

GLOSSARY.

- Micaceous* Containing mica.
- Miocene* Middle tertiary strata.
- Molares* Grinding teeth.
- Mollusca* Soft animals—destitute of a bony structure, as the oyster.
- Monitor* A genus of lizards, inhabiting the tropics.
- Monocotyledonous*.. Plants having seeds with but one lobe.
- Multilocular*..... Many-chambered shells, as the nautilus.
- Muschelkalk* A limestone of the New red sandstone formation.
- Nacreous* Pearly.
- Neuroptera* Insects having wings finely nerved, as the dragon-fly.
- New red sandstone* A group of strata lying between the magnesian limestone and the lias.
- Nodule* A rounded mineral mass, as flint.
- Normal* Natural, or original condition.
- Nucleus* A kernel, or point round which other materials collect.
- Nummulite* An extinct multilocular shell, resembling a coin.
- Obsidian* Glassy lava.
- Occiput* The back part of the skull.
- Old red sandstone* A group of strata lying between the carboniferous and Silurian systems.
- Oolite* Limestone composed of an aggregation of spheroidal grains.
- Ornithorhynchus* ... A genus of animals having the mouth produced into a beak like a bird.
- Orthoceratite*..... A straight multilocular extinct shell.
- Ossicula* Small bones.
- Ovate* Egg-shaped.
- Oxide* The combination of oxygen with any metallic substance.
- Pachydermata* Thick-skinned animals, as the rhinoceros, elephant, &c.
- Palæontology* The science which treats of extinct animals.
- Paleotherium* Extinct quadruped allied to the tapir.
- Paludina* A fresh-water snail.
- Pectunculus* A genus of bivalve shells, resembling the common *arca*.
- Peperino* A volcanic conglomerate.
- Petroleum* Mineral oil.
- Pisolitic*..... Having a structure resembling peas, agglutinated together.
- Planorbis* A genus of fresh-water shells, of a discoidal form.
- Polyparia* Corals.
- Porphyry* An ancient igneous rock.
- Precipitate* The chemical separation, and deposit in a solid form, of a substance held in solution by water.
- Producta* A genus of extinct bivalve shells, found in the older secondary rocks.
- Pterodactyle*..... An extinct winged reptile.
- Pumice* Light spongy, or porous lava.
- Pyriform* Pear-shaped.
- Pyrites* Sulphuret of iron.
- Pyrogenous* Igneous, applied to ancient melted rocks.