

water on October 3, 1903, was 364·9 feet above the sea; on June 22, 1867, the Ordnance Survey officers found it about 6 feet higher (371·5 feet).

In form Loch Meiklie is approximately oblong. A shallow inlet, formed by the encroachment of the river, runs one-sixth of a mile from the west end. The basin is quite simple, with the slopes everywhere gentle, but steepest towards the north shore at the deepest part. Over one-half of the whole area is less than 20 feet in depth. The volume of water is 193 millions of cubic feet, making Loch Meiklie the ninth in point of bulk in the Ness basin.

The surface temperature on October 3, 1903, was 53°·6 Fahr.

*Loch Aslaich* (see Plate CI).—An extremely beautiful little loch, about 5 miles west of Loch Ness, surrounded by hills of considerable height, rising to about 2000 feet in the immediate neighbourhood of the loch. On a picturesque wooded island in the loch the members of the Lake Survey had their abode (in a lodge kindly lent by the proprietor), while the lochs of the district were being examined. In form the loch is a narrow oblong, with its long axis running north and south. It is one-third of a mile long, with a maximum breadth of one-seventh of a mile. Its superficial area is about 21 acres (only Lochs Dubh and nan Losganan being smaller), and it drains an area of nearly 2 square miles. This area includes a larger loch (Loch nam Meur), which was not surveyed. Besides the chief feeder, the burn coming from Loch nam Meur, two small burns enter the loch. The river Coiltie has its origin in Loch Aslaich, and flows into the Enrick just where it enters Loch Ness. Its volume is 10 millions of cubic feet; in this respect Lochs Lundie (by Clunie), Laide, Dubh, and nan Losganan, are smaller. The height of the loch above the sea was estimated at 1310 feet. Fully half the superficial area is covered by less than 10 feet of water. The area of more than 20 feet in depth forms a narrow strip along the west side. This comes very near to the south end, and the deepest sounding, 26 feet, is quite close inshore. The mean depth is 11 feet

On July 2, 1904, the temperature at the surface and at 6 feet was 60°·0 Fahr., and at 18 feet, 56°·3.

*Loch Dubh* (see Plate XCI) —A very little lochan a couple of miles to the west of Loch Ness and 4 miles south of Glen Urquhart. The shortest loch in the basin, but in all other dimensions the second smallest, since Loch nan Losganan is shallower, narrower, of smaller area and volume. It is obscurely triangular in form, its axis running south-west and north-east, the apex to the north-east. It is situated at a high level, estimated at 1340 feet, amid moorland, rising gradually southward to Meall Fuarvounie (2284 feet). It is nearly one-fifth of a