

DISCOVERY OF ANCIENT CANOES ON THE CLYDE.

John Buchanan, Esq., having communicated at different periods notices of the discovery of ancient canoes at Glasgow and its neighbourhood, forwarded an account of two fine specimens brought to light during recent operations on the river Clyde. One was dug up near Point House Ferry, in November 1851, and the other in the following January; and since then two more have been found, making in all fifteen canoes brought to light at different times during the last seventy years, under the streets of Glasgow, or in the immediate vicinity of the ancient city. Every one of these was formed out of a single tree, and some of them evidently by the action of fire. In one of the earlier examples, discovered

while digging the foundation of St Enoch's Church in the year 1780, a beautifully polished stone hatchet was found, adding additional proof to the evidence afforded by its site, of the remote period to which this primitive example of the earliest fleets of the Clyde belonged.