

stated. The period of sixty years was mentioned locally, and from the tree growth surmounting the remains this might even be an underestimate. A human skull was said to have been found during the destruction of the cairn. This skull is now said locally to have been "the head of the King."

*Stone Hatchet from Balvraid, Skelbo, Sutherland.*

Some years ago a stone hatchet was found in the burn flowing through the Balvraid Wood, about one mile from its mouth near Skelbo Castle.

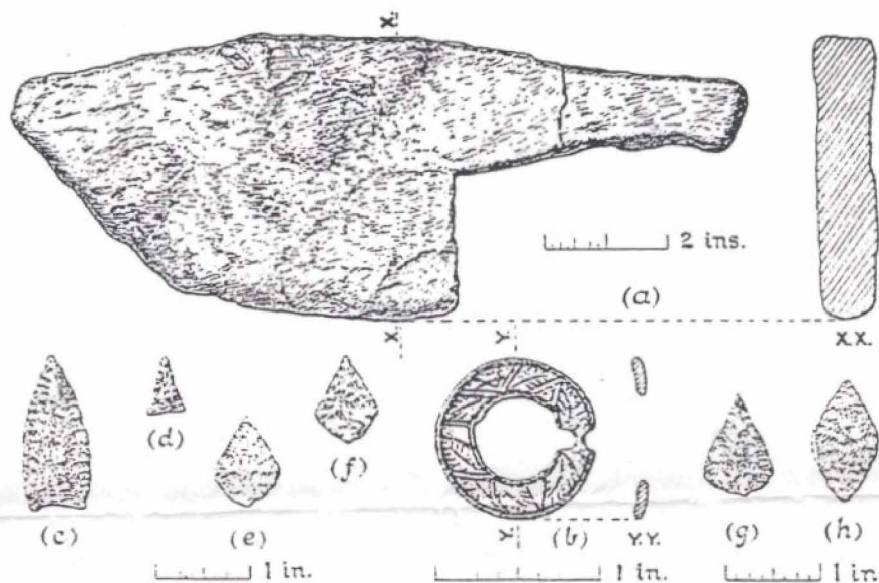


Fig. 2. (a) Stone hatchet from Balvraid; (b) Bronze brooch from Cuthill Links, Dornoch; (c) to (f) Arrow-heads from Golspie Links; (g) and (h) Arrow-heads from Cuthill Links.

The tool (fig. 2a) is neatly cut out of a flat block of hard grey millstone grit, and is 12 inches long, including the handle. The blade is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, the thickness being uniformly about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. The weight is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lb. The butt edge is square and the utility edge rounded and abraded.

A polished stone axe was found at the same time and in the same place, but it was thrown back into the burn and has not since been recovered.

*Prehistoric Sites near Dornoch, Sutherland.*

On the Cuthill Links, some three miles west of Dornoch, through which the road to Ferrytown passes, are some sites of prehistoric interest. There