

## THIRTY-NINTH REPORT OF THE BARROW COMMITTEE.

THIRTY-NINTH REPORT of the Committee—consisting of the Rev. S. Baring-Gould, the late 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.

(Read at Totnes, 21st July, 1920.)

YOUR Committee has this year sustained a great loss in the death of Mr. Robert Burnard, F.S.A. Patient, thorough and skilful, a pioneer in certain branches of local archaeology, he brought to the work of the Committee exceptional assistance and to his colleagues the pleasure of association with a charming personality. His contributions to our Reports were many and important; his advice must long be irreplaceable. Mr. Burnard's work for the Association will find more adequate record elsewhere, but we cannot close this brief reference to its value without an expression of sincere grief that it is ended.

### KISTVAEN ON VIXEN TOR.

A kistvaen, hitherto unmapped and unrecorded, is to be found a little to the north of Vixen Tor, not far from the enclosure wall. The six-inch quarter sheet on which it should be marked is, Devonshire, CVI, N.W.; and its position, *long.*  $4^{\circ} 3' 27\frac{1}{2}''$ , *lat.*  $50^{\circ} 33' 2''$ .

The east side, and the south end of the kist lean inwards, and the north end is slightly defective. The original internal dimensions would, however, appear to have been about 4 ft. by 1 ft. 9 in. One side stone is 5 feet in length, and the other is over 4 ft. 10 ins. in length. The

VIXEN TOR.

lon.  $4^{\circ}-3'-27\frac{1}{2}''$   
lat.  $50^{\circ}-33'-2''$



*Scale 1 inch to 1 foot.*

present depth below the top of the side stones is 13 inches, but excavation would probably show the original depth to be at least twice this.

The cover stone, or a part of it, for it seems to have been in two parts, leans against the south corner of the kist.

The direction of length is N.  $27^{\circ} 20'$  W., and consistent with the usual orientation in that it lies within the N.W. quadrant. (See plan.)

Although unrecorded, this kistvaen was known to the Rev. H. H. Breton.

#### BARROW ON BARN HILL, WHITCHURCH COMMON.

There is on the northern slope of Barn Hill, not far from the third milestone from Tavistock on the Tavistock-Princetown road, a barrow which has hitherto escaped record. It has a diameter of 30 feet and lies in *long.*  $4^{\circ} 4' 32''$  and *lat.*  $50^{\circ} 23' 20\frac{1}{2}''$ . The Sheet number of the six-inch Ordnance Survey is, Devon, CVI, N.W.

One hundred and twenty feet to the west of this barrow is a bank, the direction of which is N.  $6^{\circ} 40'$  E. Through this bank certain stones stand up, which may be the stones of a row, and two large stones standing with their length athwart the bank may perhaps be the sides of a ruined kistvaen. To definitely ascertain the nature of these remains excavation is needed.