

of a later part of the Ice Age, to which reference will be made farther on.

Where the finer detritus left by the great ice-sheet has been in course of time washed away by rain, the large blocks of rock in the moved material have been left behind. Perched upon the ice-ground hummocks of rock, they now form one of the most characteristic features in many a Highland foreground (Fig. 56). As one of the best localities for the examination of such scattered blocks, the district between Loch Laxford and Richonich in the north-



FIG. 56.—Ice-worn Knolls and Perched Blocks, Loch Torridon.

west of Sutherland may be referred to. There the rounded ice-worn hummocks of Archæan gneiss are in some places crowded with boulders, perched on the sky-line and poised on the declivities as if a mere push with the hand would dislodge them. There are one or two places on the high road from which the first view of this singular scenery cannot but fill the traveller with astonishment (Fig. 57). If he cares to climb any of these rocky domes he will find them well smoothed, though the finer scratchings and groovings have for the most part been obliterated by the