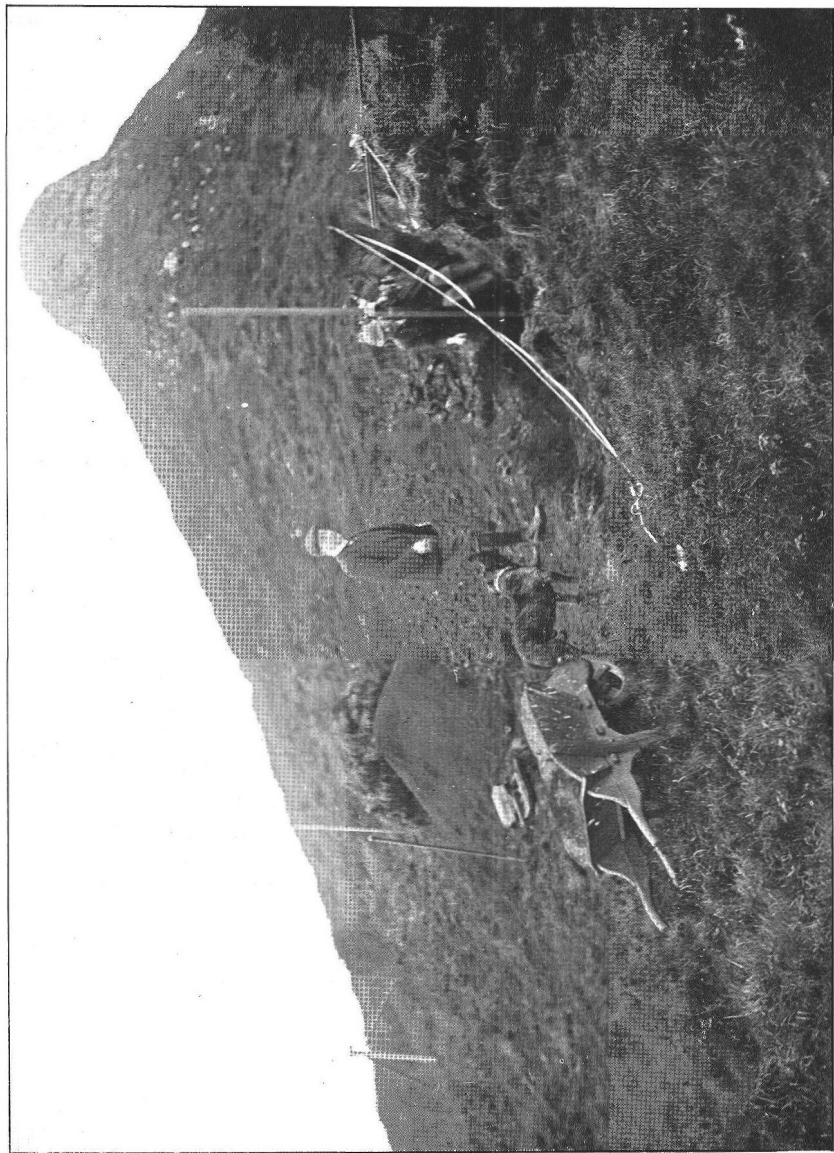


Editorial Notes.

Excavations.—It is probably within the memory of our readers that a fund was opened by the Society some years ago for excavating the Roman Camp at Brough. The small balance was put aside for the general purpose of excavations, and so far has not, I believe, been touched. It is, however, too insignificant a sum for doing any real work. An appeal was therefore made in volume xxxi., p. 95, of this *Journal* for further sums, but with no result, and I again ask members of the Society to help forward this most interesting work by sending a contribution to the Treasurer. Unaided by the Society's funds, some considerable excavation work has been accomplished by various people, the results of which have appeared in the last few volumes of this *Journal*. Occasionally little or no result is the outcome of much laborious digging, as was the case at Repton not long since, when what has always been known as the Buries Field was most thoroughly investigated, under the direction of Mr Gerald Simpson, an expert who has won his experience in Northumberland. Thirteen trenches in and out of the supposed camp and through the mounds were cut without any trace that the site had been either in Roman or Danish occupation. A few pieces of pottery and a coin of the date of Charles I. were among the finds, but nothing of any significance—which must have been a great disappointment to the Reptonian antiquaries. In addition to this some work was accomplished by Mr. Matthews on Thorpe Cloud. Having obtained the sanction of the gate owners, he proceeded himself to re-open a hollow near the summit of Thorpe Cloud (as shown in the illustration), with very disappointing results, owing to the fact that somebody had been there first. Before beginning



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his work, Mr. Matthews had a photograph taken showing the place untouched. He then took a longitudinal section, with cross-sections at every five feet. The ground showed signs of having been disturbed. All the material was passed through a riddle, with the result that about a dozen small pieces of pottery were found. Five of these have been fitted together, and appear to be part of the neck and shoulders of a wide-mouthed vessel. Although the other fragments were not all found together, they probably belong to the same vessel.

Two bits of metal were among the finds, one a spike of copper about $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. long, possibly the pin of a brooch, and the other a scrap of very thin metal—brass or copper alloyed with gold—enamelled black on one side. The reports current in the place point to the possibility of caves and rock-holes. Moreover, ferrets turned in on the banks of the Dove have found their way to the other side of the hill, a quarter of a mile away.

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