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NOTICE OF THE DISCOVERY OF CUP-MARKED STONES NEAR KILLIN, PERTHSHIRE. IN A LETTER TO J. ROMILLY ALLEN, FROM D. HAGGART, KILLIN.

Mr Haggart writes :—“ When at Aberfeldy last year, I went up to a place called Styx, at Bolfracks, where there is a very fine circle of some thirty very large stones. I examined it particularly for cup-markings. There is at the western edge a flat boulder or flagstone partly buried, and by dint of scraping off the moss, I found twenty or so of cups on the upper edge. It is quite as interesting as the one figured by you at Moncrieffe Park. I was lately down at Loch Tayside, and found on the companion rock at Cragautoll two cups, while there is a boulder beside the rock with some nine cups. The companion rock is called Cragganester.

“ At Curie there is a boulder (a large one) with some forty cups. It will compare favourably with the one at Murthly, near Aberfeldy. Curie is the village to the west of the rocks mentioned.

“ Again, I happened to be shooting at Tirarchar, near Killin, and found part of the ring fence of a burial mound, but the circle had disappeared, if there had been one. I thought, however, that it was part of a mound, and I explored the field for corroborative evidence, and found quite near a rock with thirty to forty cups, and I was satisfied that my

surmise was correct. There are a number of stones here and there with from one to five or six cups. Those mentioned are the principal ones since I saw you.

“I have also, since you last wrote to me, discovered another cup-marked stone at the farm of Mid Lix, near Killin. It is a very good specimen, with between sixteen and twenty marks, well cut and distinct. I was passing the farm three weeks ago, and I thought, from the name Lix—which is a Gaelic word corrupted from Lic, the plural of Leac, a tombstone or flagstone—that it was very likely to have stones with marks, and I asked John Little, farmer, to keep a look out for such. He did so, and found the one mentioned within twenty yards or so of the road leading to Killin Railway Station, and between the farm and the roadway, due west of the farm-house. There are three farms of the name—Easter Lix, Mid Lix, and Upper Lix; and I shall be curious to know if the three farms have carvings on their flags.”



Crucifix of Bronze, enamelled, found in the Churchyard of Ceres, Fife.