

*An Account of certain Arrow Heads, of bronze, found near Mount Caucasus, and communicated to the late Rev. J. D. CARLYLE, by his Excellency M. TOMARA, Ambassador for Russia at Constantinople.— See plate IX.*

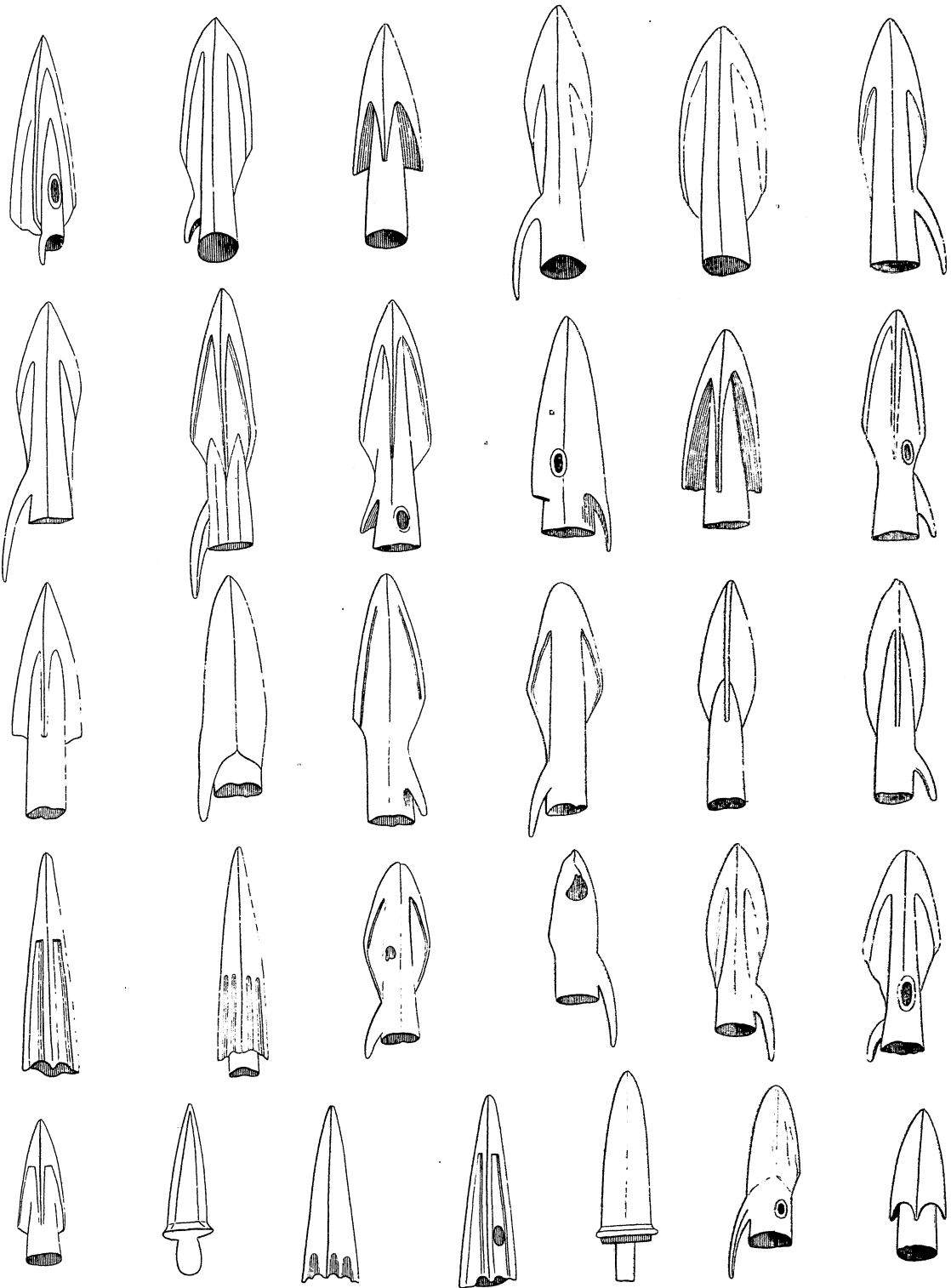
MRS. BEILBY, through Mr. Adamson, the Secretary, presented to the Society in August, 1817, a Roman Ear Ring, an Arrow Head of bronze, and drawings of twenty other Arrow Heads, accompanied with the following memorandum in the hand writing of the late Mr. Beilby:

“ When the late Rev. J. D. Carlyle was at Constantinople, he was told by the Russian Ambassador, that there had been discovered on a large plain, at the foot of Mount Caucasus, such immense quantities of heads of arrows, made of copper, that fourteen furnaces were employed at that time in melting them down. By what nation they had been deposited, or at what time, was equally unknown, as no accounts had been handed down of any battles having been fought there; but even in that way it would be a difficult matter to account for the prodigious quantities found there, or for what purpose they had been accumulated. Mr. Carlyle’s curiosity was so much excited by the account, that in order to gratify it as far as possible, the Ambassador wrote for a small box of them, which he afterwards forwarded to Athens, where Mr. Carlyle then had gone.” The drawings were made by Mr. Beilby from a selection of the originals.

The following account of them, also accompanied with drawings,\*

\* The plate represents the drawings of the arrow heads made by Mr. Beilby, together with such of those sent by Miss Carlyle as appear to differ from them.

*Plate IX*



*Nicholson. Sculp.\**



was sent by Miss Carlyle, daughter to the late Mr. Carlyle, in a letter to James Losh, Esq. dated Carlisle, May 15th, 1818 :

“ I think I told you the history of the arrows, as far as we are possessed of it. The existence of a plain at the foot of Mount Caucasus, so thickly covered with arrow heads, that for some years fourteen forges have been employed in melting them, was mentioned to my father by the Russian Ambassador, M. Tomara, at Constantinople in 1800, and on my father's expressing a wish to see specimens of the arrows, the Ambassador sent into Tartary for a box of them. It did not arrive at Constantinople, until after my father had left that place ; and it was conveyed to him at Athens by Mrs. Nisbet. This precluded all further inquiries at the time ; and my father's state of health prevented his investigating the subject after his return to England.

“ I do not recollect whether I added to this account, that Major Leake, who was present when the arrows were mentioned by the Ambassador, saw those in our possession, some years since, and on examining them he said, that he thought they were of Turkish workmanship, and precisely the same as those which are now used by the Turks. This opinion it is but justice to tell, though I fear it is very unfavourable to our theory of the Scythians.”