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NOTE ON THE SCULPTURED STONE, WITH SPECTACLE ORNAMENT, RECENTLY DISCOVERED AT BILTON, YORKSHIRE. (A CAST OF THE STONE WAS EXHIBITED.) BY THE REV. CANON JAMES RAINE, YORK, IN A LETTER TO JOHN STUART, LL.D., SECRETARY.

The sculptured stone—a cast of which I have much pleasure in offering to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland—(see annexed wood-cut), was found last year in the parish church of Bilton, about eight miles to the north-west of York. The stone was observed, I believe, in the first instance, by Archdeacon Toxes, and is remarkable as presenting the first undoubted instance of what appears to be the “spectacle” ornament, that has occurred in England. It is now more than probable that the mutilated ornament on the stone at Ripon, of which I sent you a cast some years ago, is the “spectacle” as well. You will recollect that I thought so at the time. Bilton is distant some ten or twelve miles from Ripon.

Cast of Sculptured Stone found at Bilton (28 inches high).

