

THIRTY-SEVENTH REPORT OF THE BARROW COMMITTEE.

THIRTY-SEVENTH REPORT of the Committee—consisting of the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, Mr. R. Burnard, Rev. J. F. Chanter, and Mr. R. Hansford Worth (Secretary)—appointed to collect and record facts relating to Barrows in Devonshire, and to take steps, where possible, for their investigation.

Edited by R. HANSFORD WORTH, Secretary of the Committee.

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KISTVAENS IN THE ERME VALLEY.

PURSUANT to the closing words of the last Report details are now given of a kistvaen in the Erme Valley, which will not be found marked on the latest Ordnance Survey.

It has already been mentioned in the fourteenth report of this Committee (1892), and was there by the present Secretary's slip erroneously described as being on the hill above Hortonsford Bottom.

This error appears also in his paper in the "Erme, Yealm and Torry," published in the *Transactions of the Plymouth Institution*, 1891-2. How the mistake arose cannot now be guessed, but it has passed unnoticed until recently.

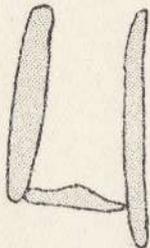
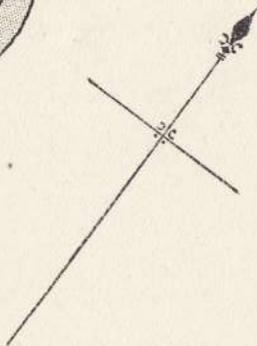
The kistvaen lies on Stall Down in longitude $3^{\circ} 55' 34\frac{1}{2}''$ W. and latitude $50^{\circ} 27' 8\frac{1}{2}''$ N. If a line is drawn through the south end of the Stall Down stone row and the circle which breaks the length of the row and produced 2680 feet to the north beyond the circle, it will terminate about 80 feet east of the kistvaen. But this approximate alignment, while useful for locating the position on the map, has no possible purposeful intent, since only the northern termination of the stone row is visible from the kistvaen.

STALLDOWN.

lon. $3^{\circ}-55'-34\frac{1}{2}''$

lat. $50^{\circ}-27'-8\frac{1}{2}''$

Scale 4 feet to 1 inch.



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Both the coverstone and the north end stone of the kist have been removed and cannot be traced. The side stones and the south end stone all lean inwards. The dimensions of the kist at the existing floor level are, south end 2 ft. 3 ins. wide, north end 1 ft. 7½ ins. wide, probable original length about 3 ft. 6 ins. The direction of the length is N. 32° W. (true), and this is consistent with the usual orientation to some point in the N.W. quadrant.

The kistvaen stands in a barrow, five stones of the retaining circle of which are still erect, and one has fallen; none of these stones are large, the largest is 3 ft. 4 ins. in width by 2 ft. 7 ins. in height, three of the others are very small. The diameter of the retaining circle varies from 20 feet to 22 feet.

A plan accompanies this report.

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