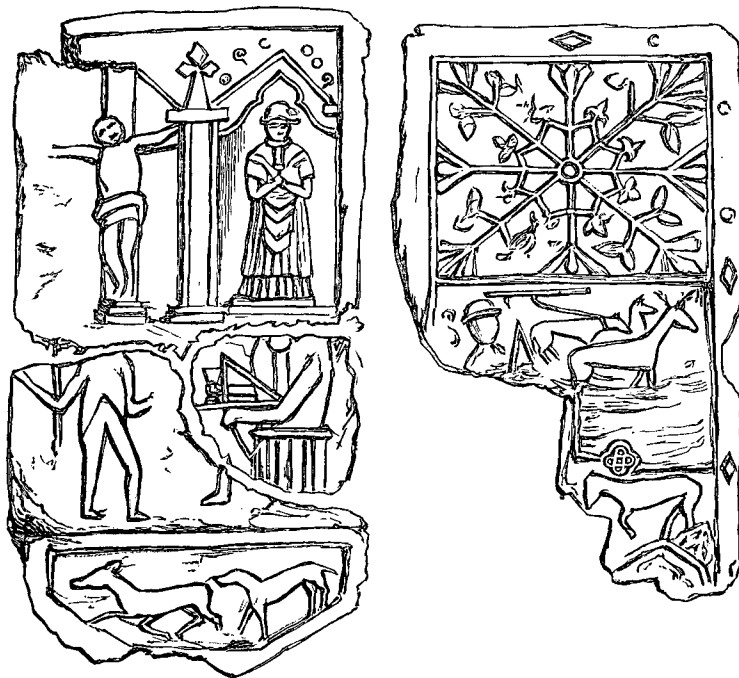


IV.

NOTICE OF SOME FRAGMENTS OF SCULPTURED MONUMENTAL SLABS
IN THE CHURCHYARD OF ARASAIG, INVERNESS-SHIRE. BY LIEUT.-
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In the ruined church of St Maelrubha, in the old churchyard of Arasaig, I found some fragments of sculptured monumental slabs which may be of interest to the Society. They appear to be the remains of at least two (if not more) separate slabs. Some of the sculpturings seem to have been extremely curious, and it is unfortunate that their condition is now so defaced and fragmentary. One is apparently the monument of an ecclesiastic, but his head-gear is rather remarkable. The right hand holds the chalice, the left, I think, holds the paten (or something similar) in the open palm. This also is a very unusual

feature, so unusual that I do not feel sure that I have interpreted it aright. On the other side of the stone is an extremely rude representation of the Crucifixion. The two fragments below, which are in their present places by mere accident, are apparently parts of hunting



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scenes. The fourth and larger fragment has also a hunting scene, the top of the slab being occupied by one of those geometrical figures of foliaceous work so characteristics of the monumental slabs of the west coast of Scotland.