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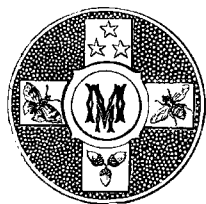
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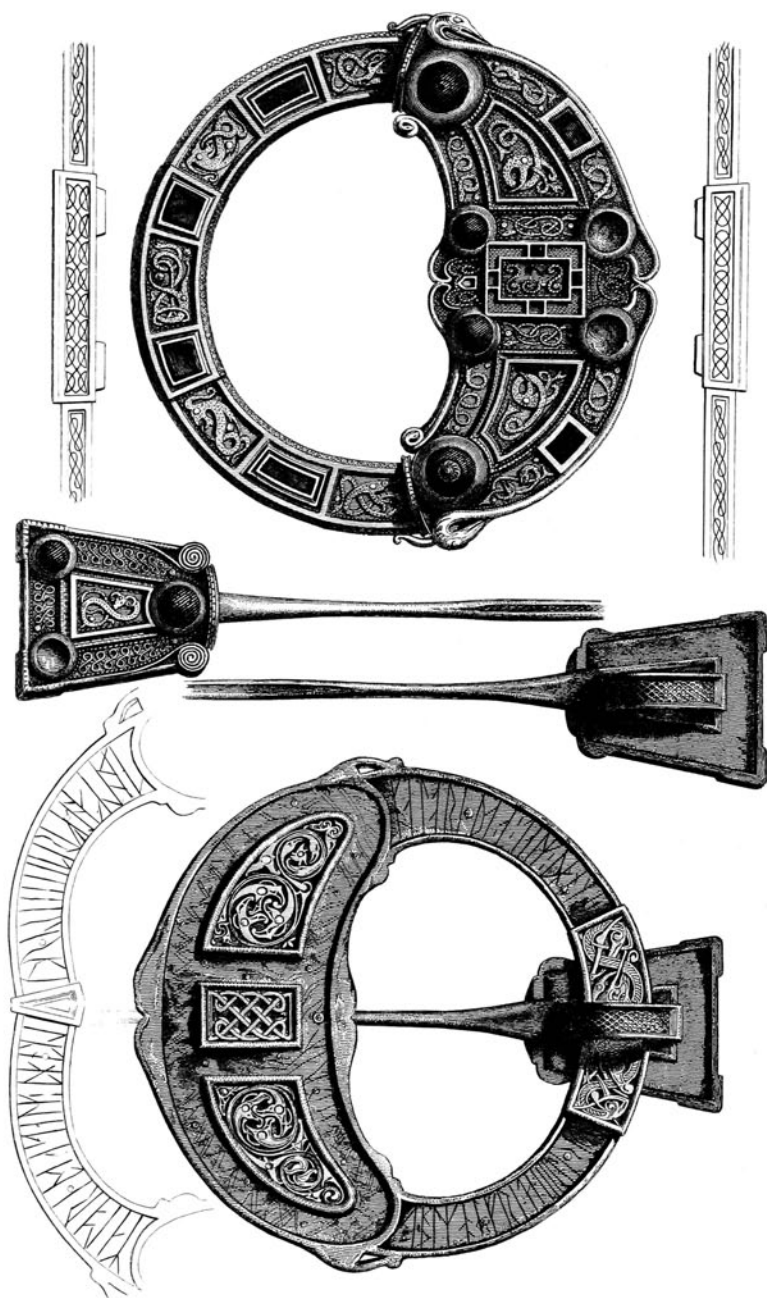
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Lightward aspire : nor think the utmost height
Of an attainable success is won ;
Nor even that the mighty spirits, gone
With the bright past, in their enduring flight
So won their passage toward the infinite,
That they may stand on their far heights alone,
A distant glory, dazzling to the sight,
In which all hope of mastery is o'erthrown.
No height of daring is so high, but higher
The earnest soul may yet find grace to climb ;
Truth springeth out of truth ; the loftiest flyer,
That soareth on the sweep of thought sublime,
Resteth at length ; and still beyond doth guess
Truth infinite as God toward which to press.