



On a Cairn Near Cefn, St. Asaph, North Wales.

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was not supported by the existence of any tomb or trace of one in the required position, nor was there any specially wide avenue near the middle of any group, such as one would imagine would have existed if they had been avenues to tombs.

The following paper was then read :

XIV.—*On a CAIRN near CEFN, ST. ASAPH, NORTH WALES.* By the
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[*Abstract.*]

The authors described the opening of a second chambered tomb in the cairn at Tyddyn Bleiddyn, near Cefn, St. Asaph. In it they observed the same crowding of human remains into a very small space as had been noticed in the previously-opened tomb in the same cairn.* The bones of fifteen individuals were found in the two chambers of this second tomb. From the manner of occurrence of the skeletons it was evident that the bodies were interred in a sitting posture at different periods. The bones of a small ruminant and also of a small carnivore were found among the human remains, and in much the same condition. There were no traces of metal or of dressed stone.

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PROFESSOR T. H. HUXLEY, LL.D., F.R.S., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

THE minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

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From DR. HARTMANN—Zeitschrift für Ethnologie. Hefte, i, ii, iii, iv, 1870.

* Dawkins, *Jour. Ethnol. Soc.*, vol. ii, Jan. 1871, p. 446.