

the late Sir Thomas Dick Lauder,—got up on the morning of the 20th, so violent was the storm, and so huge the snow-wreaths that blocked up every window and door, and rose over the eaves, that he could hardly make his way to his barns,—a journey of but a few yards ; and in returning again from them to his dwelling, he narrowly escaped losing himself in the drift. In looking towards the bay, in one of the pauses of the storm, he could scarce credit his eyesight ; the immense *Clach dhu n-Aban* had disappeared,—vanished,—gone clean off the ground ; and he called to his wife in astonishment and alarm, that the ‘meikle stane was awa.’ The honest woman looked out, and then rubbed her eyes, as if to verify their evidence ; but the fact was unquestionable,—the ‘meikle stane’ certainly ‘was awa ;’ and there remained but a hollow pit in the sand, with a long shallow furrow, stretching from the pit outwards to where the snow rhime closed thick over the sea, to mark where it had been. When, however, the weather cleared up, the stone again became visible, lying out in the sands uncovered by the ebb, seven hundred and eighty feet from its former position. In the evening of the day, the neighbours flocked out by scores, to examine the scene of so extraordinary a prodigy. Where the stone had lain they found but the deep dent, connected by the furrow which lay athwart the bay in the line of the hurricane with the stone itself, around the base of which there still projected a thick cornice of ice. In its new position the stone still lies ; and only a few years ago,—mayhap still,—a wooden post which marked the point where the two contiguous properties met, marked also the spot from which, after a rest of ages, it had set out on its short voyage.

My other case of boulder travelling,—in some respects a more curious case than the one related,—occurred early in the present century on the eastern coast of Sutherlandshire. Near the small hamlet of Torboll, in the upper part of Loch Fleet, there stood, about fifty years ago, a rude obelisk of