

of their sins, after which certain persons appointed for the purpose gave each penitent several strokes with a rod of hickory, according to the gravity of his offense. (*Allis*, 1.)

Through the kindness of Mr C. H. Bartlett, of South Bend, Indiana, the United States National Museum has recently come into possession



FIG. 62.—Ousawkie.

of one of these prayer-sticks. The stick, of which plate LXXXVI gives a good idea, is of maple, a little more than 12 inches in length, $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches in its greatest width, and three-eighths of an inch thick. It is said to have been painted a bright red on one side and a vivid green on the other. The paint has now disappeared, however, leaving bare