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The name and address of each visitor are required to be inserted in a book, which is kept for that purpose at the entrance of the Museum.

The Office of Mining Records, adjoining the Museum, may be seen on application to Mr. T. B. JORDAN, who is daily in attendance, subject to such regulations as may be necessary in order to afford suitable accommodation for the examination of plans, models, &c., as described in pages 9 and 49 of the following work.

These valuable institutions are in the department of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Woods and Forests, and are placed by them under the immediate control of SIR HENRY DE LA BECHE, as Director.—Mr. RICHARD PHILLIPS, F.R.S., is the Curator of the Museum, and Mr. T. B. JORDAN, the Keeper of Mining Records.

The following account has been drawn up and published, from a conviction that this Museum eminently deserves to be extensively known, inasmuch as it is not less important for

the objects sought to be attained, than it is interesting and instructive from the varied and popular nature of its contents. The author has much pleasure in acknowledging the facilities and information rendered by the above-named gentlemen, and also some other valuable communications, which are noticed in the following pages.

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