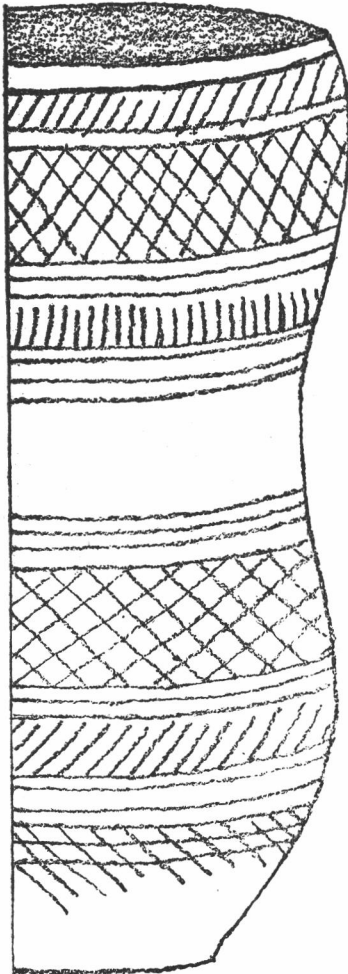


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BRONZE AGE BEAKER,
STONEY MIDDLETON DALE.

XI.

BRONZE AGE BEAKER.

In 1900, men engaged in getting road-stone in Stoney Middleton Dale, came upon human bones and fragments of pottery. The site where these were found is on the right-hand side of the road (and a few yards from it) going from Stoney Middleton to Wardlow, and about half a mile above the turning to Eyam. There is no record of the bones, but the men stated that at least two individuals were represented. I first saw the pottery after it had been removed to a cottage. I bought it, and it remained as fragments till the present year. They were parts of two vessels, the majority belonging to one, but hardly forming half of a complete vessel. In February, 1927, I sent these pieces to Mr. J. W. Baggaley, of Weston Park Museum, Sheffield, and he

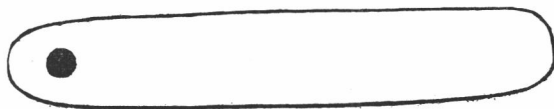
has built them up into a complete beaker with very great skill and patience. In this restoration there are necessarily many blank spaces which have been filled in. But the accompanying illustration gives some idea of the original scheme of ornamentation. The short oblique lines near the top and the vertical ones near the base of the rim are deeply incised. All the remaining ones—and that includes all the horizontal lines encircling the vessel as well as those forming a trellis-pattern—may have been made by pressing cord on the soft clay. The regularity of the pit-marks favours this view. On the other hand, each pit is so deep and so sharp in outline that it seems more reasonable to suppose that these lines were first marked out with a sharp implement, and then very carefully and regularly pricked with a sharp punch.

The beaker is 7.6 ins. high. The diameter at the lip is 5.0 ins., at the waist 4.5 ins., at the bowl 5.0 ins., and at the base 3.0 ins. It has been presented to the Derby Museum.

W. Storrs Fox.

XII.

BRONZE AGE WHETSTONE.



WHETSTONE, HUNGRY BENTLEY.

About ten years ago a small whetstone, perforated at one end, was found in a gravel-pit of Glacial Drift at Hungry Bentley, Alkington, near Ashbourne. Its length is 2.85 ins. At the perforated end its width is .4 in., and at the butt end .5 in. It varies slightly in thickness, increasing from .25 in. at the perforation to .35 in. in the middle, and then decreasing to .3 in. at the butt. The perforation is .15 in diameter. Mr. Reginald Smith, of