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NOTE BY MAJOR WILLIAM ROSS KING, OF TERTOWIE, F.S.A. SCOT., ON
VARIOUS STONE RELICS FOUND IN ABERDEENSHIRE.

The stone axe (fig. 1) now exhibited is formed of water-worn granite, and is of a very unusual, if not unique shape. It is quite flat on both faces, measuring $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, and $7\frac{3}{4}$ across the widest part, and was found, together with the large flint spear-head (fig. 2), several feet below the surface of the ground, in an uncultivated spot (whence other remains have at different times been exhumed), near Tertowie House, in the parish of Kinellar, Aberdeenshire, a district rich in primeval remains.



Fig. 1.—Stone Axe found near Tertowie House.

The axe-head (fig. 3), which is of the same description of stone as the former one, and of a character not found *in situ*, was subsequently dug up in the same spot. It is proportionally thicker and of a more rounded form, and measures $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length by $5\frac{1}{2}$ in breadth, with a maximum or central thickness of about 2 inches.

These axes, from the extreme rudeness of their manufacture, are evi-

dently of a very early type, the natural form of the stones exhibiting traces of a very small amount of artificial adaptation. The former one



Fig. 2.

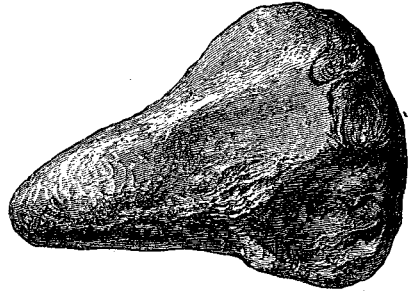


Fig. 3.

Flint Spear-head and Axe-head found near Tertowie House.

has, however, apparently been left unfinished, a partially incised groove near the upper edge of the narrower part indicating an evident intention to improve the form, and give a firmer hold to its handle.

The spherical stone or ball (fig. 4), (about 3 inches in diameter), dis-

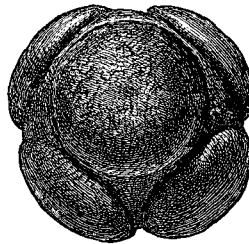


Fig. 4.—Stone Ball, found at Dudwick.

playing incised circles in relief, was turned up by the plough on the estate of Dudwick, in Aberdeenshire. Similarly shaped stone balls have been found in different parts of Scotland, and are figured in the "Proceedings of the Society," (vol. iii. p. 439, and vol. v. p. 340).