

LOCHS OF THE EWE BASIN.

THIRTEEN lochs draining into Loch Ewe were visited by the Lake Survey, viz., Loch Maree, Lochan Fada, Lochs Garbhaig, Coulin, Clair, Tollie, Kernsary, Ghiuragarstidh, Mhic' Ille Riabhaich, a' Bhaid-Luachraich, Sguod, an t-Slagain, and an Drainc. The two last-mentioned lochs fall into the sea just outside the entrance to Loch Ewe, but it has been found convenient to include them with the lochs of the Ewe basin. The relations between the various lochs will be readily grasped by reference to the small index map of the district shown in Fig. 37. The drainage area under consideration extends from the mouth of Loch Ewe to the summit of Carn Odhar in the south, and close to the shores of Loch Fannich in the east, and is about 30 miles in length from north to south, and about 17 miles in maximum width from east to west. The total area is about 220 square miles (excluding Loch Ewe), and, as will be seen from the table at the end of this paper, about $185\frac{1}{2}$ square miles drain into the lochs now to be dealt with, leaving about 35 square miles draining into the sea irrespective of these lochs. The head-waters of the basin on the south take their rise on the flanks of Beinn Liath Mhor and Carn Breac, flowing by the river Coulin into Loch Coulin, thence into Loch Clair, thence by the Allt Ghairbhe into the Kinlochewe river, at Kinlochewe, which falls into Loch Maree at its head. A short distance along the north-eastern shore Loch Maree receives the outflow from Lochan Fada by the Abhuinn an Fhasaigh, and, still further down, the outflow from Loch Garbhaig* by the Amhainn na Fuirneis. At its foot Loch Maree receives the outflow from Loch Tollie on the west, and from Lochs Ghiuragarstidh and Kernsary on the north-east, and its waters are carried by the river Ewe into the head of Loch Ewe. The outflow from Loch Sguod falls into Loch Ewe on its western shore, and the outflow from Lochs Mhic' Ille Riabhaich and a' Bhaid-Luachraich on its eastern shore. Loch an t-Slagain flows into Slaggan bay at the entrance to Loch Ewe, and Loch an Drainc flows into The Minch a short distance to the west of the entrance to Loch Ewe. A number of small lochs within the district now being dealt with could not be surveyed for lack of boats.

* The smaller Loch Garbhaig lying to the west of Loch Maree was not sounded.