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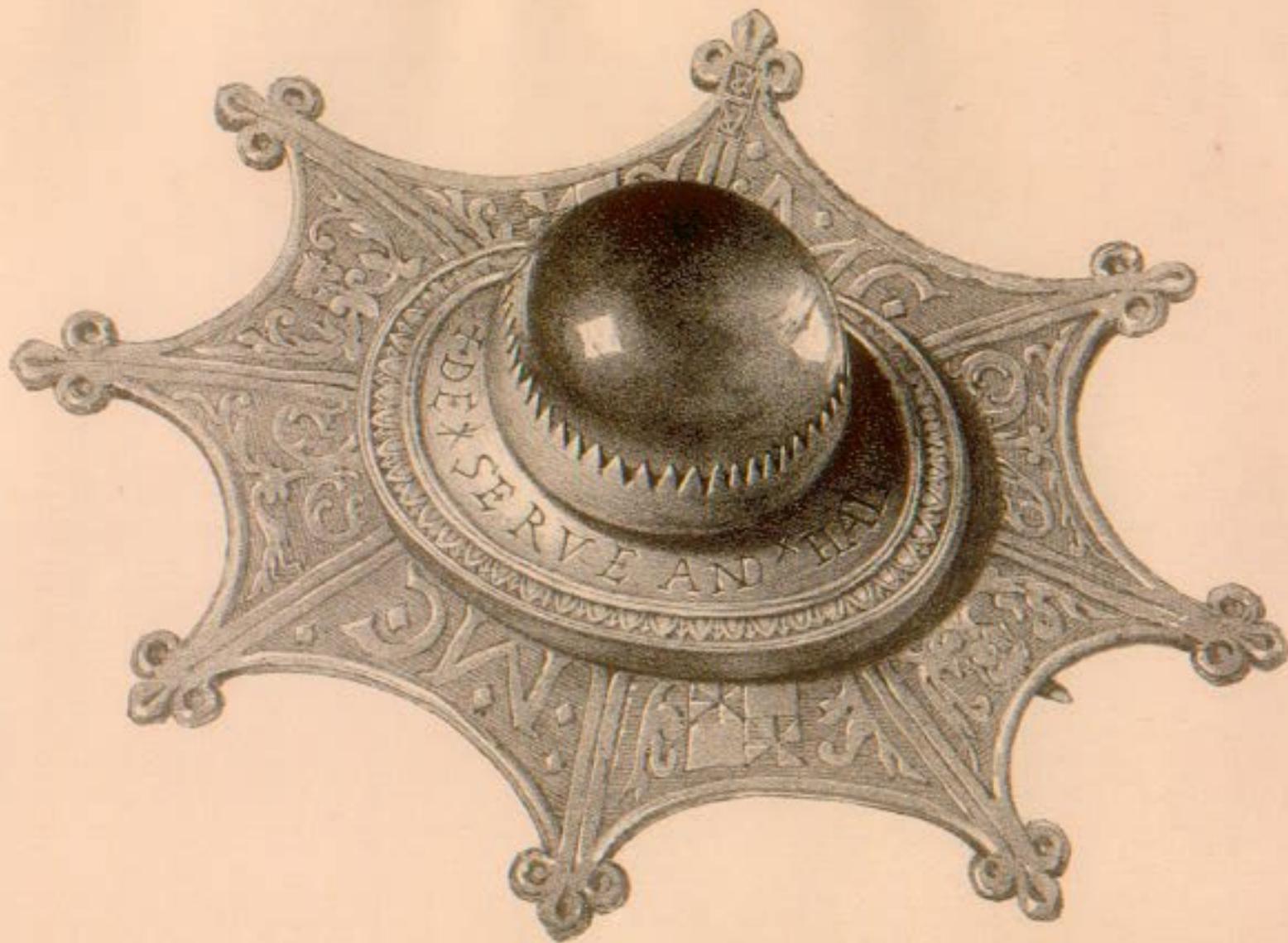
NOTICE OF AN ANCIENT CELTIC BROOCH, THE PROPERTY OF WILLIAM ROSE CAMPBELL, 28TH REGT., MADRAS NATIVE INFANTRY, ESQ. OF BALLOCHYLE (HOLYLOCH, COWALL), ARGYLLSHIRE.

This large and beautiful ancient brooch was exhibited to the Meeting. It has long been in the possession of the Ballochyle family, and, according to family tradition, was originally acquired at a remote period, on occasion of the marriage of the Laird of Ballochyle with the daughter of Lamont of Lamont. Even to a late period it had been used as a talisman or charm against witchcraft or disease, both for man and cattle, being dipped into the potion prepared for the sick. The brooch is silver-gilt, set with a rock-crystal in the centre, and bearing the inscription around it, somewhat rudely cut, in Roman characters—

✠ DE \* SERVE AND HAIF  
THE \* HEVIN \* BABAIF.

It measures  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches in greatest diameter, and appears to belong to the latter part of the sixteenth century. The initials M. C., and also a shield bearing the Gyronny of the Campbells in its first and fourth quarterings, the second and third being blank, are twice repeated in its ornamental border; and a stamp, probably that of the assay-master, a shield with the Roman letters V S interlaced, is also repeated twice on the back, and twice on front.

The accompanying lithograph will however afford a much better idea of this interesting relic than any further description.



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# THE BALLOCHYLE BROOCH.

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