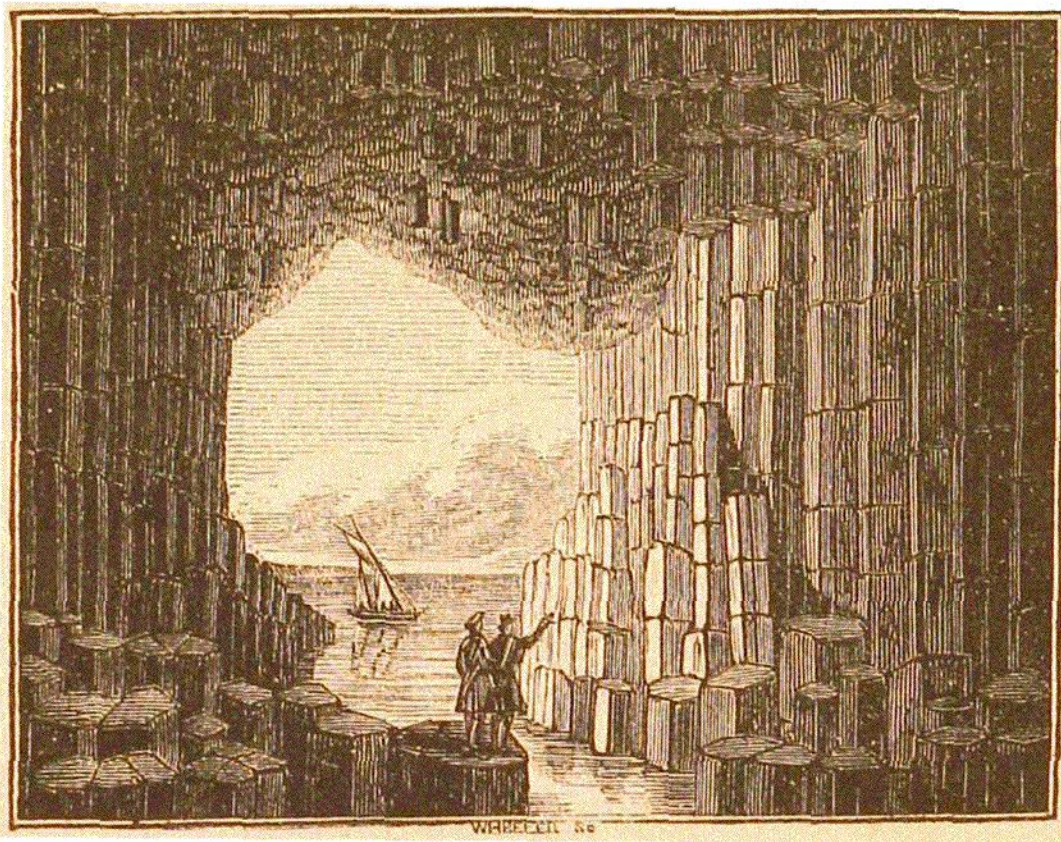


diminishes to 50, and is composed of the projecting extremities of basaltic columns; the sides, of perpendicular pillars; and the base, of a causeway of the same materials. The vaulted arch presents a singularly rich and varied effect; in some places, it is composed of the ends of portions of basaltic pillars, resembling a marble pavement; in others, of the rough surface of the naked rock; while in many, stalactites mingle with the pillars in the recesses, and add, by the contrast of their colours,



TAB. 148.—FINGAL'S CAVE; VIEWED FROM WITHIN.

(Drawn by Miss Jane Allnutt.)

to the pictorial effect, which is still farther heightened by the ever varying reflected light thrown from the surface of the water, which fills the bottom