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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Whitby Museum.

THE Editor has great pleasure in calling attention to the appeal printed below on behalf of the building fund for a new Museum in his native place. It is well known to all geologists that the Whitby Museum contains an unrivalled collection of fossils from the Lias, among other valuable items. This collection is at present housed in the top floor only of a building most inadequate in size and situated in a very crowded part of the town. The lower part of the building is used for various other purposes, the stairs are narrow, and in case of fire it would be impossible to save anything. The opportunity now offers itself for the construction of a museum worthy of the collections, on a most suitable site, and with accommodation sufficient for their proper display and preservation. The Editor earnestly hopes that many geologists will see their way to send a subscription towards this most laudable object.

The Trustees of the Whitby Museum are issuing an urgent appeal for funds to enable them to build a new house for their great collection of Saurians and other fossils, which is perhaps unequalled by any in the world, and includes Martin Simpson's collection of Ammonites, of which a few, one hundred and seventeen in number, have been illustrated in Mr. S. S. Buckman's work on *Type Ammonites*.

There is probably no other town that has a better collection of local exhibits and relics, including those relating to Captain Cook, the whole being housed in the present most inadequate building where they cannot be properly seen and appreciated.

The site for a new Museum has now been offered by the Trustees of the Pannett Park, adjoining the new Art Gallery, now almost completed. An appeal therefore is made to all who are interested for funds to carry on the work, one thousand pounds being needed in addition to the funds already in the hands of the Trustees.

Any donations forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Charles Wright, Bank Chambers, Whitby, Yorks., will be duly acknowledged.

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