

EXCURSION TO NORTHAMPTON.

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, TO TUESDAY, MAY 19TH, 1891.

Directors: BEEBY THOMPSON, F.C.S., F.G.S., AND WALTER D. CRICK.*(The Report of this Excursion is deferred)*

EXCURSION TO WEST SURREY.

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH, 1891.

Director: W. H. HUDLESTON, M.A., F.R.S., F.G.S., &c.

The morning broke unfavourably, so that only a limited number of the Members appeared at Virginia Water station, where the rendezvous had been fixed for twelve noon. The afternoon was fine, and, as the atmosphere had been cleared by the rain, the conditions were unusually favourable for an excursion in this picturesque district.

The party proceeded to examine the cutting in the Lower Bagshots close to the station, where the conditions are sandy and present no especial features, beyond some small and irregular pebble-beds, which are not usual in the Lower Bagshots of West Surrey. The boring at the Holloway Asylum, close to the station, shows the following sequence:—

	Ft.
Bagshot Sands and Passage beds	110
London Clay	329
Reading Beds, &c.	86
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Total above the Chalk	525

The hill on which this great building is situated, forms part of the high ground that flanks the Thames Valley flats on the borders of Surrey and Berkshire. The roots of all these hills, as they spring somewhat abruptly out of the plain, consist of London Clay. The north end of the cutting was visited with the hope that some indications of the so-called Passage Beds might be seen. But, though the line where argillaceous strata are succeeded by arenaceous may be fairly traced on the hill-side as a natural feature, in the cutting itself the junction is grassed over and obscured.

The Director, whilst indicating the chief objects of the Excursion, admitted that, in some respects, the geology of the district was not particularly interesting, save to the limited number who