

in their indication of a preference given to the right hand by the draughtsmen of that remote age. The mammoth drawing, and other palæographic tablets representing groups of reindeers, horses, &c., are executed in profile, looking to the left, as a righthanded draughtsman naturally does, from the greater facility of execution, when no special reason prompts him to deviate from that direction. They are, in fact, righthanded drawings; and the examples thus far adduced seem to point to this as the uniform characteristic of the etchings of the Troglodytes of the Vézère.

As already shown in the former paper, the member of the body designated the right hand among the ancient Hebrews, Greeks and Latins, and probably among the Sanskrit-speaking Aryans, was the same as we now understand by that term. But all of those were civilized races, and in sufficient geographical propinquity to have derived the same custom or usage from a common source. It is otherwise with the primitive cave-dwellers. In the rudest states of society man as a tool-using animal has the preferential use of one hand engendered in him, so soon as he engages with others in combined operations. As he progresses in civilization, and improves on his first rude weapons and implements, the habitual use of them in one hand leads to their adaptation specially for it, and thus the lefthanded workman is placed at a further disadvantage; and an additional bias is given to righthandedness. But here, also, the inveterate lefthanded manipulator at times re-instates himself on a fair equality with his rival, by providing himself with lefthanded tools and other appliances. I have recently learned of two lefthanded carpenters, with benches so adapted to their own special use; and am told of a scythe adapted to the requirements of a lefthanded mower. But it is more frequently in the pastimes of leisure hours that the lefthanded operator is tempted to put himself on an equality with others in the special adaptation of his tools. The favourite Scottish game of golf is one in which the implements are of necessity righthanded, and so subject the lefthanded player to the greatest disadvantage, unless he provides his own special clubs. The links at Leith have long been famous as an arena for Scottish golfers. King Charles I. was engaged in a game of golf on these links when, in November, 1641, a letter was delivered into his hands, which gave him the first account of the Irish Rebellion. According to the anecdote, as recorded in the *Archæologia Scotica* by Mr. Tytler, of