end, however, the cones become blunted at top, and as the angle of the declivity lessens, the rate of waste is proportionately decreased.

The diabases and basalt-rocks, on the other hand, splitting up along their joints into large blocks, are marked by a

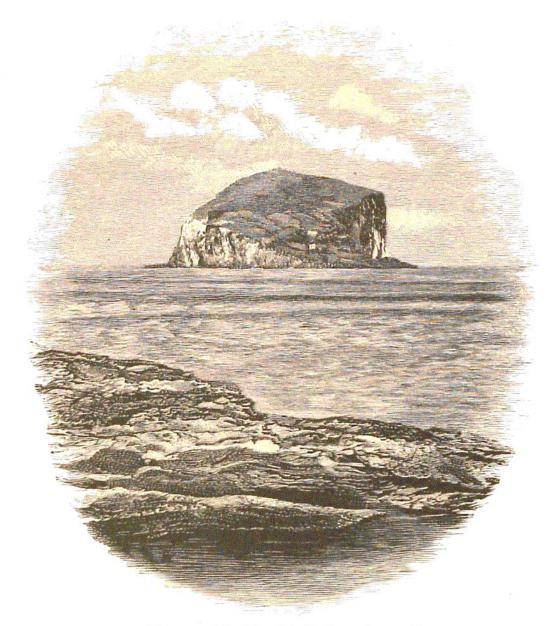


Fig. 81.—The Bass Rock from the south.

more craggy and rugged outline. Where they occupy a considerable breadth of surface, they rise into broken irregular ground, protruding through the soil in rounded hummocks of dun-coloured stone, the surface of which crumbles