

LOCHS OF THE POLLY BASIN.

ONLY the two principal lochs in this basin (Lochan Gainmheich and Loch Skinaskink) were surveyed; Loch na Doire Seirbhe, Loch Lòna-h-Uamha, Loch Uidh Tarruingeach, and other smaller lochs had no boats on them at the time of the visit of the Lake Survey, and it was found impracticable to have boats transported to them. The waters of Lochan Gainmheich are discharged into Loch Skinaskink, thence by the river Polly into Loch Polly, an inlet of Enard Bay.

Lochan Gammherch (see Plate XXXIX.).—Lochan Gainmheich lies about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles to the north of Loch Lurgain and a quarter of a mile to the south-west of Loch Skinaskink, into which its waters are discharged by the Allt Lochan Gainmheich. The eastern end of the loch lies between Cul Mor and Cul Beag, and to the west An Stac rises to over 2000 feet; Cul Beag and An Stac are connected by a ridge between Loch Lurgain and Lochan Gainmheich over 200 feet above the level of the loch, so that only towards Loch Skinaskink can an extensive view be obtained. The southern shore of Lochan Gainmheich is thickly wooded, but the northern and western shores are bare. The loch is naturally divided into a larger and deeper southern portion and a smaller and shallower northern portion, and it has been found convenient to measure these two distinct portions separately.

The *southern portion* is a mile in length from east to west, and nearly half a mile in maximum breadth, the mean breadth being over one-fifth of a mile. The area is about 135 acres, and it drains an area of nearly $2\frac{3}{4}$ square miles. Over 50 soundings were taken, and the maximum depth observed was 120 feet. The volume of water is estimated at 245,711,000 cubic feet, and the mean depth at nearly 42 feet. This portion of Lochan Gainmheich is extremely simple in conformation, the bottom sinking down on all sides towards the deepest part, which is approximately centrally placed. The 50-foot area is about 1100 yards in length, and the 100-foot area about 400 yards in length, the maximum depth of 120 feet having been observed about 130 yards from the southern shore. The areas between the contour-lines, and the percentages to the total area, are as follows.—