

into the heights of Ben Lomond, and thence by the Trossachs and Ben Ledi into the great range of Stuc-a-Chroin and Ben Vorlich. The craggy Highland character of these hills is heightened by the softly undulating contour of the clay-slate hills that come in front of them, while in the Trossachs and along the shores of Loch Katrine and Loch Achray, their ruggedness and gloom are softened by the fairy-like garniture of mountain-ash, oak, birch, and



FIG. 46.—Buchaille-Etive (the Herdsman of Etive), from the east.

willow which lend such charm to that district of the Highlands.

Eruptive rocks take a less prominent place in Highland scenery than might have been anticipated. The most abundant and characteristic of them is granite, which covers wide regions in Scotland, particularly in Aberdeenshire. This rock presents considerable diversity of scenery, the cause of which is not easy to find. Sometimes, as in