

Glen Garry. Wreaths of filmy mist had been hovering in the upper air during the forenoon. Towards evening, under the influence of a cool breeze from the north, they gathered together into one long band that stretched for several miles straight as the sky-line of the distant sea, touching merely the higher summits, and giving a horizon by which the general uniformity of level among the hills could be signally tested. Once or twice in a season one may be fortunate enough to get on the mountains above such a stratum of mist, which then seems to fill up the inequalities of the general platform of hill-tops, and to stretch out as a white phantom-sea, from which the highest eminences rise up as little islets into the clear air of the morning.

There are many easily accessible summits from which this long level line of the Highland hill-tops may be impressively observed. In the very centre of the Highlands, for instance, from the hills north-east of Dalwhinnie, which reach heights of over 2000 feet, an uninterrupted view may be had over the vast sea of mountains lying between Strathspey and the Great Glen,

FIG. 23.—View of the Highland Table-land from above Dalwhinnie, looking westward.

