NOTE ON THE SCULPTURED STONE, WITH SPECTACLE ORNAMENT,
RECENTLY DISCOVERED AT BILTON, YORKSHIRE. (A CAST OF THE
STONE WAS EXHIBITED.) BY THE REV. CANON JAMES RAINÉ, YORK, IN A
LETTER TO JOHN STUART, LL.D., SECRETARY.

The sculptured stone—a cast of which I have much
pleasure in offering to the Society of Antiquaries of
Scotland—(see annexed woodcut), was found last year in the
parish church of Bilton, about eight miles to the north-west
of York. The stone was observed, I believe, in the
first instance, by Archdeacon Toxes, and is remarkable as
presenting the first undoubted instance of what appears to
be the "spectacle" ornament, that has occurred in England.
It is now more than probable that the mutilated ornament
on the stone at Ripon, of which I sent you a cast some
years ago, is the "spectacle" as well. You will recollect
that I thought so at the time. Bilton is distant some ten or
twelve miles from Ripon.

Cast of Sculptured Stone found
at Bilton (28 inches high).