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NOTE ON LIGNITE BEADS FOUND IN AN URN NEAR STRANRAER, IN 1859-60. BY REV. GEORGE WILSON, GLENLUCE, CORR. MEM. S.A. SCOT.

The locality of this find is a little to the east of the signal-box at the railway station, Stranraer, where a cutting runs through the march-fence of Little Airds farm. The Rev. Daniel Conway, of St John's Chapel, Port-Glasgow, wrote me on December 4, 1877 :—"Some navvies came upon a number of clay urns about the size of coffee cups, and having the herring-bone design marked on them near the rim on the outside. I had one of them in my hands, in which were found a small number of black beads. The urns were placed with mouths downwards, on a slate-like slab. . . . I do not think there was any notice of the discovery taken by the *Free Press*, the Stranraer newspaper, at that time, or since."

Mr Conway referred me to Henry O'Neil, a labourer in Stranraer, as able to point out the place. O'Neil described it exactly, but told me the pots crumbled to pieces, and he thought the beads were all lost.

Mr Conway then undertook to try to trace the beads for me, and on January 31, 1878, he wrote to me as follows :—

"My dear Sir,—I herewith send you the beads; and I can give you every assurance that they are the very articles found at the railway cutting. I have not any doubt about them. There were ten; but they have got broken, excepting one or so.—Believe me, yours most truly,

(Signed) "DANIEL CONWAY."