URN BURIAL AT STOKE POGES.

I have been favoured with the following letter by
Mr. Booker, F.S.A., one of the masters at Eton:—

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Eton College,

Windsor,
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DEAR MR. NIVEN,   Feb. 4, 1911.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24 last, some workmen employed
in making a bunker at the thirteenth hole in the Golf
Links at Stoke Park hit upon an interment in the
gravel. They were told to leave it, and next day I
went over, and the place was cleared out. About a
foot below the surface was an urn, apparently in-
verted, but so rotten that some parts seemed already
disintegrated, and the rest could not be extracted
without much breakage. About half the urn was in
all recovered. Apparently it had been of the "flower-
pot" shape, perhaps a foot in diameter at the mouth,
and rather more in height. The rim had been finished
off with a sweep of the finger, and on the outside
there was apparently a nail mark along the edge.
About four inches down there was a narrow band all
round, with the impress of the thumb by way of orna-
ment. Otherwise it was quite plain. The material
of the pot was of the roughest, grittiest description,
varying in colour from drab to rose. The contents
consisted of mould with fragments of bone, and a
Windsor doctor who was playing a round identified
one piece as a cranial bone—thin, as belonging to
an infant, or else attenuated by the lapse of time.
I sent the things to Mr. C. H. Read at the British
Museum, and he says:—"Your pots are the remains
of cinerary urns or urn of no doubt the end of the
Bronze age. Similar burials found at Acton, Middle-
sex, Ashford, etc., and at Sunningdale. (See Proc.
Soc. Ant. xxi. 303.")

I have now sent the articles back to Stoke Golf
Club-house.* It is odd that the Sunningdale pots
should have been found also in levelling the golf
course there.

We did not look for further interments at Stoke,
but there was about a yard off in the gravel a similar
pocket of mould, though I could see neither potsherd
nor bone in it.   Yours truly,

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R. P. L. BOOKER.
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* They are now in our Museum at Aylesbury.