

THE STONE ROWS OF DARTMOOR.

PART IV.

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It seems quite possible that this heading may be a hardy annual for some years to come, so far, at least, as the supply of material is concerned; and we have still to add to our list, the recorded total now consisting of forty-six—forty more of the Batworthy and Fernworthy examples are independent. This year's addition consists of one single row and one double.

Ramsley.

There is absolute evidence of the existence of stone rows at Ramsley, above South Zeal. They were destroyed some five-and-twenty years ago for works in connection with the Ramsley Mine, and only a few of the smaller and less important stones remain. Mr. George French, who was working at Ramsley at the time, recollects their existence. A circle called "Eight Stones" also stood on the shoulder of the Moor above Sticklepath. The stones varied from eight feet in height to six feet; and the circle was destroyed when the surrounding part of the down was enclosed.

Trendlebeere Down.

A single stone row was found by the Rev. G. B. Berry on Trendlebeere Down, in January last, adjoining the road from Yarner Wells to Manaton. I am indebted to Mr. R. Burnard, who visited it with the finder, and the Rev. S. Baring-Gould for the following notes:—

The row starts from a ruined cairn, 50ft. diameter, used by road makers, and is 340ft. long; eighteen stones, mostly

fallen. At end are four stones so disposed that they *may* form part of circle; but this, without digging, is purely speculative. Beyond 340ft. are other stones, but whether continuation of row or not we could not determine.

Orientation—Almost due S. to N., a little E. of N., mag.

The stones are 2ft. to 3ft. long.

Cosdon Beacon.

The triple stone row on Cosdon Beacon, which was described by me for the first time in 1892, has this year been carefully examined by the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, and planned by Mr. R. Hansford Worth. As far as possible, missing stones have been replaced, and there is now, therefore, hope that this very interesting monument, which was greatly in danger from the operations of the surface quarrymen, may be preserved. I am more strongly confirmed in my suggestion as to the double origin of the row, and my dissociation of the kistvaen from the northern line.

These rows have been examined and described in the Third Report of the Dartmoor Exploration Committee.