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July. surrounded by the still visible remains of a mound, about thirty yards in diameter. It would appear that the slabs were procured from the neighbouring lake, as its bottom was of sand stone, lying split in long flat fragments. About a mile and a half beyond this place is a gently rising little hill, on which are five or six large and perfectly conical tumuli; and also a circular space of about one hundred and twenty yards diameter, surrounded by a ditch. Within this enclosure were a quantity of the same upright slabs of stone as the first we saw, and ranged round its inner limits. On one side of the circle many were wanting, but on the southern verge several yet stood, and in one part six were together.

From some Stromness people I learnt that there were several other Druidical remains on the island, but that one of the most perfect circles of upright slabs had been rooted up by a sacrilegious farmer, for the purpose of adding their small scite to his already extensive cultivated grounds.

Returning homewards, we made several ineffectual attempts at various little huts to procure something to eat, but all the inmates declared they had nothing better than meal and water to offer us.