

10. HIGHLAND BROADSWORDS.

Two Highland broadswords, found about 1875-80 in a field at Bantaskine, not far from the site of the battle of Falkirk in 1746, were exhibited at a meeting of the Society on 8th January 1951. They were presented by the owner of the estate of Bantaskine, Mr John Wilson, to his friend Mr Adam, and are now in the possession of Mr Adam's daughter, Miss Agnes Adam, 6 South Broomage Avenue, Larbert.

No. 1.—The blade is $34\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and is marked on each side ANDRIA FARARA, with the Running Wolf sign. The sword is in good condition, but the hilt has been damaged at some period by being slightly bent back. The welding of the bars of the hilt has given way at three points and has been repaired with copper wire. The grip is of wood, and grooved in a spiral.

No. 2.—The blade (Pl. XXVII, 1) is only $30\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and the grip of the hilt is rather small for an average hand— $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches as compared with $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches on sword No. 1. There is no decipherable lettering on the blade, which is badly corroded, but on one side is the orb and cross sign, which was originally inlaid with brass or copper. There appears to have been another inlaid design on the other side of the blade. The hilt is of a most curious design. The bars are shaped to give the letters I.R. on one side and $\frac{K}{18}$ on the other, with two letters S on the back—presumably Jacobite designs. The grip has disappeared.

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