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pride of the rulers of the world. The marble is highly crystalline, and occurs in the following colours: white, bluish white, white with yellow veins, white with blue veins, and white with blue spots, having almost a brecciated appearance. All traces of stratification are obliterated, but in a few cavities are some fine specimens of concentric crystalline calc-spar. Exploring the hills beyond I found several more quarries, but all worked downwards from the top, not from the side of the hill like the one to which my guide had led me. As far as I could ascertain, this mass of marble was entirely surrounded by trachytic hills, to which it owes its crystalline and altered characters.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Hamilton, *op. cit.*