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THE CURACH.

Mr Thomas Wallace, F.E.I.S., Inverness, said he had intended saying something about the old wicker boat, the curach, but the only point he had wished to bring out was that that kind of boat was still in use. The last one that was used in that part of the country was on the Spey, and was now in Elgin Museum, but they would find them still on the Severn and on certain rivers of Ireland, where the fishermen, salmon fishers for instance, carried them on their back just as the old primitive inhabitants used to do—the seat across, the head through the seat, and the curach at the back—so that curachs were not all so old as they thought they were. That was the only point he had wished to bring out. They had with them, however, a gentleman who might have something much more interesting—Rev. Father Blundell, Fort-Augustus—whose report on his researches on the island of Loch Ness they remembered with pleasure. Father Blundell was now vigorously prosecuting his investigations in other lochs, and with permission of the meeting he would ask Father Blundell to give them the result of his latest researches.