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Slebech

Tumuli

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They are both pear-shaped, flat on the top, and seem to have been constructed in two stages. In the north one the lower stage is 12 feet high from the ground, and the upper stage is 11 feet higher. The circumference of the lower stage is 351 feet, and of the upper 242 feet; there are trees growing out of it, and it is used as a burying-place for dogs. The south tumulus is similar, but of smaller dimensions; it is locally known as THE HOLY ISLAND. There are traces of a wall round the upper stage. Both are surrounded at high water. Some years ago a great two-handled sword was dug up near one of the tumuli. It was exhibited at a meeting of the Society of Antiquaries of London.