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MOUNTAIN INDICATOR ON LOCHNAGAR.

THERE has been a feeling among mountaineers for a considerable time past that an Indicator should be placed on the summit ridge of Lochnagar, marking the directions, names, and distances of the more distant mountain-tops visible. The beginning of such a project may be said to have been made in the detailed survey of "The Horizon from Lochnagar" which Mr. James A. Parker, C. E., contributed to the last number of the Club's *Journal*. The list of the various points seen during an almost perfect view that Mr. Parker had on 22nd July of last year was well-nigh complete, but Mr. Parker has been able to add to it by subsequent observations, and a chart of the mountain-tops and other prominent features which he has since prepared may be regarded as forming as full and satisfactory a list of the points visible as is likely to be drawn up. This chart really took the form of a possible Indicator, and Mr. Parker submitted it to the Committee of the Club with a proposal that such an Indicator should be erected. The Committee heartily approved the project, and at a special general meeting of the Club held on 20th March, it was resolved to proceed with the erection of the Indicator as suggested, and to appeal to members for contributions to defray the cost—an appeal, we are glad to say, that met with a most satisfactory response.

As Lochnagar is part of the deer forest of Balmoral, it was, of course, necessary to have the consent of the proprietor—in this case, His Majesty the King—to the erection of the Indicator. Details of the proposal and a sketch of the Indicator were laid before His Majesty through the medium of Major J. D. Ramsay, the King's Commissioner at Balmoral; and it is gratifying to know that His Majesty has graciously approved the scheme.

The proposed Indicator is to consist of a circular stoneware slab, two feet in diameter, on which will be inscribed radiating lines pointing out the direction, distance, and height of the several mountains and hill-tops which can be seen from the summit in clear weather; and it will be placed on a small stone pedestal built on a suitable position on the summit of Lochnagar. It had been anticipated that the Indicator would have been made and placed in position this summer, but unexpected difficulties were encountered in making the slab, and the execution of the project had, unfortunately, to be postponed to next year.