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BARROW ON LEEDON, SHEEPSTOR.

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FORTY-EIGHTH REPORT ON BARROWS.

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OF late years I have adopted the policy of endeavouring to make as complete as may be the records from defined areas, one such being the Plym Valley. I now report a barrow and kistvaen which lie but just over the watershed of the Plym, in the valley of the Meavy.

They lie on the slopes of Leedon, not very far from the head of the Drizzle Combe, and were found several years ago by the Rev. H. H. Breton, at that time Vicar of Sheepstor. Since first I saw it, there has, apparently, been an attempt at the restoration of the kistvaen, the result of which has been to obscure the evidence.

The one certain feature is the coverstone, which measures 3 feet 7 inches, by something over three feet—precisely how much more can not be ascertained without excavation. The kistvaen can not have exceeded three feet in length.

The barrow or cairn has been surrounded by a retaining circle, of which four stones still stand on the north-west circumference, covering a length of 8 feet 3 inches of the circle. The diameter of the cairn is twenty feet, its height is under two feet.

If the restoration of the kistvaen were accurate, it would point to the kistvaen having been well away from the centre of circle, but the best remaining evidence is to the contrary.

The stones of the retaining circle are small, the largest only standing ten inches out of the ground, and measuring ten inches by four inches at the ground level.

The barrow lies in the area covered by Sheet CXII, N.E. of the six-inch Ordnance Survey of Devon, the position being: longitude $3^{\circ}-59'-39''$ west, and latitude $50^{\circ}-29'-7''$ north.

The view given in Plate II has been taken looking 16 degrees East of South. It shows the coverstone, and the remnant of the retaining circle.