

the insular Continent." Joyce, in his *Irish Names of Places* (vol. 1, p. 420), states that *Sceilig* (skellig), according to O'Reilly, means a rock. The form *Scillie* occurs in Cormac's Glossary in the sense of splinter of stone, and O'Donovan, in the *Four Masters*, translates *Sceillie* sea-rock." I am disposed to believe that the Gaelic word *sgaoil*, to spread or scatter, enters into *Scilly*, and that the Scilly Isles were so designated in consequence of their scattered appearance. It is true that Scilly is likewise regarded as equivalent to *Sulley*, and that thus construed the term means *flat rocks of the sun* (lehaul sul).

Gaelic roots appear in the Topography of the Scilly Isles, e. g. :—  
*Bryher*, *bre braigh*, brae ; *hir shior*, long.

*Tean*, *tiadhan*, a little hill.

*Pool*, *poll*, a hole, mud.

*Carn Morval*, *CARN*, a heap ; *mor*, large ; *baile*, town.

*Peninnis Head*, *ceann*, head ; *innis*, island.

*Carraigstarne*, *carraig*, a rock ; *stairn*, noise.

*Carnlea*, *carn*, heap ; *liath*, hoary.

*Tolmen Point*, *toll*, a hole.

*Porth Minick*, *port*, a harbour ; *manach*, monk.

*Port Hellick* (the bay in which the body of Sir Cloudesley Shovel was washed ashore) is derived from *port*, a harbour, and *sheilich*, *seileach*, a willow tree.

*Drumrock*, *druim*, a ridge.

Sufficient evidence has, I trust, been adduced to prove, that the Topography of Damnonia is fundamentally Gaelic ; and that before the arrival or the distinctive existence of the Cymry, Celts who spoke Gaelic inhabited the south-west of England in such numbers and for such a length of time, as to give to the streams and hills and headlands those names which have come down to our own day, and which still reveal their own Gaelic lineage.

Many attempts have been made to explain the Etymology of the word *Britain*. Betham is of the opinion that the Phœnicians gave the name *Briteen* (*brith*, painted, and *daoine*, men) to the people whom they found in Britain ; and that the word *Britain* is compounded of *brit*, painted, and *tana*, country, the meaning thus being *the country of the painted people*. It has also been maintained that *Britain* derives its name from *Prydain*, the first legendary King of Britain, after whom the island was called *Ynys Prydain*, *The Island*.