

western part of the Midland Valley [333]. The visitor who has time to ascend to the crest of the ridge above Greenock will obtain some idea of the broken kind of ground which the irregular disintegration of these volcanic rocks produces in the interior of the country. He will also be in a good position for seeing the outline of the western portion of the Highland table-land [194].

(2.) **To the Campsie Fells and Aberfoyle.**—The railway through Strathblane enables the traveller to obtain a glimpse of the great northern escarpments of the Kilpatrick and Campsie Fells [333]. If he walks well and wishes to see more of these features, he should quit the railway at **Strathblane** Station, and slanting up the hills continue for six or eight miles along the escarpment, until it makes its great bend above Fintry, when he may descend upon Balfron. The detached hills which, on both sides of the valley beyond Strathblane village, stand out so prominently on the slopes in front of the escarpments, mark the position of some of the volcanic vents from which the lavas and tuffs of the plateau were emitted. The railway from Strathblane crosses the great plain of Old Red Sandstone that lies between the Carboniferous rocks and the schists of the Highlands. The wide peat-mosses may be seen stretching away to the east [347, 391], and fine views are afforded of the back of the Campsie and Fintry Hills far eastwards to Stirling, and also of the remarkable hollow through which the River Forth flows in this part of its course. At **Aberfoyle** the effects of the great boundary fault are conspicuously seen in the craggy ridges of vertical Old Red conglomerate which contribute so largely to the picturesqueness of the locality [143]. The River Forth crosses the line of the fault at Aberfoyle. If time allows, the visitor should follow an old hill road that ascends behind the village and crosses over the hills to Loch Venachar. It will enable him to judge better of the singular contrast of landscape on the two sides of the dislocation, and will bring him to some good exposures of the slates and other rocks that form here the outer rampart of the Highlands.

(3.) **To Loch Lomond, the Trossachs, and Callander.**—This tour may be accomplished in one day, but is worthy of two or three. It may be taken either from east or west. If the traveller chooses the westward route, he is carried by railway down the Clyde to Dumbarton, and sees on the