

the *western* settlement of Greenland, where he died during the winter.

"The next year one Thorfinn, a person of great substance, of illustrious lineage, and Irish descent, took his departure from Greenland for those remote south-westerly regions. His ships, three in number, after encountering the usual amount of sea obstacles, reached the place described by the preceding adventurers, namely, Helluand and Markland (the latter about three days' sail from the former), where they made some tarry, and afterwards, steering towards the south, came upon Vinland, or land of grapes, which refreshing and delicious fruit they found in abundance. Having fulfilled his mission, Thorfinn bade farewell to Vinland, leaving it on the left, and so retracing his course along shore, touched successively at Markland, 'the land of thick woods,' and at Hellulan remarkable for its icebergs, slate rocks, and foxes, and after some weeks' sailing on the ocean, arrived once more in safety at Ericsford, in Greenland."

Such are some of the accounts, handed down to us through the medium of ancient manuscripts, of voyages athwart the Atlantic by the Scandinavian Northmen. That they are worthy of credence can scarcely be doubted, after the unqualified admission of the illustrious individuals who compose the association before referred to.

Assuming Markland to be identical with our