiful Museum, with which every lover of Geology ought to make himself intimately acquainted.

Mr. Etheridge described generally the fauna of each geological System as represented by the contents of the cases brought under the notice of the visitors, commencing with Cambrian and Silurian fossils and ending with the organic remains from the latest deposits. The party were afterwards shown the method of registering the specimens found by the officers of the Geological Survey, the completeness and elaboration of which surprised the visitors not a little, and they testified their gratification at what they had seen and heard during the evening by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Etheridge, to whom geological students are so much indebted.

EXCURSION TO CHARLTON.

APRIL 26TH, 1873.

Director—Professor MORRIS, F.G.S.

The well-known section at Charlton showing the junction of the English Secondaries and Tertiaries was first visited. Professor Morris, after pointing out to the large party assembled around him