

Fig. 131. LOOKING NORTH FROM CAMP CXXVIII.

there was another latitudinal valley, running in the same direction. Possibly it would be more correct to regard these side-glens as transverse glens; in any case they appear to open out upon the big depression of the southern latitudinal valley.

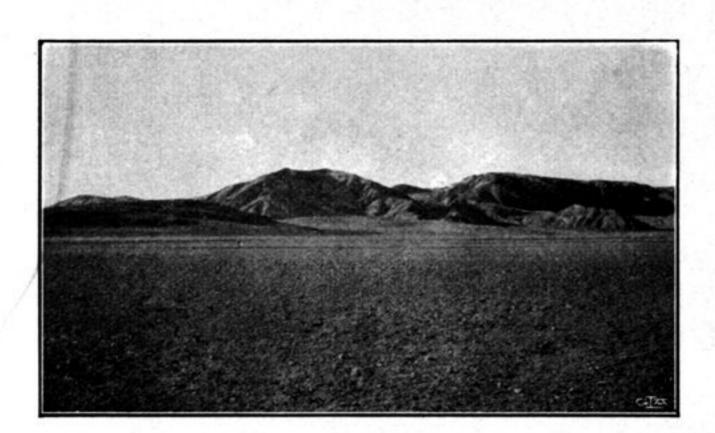


Fig. 132. LOOKING W FROM CAMP CXXVIII.

At this camp there was scarce a trace of grazing, beyond an occasional scrubby plant on this or the other slope. The rock in this region was the same as hitherto, limestone; at the beginning of the day's march it dipped 47° towards the S. 31° E.

In this part of Tibet it is an unusual sound to hear the ripple of water, so that even the small quantity which the Raga-tsangpo was then carrying produced the impression of an actual river, although in the peripheral moun-

tain regions it would simply be called a very insignificant brook. But in this respect this region itself will present quite a different appearance in the summer, for then the entire surface may be as wet as a sponge and large areas of the latitudinal valleys will be more like marshes. It was however a disagreeable region, and bitterly cold, because of a raw icy current of air which flowed uninterruptedly down the valley.