

and drive by way of Poolewe, round Gruinard Bay [123] and the head of Little Loch Broom to the Ullapool Ferry—a charming route, now happily once more practicable for carriages. From Auchnasheen the railway crosses the watershed of the country [181, 269], and descends the short and rapid slope to the head of Loch Carron. The glaciation in this valley is exceedingly striking. Some of the corries on either side are full of large moraines, with abundant *roches moutonnées* and perched blocks. One of the most remarkable of these glens lies immediately to the north of Auchnashellach Station.

Loch Carron is another example of a fjord being filled up at its upper end by the detritus carried into it by tributary streams. Strips of raised beach are to be seen along its side. **Strome Ferry**, the terminus of the railway, may be made the centre for visiting Lochs Keeshorn, Torridon, Alsh, and Duich, Glen Shiel, and the Falls of the Glomak. The steamboat journey to Skye has already been noticed, p. 465.

#### 18. INVERNESS TO WESTERN ROSS AND SUTHERLAND.

The branching of the railway at Dingwall affords a choice of routes to the remarkable scenery of Western Ross-shire and Sutherland. Allusion has been made to two ways of reaching Ullapool—one from Garve Station, which is the shortest and least interesting, and one by Auchnasheen, Poolewe, Gruinard Bay, and Little Loch Broom (see above). From Ullapool, a carriage may be hired to Loch Inver, or to Inchnadamph. The routes to these two places follow the same road as far as Drumrunie, and afford magnificent views of the great Cambrian escarpments of Coygach [Fig. 43]. The Loch Inver road turns to the north-west, under the cliffs of Coul Beg, and in sight of the strange peaks of Stac Polly. As it approaches Loch Inver it brings the traveller to one of the best points of view for Suilven. The Assynt road continues beyond Drumrunie across a series of moors at the base of the great masses of Coul Beg and Coul More. Suilven comes in sight as the road descends to Loch Veyatie. To the right of it is Canisp, and by degrees the heights of Ben More, Assynt, and Queenaig, bound the view to the north and east. Skirting the foot of the Stronchrubie cliffs—the greatest limestone escarpment in Scotland,