

similar movement may often be noticed on the sides of hills or valleys.

Unequal Erosive Action of Rain.—While the result of rain action is the general lowering of the level of the land, this process necessarily advances very unequally in different places. On flat ground, the waste may be quite inappreciable, except after long intervals and



Fig. 101.—Rain-eroded pillars of Old Red Conglomerate, Fochabers.

by the most accurate measurements, or it may even give place to deposition, the fine detritus washed off the slopes being spread out, so as actually to heighten the alluvial surface. In numerous localities, great variations in the rate of erosion by rain may be observed. Thus, from the pitted, channelled ground lying immediately under the drip of the eaves of a house, fragments of stone and gravel stand up prominently, because the earth around and above them has been washed away by the falling drops, and because, being