VISIT TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM.

MARCH 24th, 1874.

Directors :—Professor MASKELYNE, F.R.S., and Professor MORRIS
F.G.S.

On assembling at the Museum, the Members proceeded to the Mineralogical Department, where they were received by the Chief of the Department, Professor Maskelyne, who described a portion of the collection under his charge, especially noticing the rock-forming minerals.

The various forms of Silica, uncombined, notably Rock Crystal, Quartz, and Opal, were first noticed, and the splendid collection of crystals illustrating this group of minerals received due attention.

The Earthy Carbonates were subsequently described, and after directing attention to the Hornblendic and Augitic groups, which, in common with every other class of minerals, are admirably represented in our great National Museum, the Professor dwelt upon the similarity of these two groups of minerals, which yet were characterised by important differences.

EXCURSION TO OXFORD.

APRIL 6th and 7th, 1874.

Directors :—Professor PHILLIPS, F.R.S., F.G.S., &c.,
and JAMES PARKER, Esq., F.G.S.

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The party, consisting of numerous Members from the metropolis, and several from other parts of England, met in the New University Museum at noon. They were there most cordially received by Professor Phillips, who at once proceeded to announce the programme for the day.

This was a preliminary sketch in the Lecture-room by the Professor on the geology of the Middle Oolites, as developed in the neighbourhood of Oxford; demonstration by the Professor of the local collection in the Museum illustrating the above; lunch at the Professor's private residence; a walk to Shotover, under the guidance of Mr. Parker; tea and conversazione at the Professor's private residence in the evening.

On the assembling of the party in the Lecture-room, an exten-