

LOCHS OF THE NAIRN BASIN.

THE three lochs within the Nairn basin (see Index Map, Fig. 19) that were sounded by the Lake Survey are situated in Inverness-shire at the head of the river, over 20 miles to the south-west of the town of Nairn, and comparatively close to the eastern shore of Loch Ness, being, indeed, sandwiched between Lochs Ashie and Ruthven of the Ness basin. They form a connected series, Loch Ceò-Glas flowing into Loch Dùn na Seilcheig, the most important of the series, and thence into Loch a' Chlachain. They all contain trout, and Loch Dùn na Seilcheig also contains char, but the fishing in it is preserved.

Loch Ceò-Glas (see Plate LXIV.) lies about 11 miles south of Inverness, and only a mile and a half from the eastern shore of Loch Ness, opposite Urquhart bay. Elongate in form, it trends in a south-west and north-east direction, and is nearly a mile in length, though the maximum breadth is only about one-seventh of a mile, the superficial area being about 54 acres. The northern portion of the loch is shallow, with the deeper water in the southern half, the maximum depth of 32 feet having been recorded little more than a quarter of a mile from the southern end, and towards the western shore, which is bordered by vertical and overhanging cliffs. The volume of water is estimated at 24 million cubic feet, and the mean depth at a little over 10 feet. Nearly two-thirds of the lake-floor is covered by less than 10 feet of water. The loch was surveyed on May 1, 1903, when the elevation was found to be 762.9 feet above the sea, or a foot lower than the level observed by the Ordnance Survey officers on March 28, 1871. Temperatures taken in the deepest part of the loch showed that the water was nearly uniform in temperature from surface to bottom, the readings being:

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| Surface | 46° 3 Fahr. |
| 10 feet | 46° 2 ,, |
| 20 ,, | 46° 1 ,, |
| 30 ,, | 46° 0 ,, |

Loch Dùn na Seilcheig (see Plate LXIV.)—Loch Dùn na Seilcheig (or Duntelchaig) is a large and deep loch lying about half a mile to the north-east of Loch Ceò-Glas, the difference in level being about 60 feet. Somewhat irregular in outline and variable in width, the loch trends in a south-west and north-east direction, and is nearly $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles