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NOTICE OF THE SAME STONE, WITH PHOTOGRAPHS. BY MR KEITH, AUCHRYNIE.

These communications referred to a large stone rather more than 6 feet in length, by nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet in its greatest breadth, which was discovered on the farm of Auchrynie, in the parish of Old Deer, Aberdeenshire.

The stone displayed various irregular short markings and lines cut on its sides and edge, which were supposed at first to be Runic in their character. An exact drawing of the stone was kindly sent by Mr Alexander Murray, and photographs were also forwarded to Professor Simpson by Mr Keith. After a careful examination of the drawings and photographs, the general opinion was, that the markings were probably due to scratches caused by the plough and other implements of husbandry passing over the surface of the stone in the course of the cultivation of the field, under the surface of which the stone was discovered.