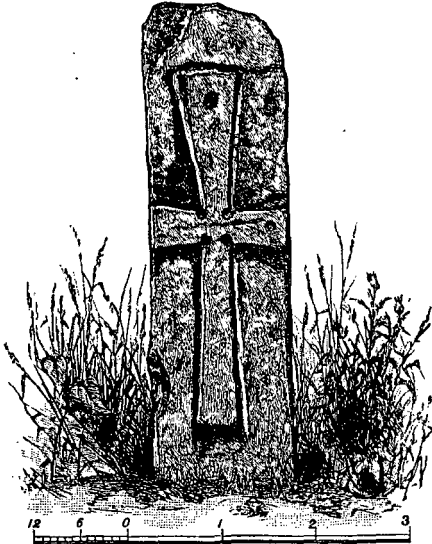


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NOTE ON A STONE CROSS IN THE PARISH OF RATHO.

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The cross represented in the woodcut stands on the junction of three



Slab with incised Cross at Ratho, Mid-Lothian.
(From a Drawing by G. H. Park.)

fields on the ridge to the north of the eastern avenue of Hatton House (see "Proceedings," vol. x. p. 147).

The stone is 5 feet in height above ground, about a foot and a half wide, and a foot thick. The figure of the cross occupies the centre of the exposed front of the stone, and is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet long; the arms, which are near the centre, spreading across the stone from side to side. The limbs of the cross are peculiarly splayed, with circular indentations at their junctions in the centre. The

only markings on the stone or cross are the apparently accidental scratchings figured carefully in the

drawing, and a circular hole near the end of the upper limb, the result of the stone having at one time, within living memory, been used as a gate-post. No tradition or record of any kind attaches to this rather remarkable relic, except that the field in which it stood before the line of the fences was altered was known as "the stane-cross field."