

On the Caverns of Burrington Combe,

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IN accordance with a plan for the systematic exploration of the Mendip Hills, which I had been carrying on for the last five years, Mr. W. Ayshford Sanford and myself resolved to examine the Caverns of Burrington Combe, and this we were enabled to carry out by the courtesy of the owner, Lord William Paulett.

I.—The formation of Combes on those deep gorges in the limestone, which are the glory of Somersetshire, is a question fraught with great difficulty, and to be solved in one way only—by causes still in operation. And of such causes, the only ones adequate to such grand results are—the passage of water wearing away the rocks over which it