

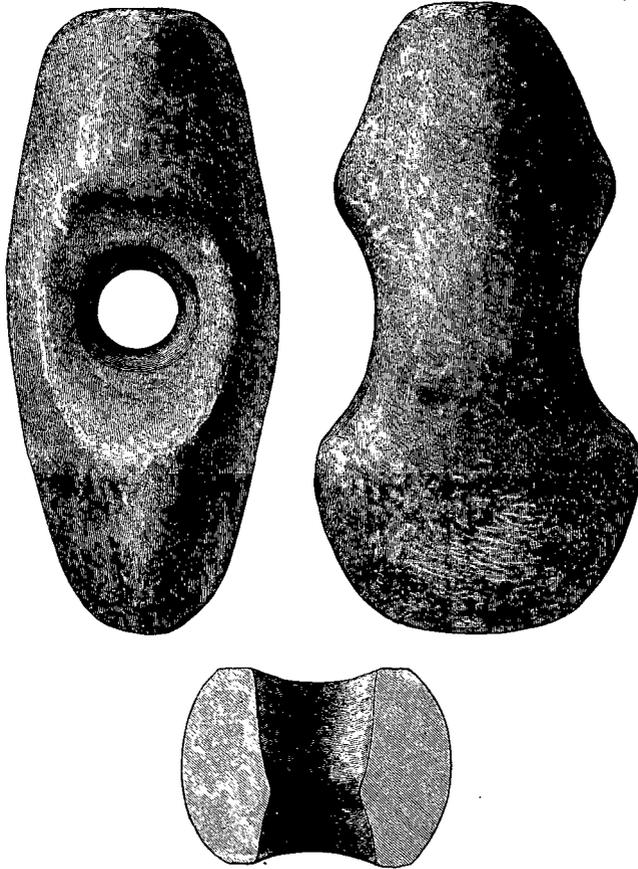
NOTE OF THE DISCOVERY OF A LARGE STONE HAMMER OF PECULIAR FORM, NOW PRESENTED TO THE MUSEUM. BY R. VANS AGNEW OF BARNBARROCH, F.S.A. Scot.

The stone hammer which I now present to the Museum of the Society of Antiquaries was turned up by the plough about four years ago on the farm of Claycrop, in the parish of Kirkinner, Wigtownshire. The place where it was found is about three-quarters of a mile south-east from the Parish Church.

The farm is a part of what in earlier times was called the lands of Knoekan, and an adjoining farm is now called Little Hills. They take their names from some small hillocks of sand and gravel, remains of the old drift. The railway near Kirkinner station has cut into one of them, and I have worked a sand and gravel pit in another.

The hammer, which is of a dark greywacke, is of peculiar shape, $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches in greatest width, and $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches in greatest thickness. The sides are considerably hollowed, so that the perforation

for the handle, which is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter, is only 2 inches in length. The butt of the hammer is conical with a flattened end, and the opposite



Stone Hammer found at Claycrop, Kirkinner, Wigtownshire.

end, instead of being brought to a sharp edge, is rounded and flattened to nearly an inch in width.

[In form it resembles the hammers found at Chapelton near Ardrossan, and at Montfode Braes, also near Ardrossan, Ayrshire, figured in Plate xxii., vol. ix. of the *Proceedings* of the Society.]

The shattered whetstone which is also presented to the Museum was found by me on one of the crannogs in the Loch of Dowalton. It was entire when I found it, but went to pieces on being exposed to the air and kept dry, as much of the rock in the bed of Dowalton has done.