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NOTICE OF THE DISCOVERY OF A STONE CUP AND CUP-MARKED STONES AT LOCHEARNHEAD. BY D. HAGGART, KILLIN.

In November last a new curling-pond was being formed at Lochearnhead in a field, on the Breadalbane property, situated to the east of the hotel, and some thirty yards below the public school. In the course of excavating a corner of the field, for forming the pond, Mr Angus, builder, and some of his workmen, found, at a depth of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet from the surface, a rounded object, which unfortunately was cut in two by a spade. This object, on being pieced together, was found to be a stone vessel or cup of about $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter and 3 inches in height, the depth of the cavity being about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and the thickness ranging from an inch at the bottom to three quarters of an inch at the rim. It has no ornamentation of any kind. The material is a greenish-grey gabbro, which cuts easily with a knife. Quite close to the cup, at the foot of a large boulder of mica-schist which lay buried in the field, was a circular patch of dark brown mould lying on the greenish boulder clay or till. This dark-coloured patch, some 18 inches in diameter, was covered with about two dozen pebbles of milk-white quartz, with a few pebbles of reddish or brick-coloured felsitic porphyry. The boulder had no apparent markings. In the same field, a few yards to the east, is a little mound or hillock called Tom-na-h-ath, or hillock of the kiln. The fragments of the cup and pebbles remain in possession of Mr Angus.

Stone Chamber and Cup-Marked Stone.—A new Episcopal Church is in course of erection at Lochearnhead, and Lady Helen Macgregor of Macgregor, on whose property the church is being built, has allowed the contractor to quarry rock and use any surface boulders that might expedite the building of the church. While engaged in singling out boulders at Craggen, immediately behind the Free Church Manse, he found a large oval boulder having a basin cut out near the higher and broad end, some 13 inches broad, with a depth of 6 inches, and immediately below the basin a cluster of fifteen smaller cups. About a hun-

dred yards to the south of this stone there is a dolmen or chamber composed of six large stones, two of which are thrown down. Three of these stones are cup-marked, the one forming the floor or area of the dolmen being a square-shaped boulder of diorite, having fifty cups, varying from three and a half inches to an inch in diameter, the outlines of which look as fresh as if chiselled a year or two ago. One of the boulders thrown down has eight marks, which bear some resemblance to the constellation Ursa Major, as was formerly observed of a somewhat similar representation on the cup-marked boulder at the Rifle Range at Killin.