

# Short Notes

## CHAPEL CARN BREA, ST. JUST

The plan of the chapel by Samuel Lysons recently published by Mr. D. B. Hague<sup>1</sup> is a most welcome and important addition to our knowledge of this site. He has very kindly supplied me with photographic copies of the plan and of the sketches adjoining it in the Lysons MS.; these he states to be of Roche Rock hermitage and infers that there was confusion between the two sites in the mind of Lysons and earlier in that of Nicholas Boson. In fact the other sketches are not of Roche Rock but of the castle on the other Carn Brea, in Illogan Parish. Lysons, or whoever mounted his drawings, may well have been confused between the two Carn Breas, but it seems in the highest degree improbable that Boson, who lived within a few miles of Chapel Carn Brea and obviously knew the site well, was in any way confusing it with another site in his admittedly rather mysterious remarks on the subject<sup>2</sup>.

Mr. Hague also doubts the theory, mentioned in my original article on Chapel Carn Brea<sup>3</sup>, that the structure described by 18th-century antiquaries was the surviving vault or undercroft of a two-storied structure, the upper storey being the actual chapel. This theory was originally put forward by the Rev. Canon J. H. Adams and has since been developed by him<sup>4</sup> with reference to all relevant architectural features. Though incapable of proof, it appears worthy of greater attention than Mr. Hague is willing to concede.

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