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Cross of Banff.

Dr Mahood, speaking of the Cross of Banff, said a unique feature of the structure was the figure which is at the back of the cross proper. In this country that was very unusual, but he submitted a sketch of a Cross in Spain in which it was to be found. He also submitted for inspection a handsome and beautifully illustrated book on Scottish Market Crosses by John W. Small, F.S.A.Scot., on the title page of which the Cross at Banff is prominently introduced. In the text there is given a full page illustration of the Cross as it appeared before its return to the burgh from the farm of Sandyhills. The letterpress accompanying it said that "The story goes that the municipality's exchequer was empty, and the then Earl of Fife, for a joke, offered a barrel of sovereigns for the Cross. The offer was accepted, but when the

barrel came it was so small as not to be able to hold very many sovereigns. The Earl, however, it is said, took possession of the Cross and erected it where it now is." By the same authority the Cross is described as "a very fine example."

The author of the paper received the cordial thanks of the meeting.