

10. BEAKER FROM KNOCKANDO, MORAYSHIRE (Pl. XLVI, 3).

A short cist discovered during ploughing at the Lyne, Knockando, in April 1954 contained a beaker which has generously been presented to the Museum by the finder, Mr Charles Warren. The site was the crest of a gravel spur with a gentle southward slope between the Sauch Burn and the Knockando Burn, some 20 yds. south of the side road that crosses the farm at an altitude of about 650 ft.

¹ The Dalswinton Paddle is discussed more fully in *T. Dumf. & Gall. A.S.* vol. xxxiii, 1954-5, p. 185.

O.D. (Nat. Grid ref. 38/176448). The cist of flagstones with no floor was of normal type but unusually small inside, only 14 by 27 ins. The beaker lay on its side in the centre, and there were no skeletal remains or other relics.

The vessel, light reddish buff in colour, 6.3 ins. high and 4.6 ins. across at the rim, has a squat body and rather tall neck, both decorated somewhat carelessly with zones of impressions made with a serrated stick: short vertical lines on the inward-bevelled rim, on the neck horizontal lines with an intermediate plain zone outlined with small chevrons, on the body two zones of chevrons formed of bundles of lines with horizontal outlines.

No beaker has so far been found farther up the Spey valley than Knockando, and so the find is on the very margin of the clearly defined NE. Scottish province of beaker occupation, as can be seen in the map published by Miss Crichton-Mitchell in 1934.¹ The vessel is itself probably a rather late one.

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¹ *P.S.A.S.*, LXVIII, opp. p. 188. Another beaker from Knockando is *Abercromby*, No. 268.



1. Pictish Chain from Walston. 2. Bauxite Bead. 3. Beaker from Knockando.
4. Seal-Matrix of the Earl of Arran. 5. Seventeenth-century Arm-chair.

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