

stones are still very abundant in Scotland, though for the last century they have been gradually disappearing from the more cultivated tracts where there were fences or farm steadings to be built, or where they obstructed the course of the plough. We find them occurring in every conceivable situation : high on hill-sides, where the shepherd crouches beside them for shelter in a shower ; deep in the open sea, where they entangle the nets of the fisherman on his fishing banks ; on inland moors, where in some remote age they were laboriously rolled together to form the Druidical circle or Pict's House ; or on the margin of the coast, where they had been piled over one another at a later time, as protecting bulwarks against the waves. They are no longer to be seen in this neighbourhood in what we may term the agricultural region ; but they still occur in great numbers along the coast, within the belt that intervenes between high and low water, and on an upper moorland zone over which the plough has not yet passed. Mr. Charles M'Laren describes, in his admirable little work on *The Geology of Fife and the Lothians*, a boulder of mica schist weighing from eight to ten tons, which rests, among many others, on one of the Pentland Hills, and which derives an interest from the fact that, as shown by the quality of the rock, the nearest point from which it could have come is at least fifty miles away. A well-known greenstone boulder of still larger size may be seen at the line of half-ebb, about half-way between Leith and Portobello. But though about ten feet in height, it is a small stone, compared with others of its class both in this country and the Continent. The *rock*, as it is well termed (for it is a mass of granite weighing fifteen hundred tons), on which the colossal statue of Peter the Great at St. Petersburg is placed, is a travelled boulder, which was found dissociated from every other stone of its kind in the middle of a morass ; and Sir Roderick Murchison describes, in one of his papers on the Northern Drift, a Scandinavian boulder