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TWO CUP-MARKED STONES FROM CLAONAIG, KINTYRE.

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The notes which follow refer to two cup-marked stones, not previously recorded, which have come to light not far from Claonaig Inn, in the parish of Skipness.

The first (fig. 1) lies just inside a field to the south of the public road about 120 yards west of the Inn; it appears to have been split off, by blasting, from a boulder which remains embedded in the dyke which separates the field from the road. The detached block measures 3 feet $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches in greatest length, 17 inches to 2 feet 1 inch in breadth, and 16 inches in thickness. Its upper surface, which lies approximately flat, bears seven well-marked cups up to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in depth, together with traces of at least twelve others that are too much weathered to measure or have been partially split away. It is possible that the boulder in the dyke may also bear cups on the surfaces that cannot be seen.

The second (fig. 2) is not a detached stone but an outcrop of rock, situated about 30 yards west of the small burn which bounds the field just mentioned on its western side and 100 yards below the public road.



Fig. 1. Cup-marked Stone at Claonaig, Kintyre.



Fig. 2. Cup-marked Stone at Claonaig, Kintyre.

The flat upper surface of the outcrop bears six well-marked cups measuring up to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in depth, together with traces of six others which are too much weathered to measure. The disposition of the cups suggests that others may be hidden by the turf which covers the rest of the outcrop.