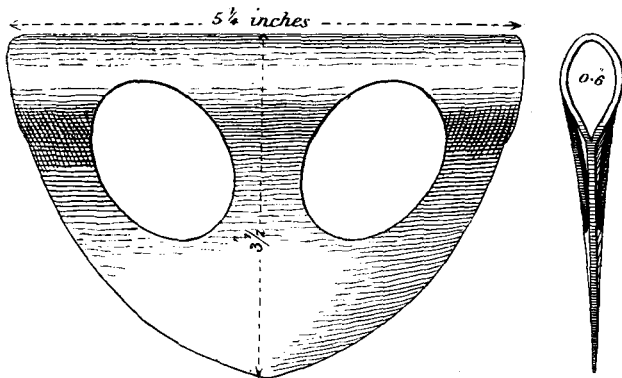


NOTE ON ANCIENT AXE-HEADS FOUND AT BEYROUT AND SIDON.

By REV. CANON GREENWELL, *in a Letter to Prof. Lewis.*

IN the *Quarterly Statement* for April, 1889, at p. 77, there is an engraving of a bronze axe discovered by Mr. Schumacher in a cave near Esh Shejara. It is evidently a Syrian type, based on a well-known Egyptian form. I have two out of four found near Beyrût, one similar and of the same



size as that engraved, and the other like the engraving above. The other two are smaller, but of the same forms. I have also another, found near Sidon, which is like the above figure, but not so large. Except these I do not know of any others, though such may possibly be found in some collection, public or private. These axes were certainly handled. The holes in the blade are, I believe, either for appearance or to lighten the handle. In one, the largest of mine found near Beyrût, portions of wood still remain in the socket; and the impression of the cloth in which it had been wrapped exists upon the oxidised surface of the metal.

JEWISH LAMPS.

SOME time ago I was in Dorchester—a friend offered to show me the local Museum. The collection is varied and rich. I only wish to note what especially interested me. In a corner of a case were some lamps, labelled “Supposed Early British Lamps;” a moment showed me they were old Jewish, exactly like those from the excavations at Jerusalem. My friend the Antiquary, who had himself dug up many of the objects