

Nor can we separate this people as known to the Romans from any earlier and more strictly aboriginal race. It is true that our tumuli disclose remains of Britons very unequally advanced in the arts of peace and war—men who tipped their arrows with flint, and employed hammers of stone, as well as others who were acquainted with bronze and iron. But the ages of stone, bronze, and iron, however distinctly marked they may appear to be in Scandinavia, are not so firmly separated here, as to give any well-grounded hope of thus defining a Pre-Brigantian race. Nor have the few examples of authentic British crania which have been procured by the opening of the tumuli, yet afforded any clear testimony of successive *races* of early British inhabitants. The Brigantes may have been settlers among an earlier population, but we have no sure evidence of it, and the facts known appear quite reconcilable with the hypothesis of gradual change in the condition and customs of a long-settled and numerous tribe.

LANGUAGE.

The language of the Brigantes remains in their own name, the names of their cities and chiefs, and the unforgotten designations of some of their mountains and rivers. The Anglian invaders extinguished much, but some evidence remains, and that is decisive. Taking first the rivers, we find the following characteristic names and explanations in British, Gaelic, and Erse (chiefly from Chalmers's 'Caledonia' and Owen's Dictionary).

AIRE	Air, B., bright ; Arw, G., rapid stream.
ALNE—ALLEN	Alwen, B. ; Alain, E., white or bright stream.
BANNEY	Ban, Bain, G., white.
CALDER	Cell-dwr, B. ; Coilldwr, E., woody water.
DON OR DUN	Dwn, B. ; Don, E., dark, dusky.
DERWENT	Dwr-wen, B., fair water.
DOVE	Du, B. ; Dubh, E., black.
DOUGLAS	Dwr-glas, B., blue or gray water.
EDEN	Eddain, B., a gliding stream.
ESK—WISK	Wysg, B. ; Easc, Uisg, E. ; Esc, Wyse, G., water.
GRETA	Rhe, B., swift.