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TO THE MEMORY
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IN COMPLIANCE WITH WHOSE WISH THIS WORK
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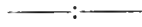
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INTRODUCTION.

THE crosses of Monmouthshire are neither so numerous as those of Cornwall, nor so beautiful as the best examples in Glamorganshire and Gloucestershire, yet they possess an interest of their own and in the study of their remains much may be learnt and much is to be admired. I have divided this work into two portions; the first contains all the churchyard crosses I have been able to discover, the latter the wayside crosses I have succeeded to the best of my ability in identifying. In the part containing the wayside crosses it is probable that there are some inaccuracies owing to the lapse of time and the death of persons acquainted with local traditions. In nearly every case the site of each cross has been personally visited, and in some of the churchyards the base of the cross has been dug out of the turf. In the ten rural deaneries of the Archdeaconry of Monmouth there exist remains of seventy-nine churchyard crosses. These are very unequally distributed, the ancient and agricultural deaneries having a great many: the modern and manufacturing ones, such as Abergavenny Blaenau Gwent, very few. Some of the bases, shafts, and remains are extremely handsome: notably Mitchel Troy, Bettws Newydd, Raglan, Bedwas, and Undy. Some of them are little more than square stones, or a piece of turf marking the site. In many instances trees have been planted where the old crosses stood, and it is very regrettable that in some places the vegetation has been allowed to intertwine and entangle the handsome base and steps to such an extent as

to render restoration impossible. The old churchyard cross belonged to the old Church life, and as the old Church life revives amongst ourselves it is to be hoped that the churchyard cross will again form one of its holy and picturesque features. In ancient days people were anxious to be buried near it, it formed the goal of processions, and the words of life were often heard from its steps, whilst on festival days it was hung with garlands. It had its secular uses too; bargains were struck beneath it and engagements so made were considered binding. The Parish clerk proclaimed the news from its steps after the morning service when posts were few and far between, and there were no newspapers; and the lowest step, so often hollowed underneath, shows its employment as a seat for the village elders.

A little attention to detail will in many instances give us the approximate date of these crosses. The Rev. Elias Owen in his "Old Stone Crosses of the Vale of Clwyd" tells us that tapering octagonal shafts with square broaches belong to the fourteenth century. We have many of these. In fact there seems to have been quite a rage for cross building at that time. The ballflower ornament at Mitchel Troy and Bedwas speak of the same period, whilst the fine work of Undy shaft and the shape of the head of the Caerwent cross seem to speak to us of the fifteenth century. In some places the ribs and mouldings of the base tell us of the same period of building, almost of the same architect. In a few instances the bases of wayside crosses have been moved into churchyards for safety: these require to be carefully noted and distinguished, or they may be mistaken for the original churchyard crosses. In all cases the history of each stone should be investigated. The destruction of crosses in and near populous places and towns has been alas! thorough and complete. Usk, Monmouth, Newport, Chepstow, Abergavenny, are one and all destitute of a handsome flight of steps, a carved base, or anything but

the poorest remains where we have reason to believe that these towns were once rich in such relics. In out of the way places, on the contrary, very imposing fragments exist, and in some instances the head of the cross was merely knocked off (perhaps hidden,) to comply with the letter of the law.

In Queen Elizabeth's days an attempt was made to get an order to destroy all the churchyard crosses, but that Sovereign would not sanction it. In 1643 however, the Puritans succeeded, and an order was issued for their destruction, and committees of magistrates were to be formed in every county to carry this out. Thus we owe the ruin of these sacred memorials, not to the wanton and temporary rage of Cromwell's soldiers as they scoured the country, but to the cool deliberate bigotry of the Parliament in London. In only one instance has a churchyard cross been left with its ancient head, at Kilgwrrwg, and this probably because the iconoclasts could not get it off as the whole cross is very hard and cut out of one piece. It may have owed its immunity to the fact of not being carved with figures. One wayside cross, Croes Llwydd, retains its ancient head, probably because it had no figures, or perhaps a cavalier knight or squire ruled in that neighbourhood. In very few instances has a cross retained more than a small portion of its original shaft. All the restorations have been carried out according to modern ideas, with the exceptions of Pen-y-Clawdd and of Llanfrechfa churchyard crosses, which are not unpleasing in their attempt to reproduce the mediæval spirit.

The wayside crosses have been more difficult to identify than the churchyard, and in many cases the name has survived whilst the thing has gone. In Monmouthshire there are about thirty known sites: of these about seventeen have some trace of a stone. Some remains are very interesting though not so much so as those in Cornwall. It is more than probable that there are many more unknown

to the antiquary, but hidden away in corners of old paths and in field ways, and in the ditches that used to serve as roads. It is also likely that these crosses and also those in the churchyards were built upon the sites of others still more ancient.

Pelliccia in his "Ecclesiastical Polity" writes thus of the extreme antiquity of wayside crosses: "The ancients were accustomed to set up very high crosses in the public streets. Chrysostom tells us that this was the custom in his time at Constantinople and other places in the East. Wherefore Balsamon says: Holy images and crosses are set up by one who is thus disposed: and for God's sake, and for the sake of pure faith towards His saints, we adore and salute holy things of this kind wherever they are erected. According to Eusebius this custom was first begun by Constantine the Great who, as he tells us, set up in all places triumphal little columns clearly marked with a cross. The Emperor did this that he might entirely eradicate every monument of Pagan religion; for he ordered that crosses should be erected in all places where there was a *Bivilia* (a statue of the goddess who delivers from straying from the paths) of the Romans, or a three headed *Hermes* of the Greeks, (*Mercurius Triceps*) which used in those times to stand in the public roads, and therefore, the endeavour which some are making to restore this ancient use, and to place crosses in the public roads is a design worthy of all praise; it is but folly to say that this design is one which is forbidden by the laws of the Emperor, for such objections to the ancient policy were nowhere made by him; the Imperial laws merely forbid the indiscriminate erection of crosses, because formerly any spot of ground on which a cross was raised became the property of that Church to which the cross belonged."—Bellett's translation, p. 396.

Before leaving the subject of wayside crosses, it may be well to refer to the custom of burying suicides "at the

cross roads." Of course such persons could not be laid in consecrated ground but it is fair to imagine that this practice was a merciful alternative. The suicide was forbidden burial beneath the shadow of the churchyard cross but he was allowed a resting-place where the arms of the wayside cross stretched out, a fitting emblem of the mercy of Him who knoweth the sorrows and temptations of all hearts.

I must mention that the drawing of the Monmouth cross, the Maypole base, the head of the Pant cross, and of the old Bridge at Skenfrith are from photographs by Mr. Tudor Williams, photographer, of Monmouth. And in conclusion, I beg heartily to thank Mrs. Bagnall Oakeley for her drawings of Penalt churchyard cross and of the "resting stone" at Trellech; the Rev. W. B. Oakeley for a sketch of Penalt wayside cross; Miss Crawley of Bryngwyn for guidance and information concerning the wayside crosses in her neighbourhood; Mrs. Still for affording me facilities for drawing and examining the cross at Caerwent; Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas for helping me in the vicinity of Llanwern; the Rev. T. Pitt Eykyn for information about Magor and Redwick; the Rev. Watkin Davies for his help at Matherne, without which I should never have found the base of the old cross under a pump; the Rev. Mr. Morris of Llanvihangel Rogiet for much valuable information and kind hospitality; and above all to my husband, Frank Johnstone Mitchell, F.S.A., who by his unwearied help (especially in measurements) and his hearty sympathy in the whole undertaking made the days spent in these investigations some of the happiest of my life.

ELIZABETH HARCOURT MITCHELL.

*Llanfrechfa Grange,
Cuerleon,*

1893.

Abergavenny Deanery, North West.

CWM-Y-OY.

A broken shaft fixed in a base broached at the corners. Base, 3 feet square, 2 feet 10 inches high, on four shallow steps, rough and broken. On South side of Cwm-y-oy Church.

In the garden of a neighbouring farm house, the stone crucifix to the right is shown as the head of the churchyard cross, but this is doubtful as it has nothing on the reverse side. It is more probably a gable cross or one that has been built into a wall. The figure has a curious crown, something in the shape of a Lombardic **M**, and the feet are turned inwards.

GROSMONT.

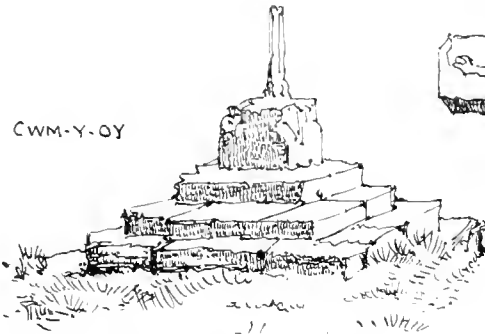
A handsome broached octagonal base, 2 feet 6 inches high and 4 feet across: bearing remains 4 feet 6 inches high of octagonal shaft, neatly broached. It stands on the North side of the Church.

LLANDDEWI RHYDDERCH

Has remains of a churchyard cross on the South side of Church. About 3 feet 6 inches of octagonal shaft broached, resting on a handsome base 2 feet 1 inch high and 12 inches square, with corners ribbed and moulded. There are four steps, the lowest (12 feet square and 1 foot 4 inches high) is bevilled, to serve for a seat. The whole is enveloped in a tangled mass of grass, ferns, and shrubs.

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CWM-Y-OY



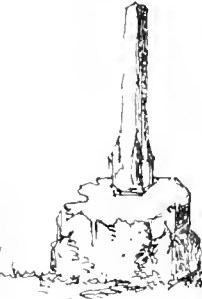
HEAD OF CROSS
AT CWM-Y-OY



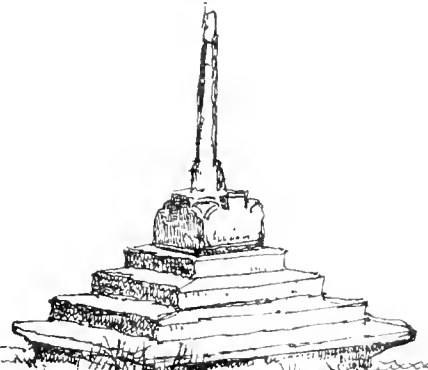
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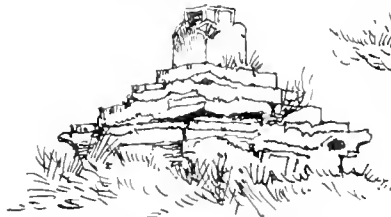
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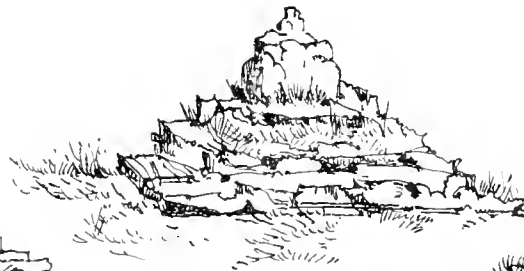
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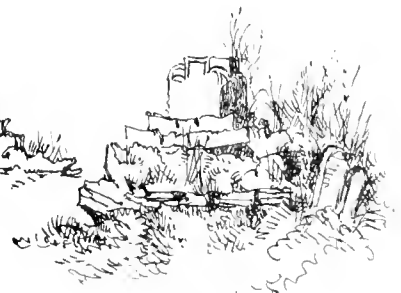
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LLANGATTOCK LINGOED



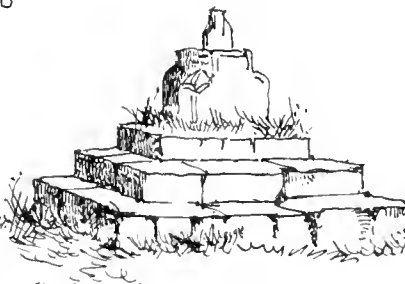
LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY



LLANVAPLEY



LLANVETHERINE



LLANWENARTH CITRA



OLDCASTLE.

LLANDEDEWI SKYRRID.

A churchyard cross at East end of Church. No steps, but a handsome octagonal base, 2 feet 3 inches wide and 1 foot 7 inches high, broached and much worn. $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet of shaft remain; it is octagonal and broached.

LLANFOIST.

A handsome square base, broached and ribbed at the corners, 2 feet 2 inches high, and 3 feet square: standing on four steps of good hewn stone, the lower one bevilled. They are respectively 11 feet 4 inches, 8 feet 4 inches, 6 feet 4 inches, and 4 feet 4 inches square; and 1 foot 3 inches, 10 inches, 9 inches, and 8 inches high. About 7 feet of the ancient shaft remain. It stands on the South side of the Church.

LLANGATTOCK LINGOED.

REMAINS of a churchyard cross on the South side of Church, much dilapidated. Good base with corners moulded and ribbed, 2 feet 6 inches square and 1 foot 10 inches high. Standing on four steps, respectively 11 feet 5 inches, 11 feet, 6 feet, and 4 feet square; and 1 foot 10 inches, 8 inches, 8 inches, and 8 inches high. The lowest one is bevilled underneath.

LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY.

BASE on South side of Church, 3 feet square, 2 feet 3 inches high: broached at the corners. About 8 inches of the shaft is left. It stands on three steps much broken, the lowest 9 feet 6 inches square, and the whole is considerably weather worn.

LLANVAPLEY.

A good base, 3 feet square and 2 feet 4 inches high, with corners ribbed and moulded in the usual manner. Four steps, the lowest (bevilled) 12 feet square and 1 foot 4 inches high. They are much dilapidated and overgrown with a great quantity of herbage. On South side of Church.

LLANVETHERINE.

BASE, 3 feet 2 inches square and 2 feet 8 inches high, broached at corners. There are four steps much worn but handsome, the lowest is bevilled and is 11 feet 6 inches square. On South side of Church.

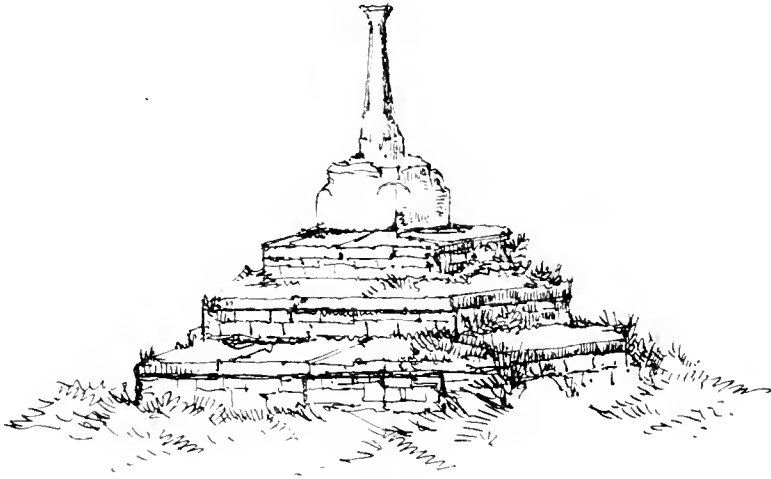
LLANWENARTH CITRA.

A handsome base, chamfered and broached, 3 feet square and 1 foot 10 inches high, mounted on three large steps, 11 feet 9 inches, 9 feet 4 inches and 6 feet 6 inches square, and 13, 12, and 11 inches high. They are of well-built smooth masonry. A few inches of the shaft remain. On South side of Church.

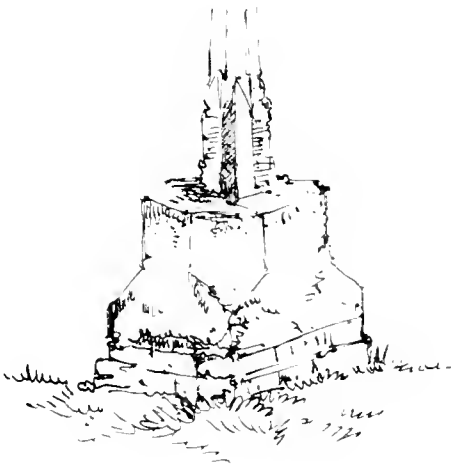
OLD CASTLE.

Two steps on South side of Church, the lower one chamfered. Probably a third step once existed. The upper one is 8 feet square and 8 inches high; the lower 10 feet square and 13 inches high.

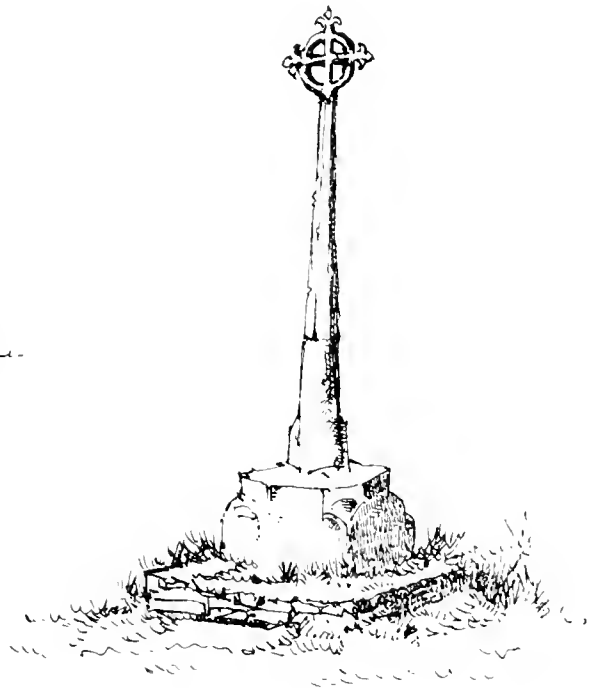
Churchyard Crosses in Abergavenny Heanery
Blaenau Gwent



BEDWELLY



LLANHILLETH



TREVETHIN

ghm

Abergavenny Deanery, Blaenau Gwent.

BEDWELLY.

ON the South side of the Church are three steps placed upon small rough stones and formed of flags: they bear an ancient base broached and chamfered, 1 foot 6 inches high, 1 foot 9 inches square. The steps are 9 feet, 7 feet, and 4 feet 6 inches square, and 1 foot 3 inches high. Part of the shaft has been recut and used to carry a sundial.

LLANHILLETH.

PART of an octagonal shaft, 1 foot 8 inches, with very long broaches, on square base deeply cut at the corners. It is at present on the North side of the Church, but looks as if it had been moved. The base is 2 feet 4 inches square at the top and 1 foot 10 inches high. It has been placed upon a rough brick stand.

Near it is the old Font, 15 inches by 14 square inside and 7 inches deep.

TREVETHIN.

ON the West side of the Church opposite the tower stands a base and part of the shaft of the ancient churchyard cross, mounted upon one old step. The shaft is octagonal, the base broached and square with ribs at the corners. 2 feet 6 inches square at the bottom and 1 foot 10 inches high. About 1 foot 7 inches of the old shaft remains, the upper part of the shaft and the head was rebuilt by the late Vicar, the Rev. J. Llewellyn.

Abergavenny Deanery, South West.

BETTWS NEWYDD.

A broached octagonal shaft on a very handsome square base, having on its sides, 1—St. George's Cross ; 2—St. Andrew's Cross ; 3—A large quatrefoil ; 4—Two small quatrefoils. It stands on three steps in the churchyard, and on the South side of the Church of Bettws Newydd, near Usk.

BRYNGWYN

Has a restored churchyard cross on the South side of the Church. The base is ancient, with the usual broached corners. It is 2 feet 8 inches square and 1 foot 9 inches high.

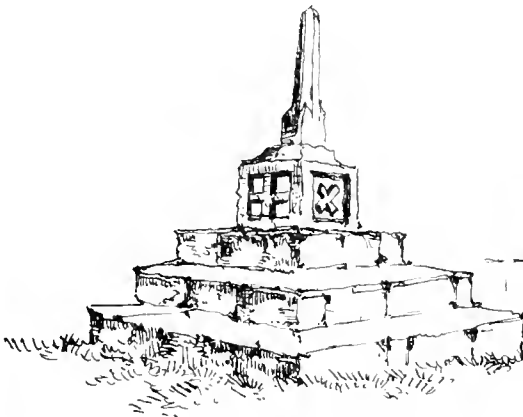
GOYTREY.

REMAINS of a cross on South side of Church. About 2 feet of the original shaft broached. The base is 3 feet square and 2 feet high, and is by no means of ancient appearance. The steps have been removed. The lowest one must have been 12 feet square by the line still remaining.

KEMEYS COMMANDER.

REMAINS of a cross on South side of Church, once on three steps. The steps are now all broken and overgrown by grass. The lower step, 7 feet 8 inches square, with hollow moulding. The base with hole for shaft is lying near ; it is 2 feet 8 inches square, with chamfered corners.

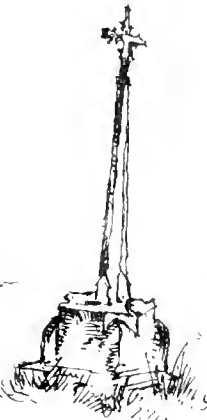
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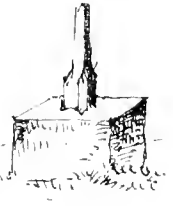
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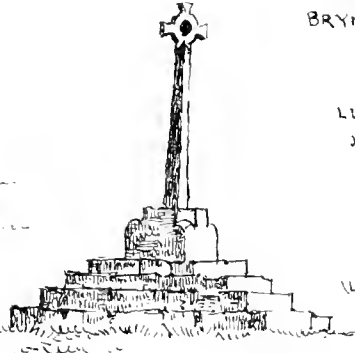
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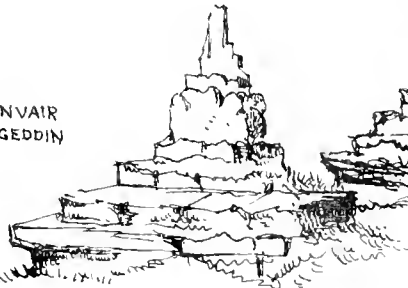
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LLANFIHANGEL
JUXTA USK

MAMHILAD



LLANSAINTFRAED



TROSTREY

EHM

LLANARTH.

FOUR well proportioned steps on the South side of the Church, respectively 11, 8, 6, and 4 feet 8 inches square ; and 12, 11, 10, and 9 inches high. They are surmounted by the ancient base broached at the corners, 3 feet 2 inches square and 2 feet high. A modern square shaft with an Irish head has been fixed in the old base.

LLANGATTOCK-JUXTA-USK.

ABOUT 6 feet 5 inches of the original shaft, mounted on four hexagonal steps, 6, 5, 3 feet 10 inches, and 2 feet 11 inches long, and 16, 13, 11, and 10 inches high. The top of the cross is modern.

LLANOVER.

A handsome base and part of shaft, standing on four steps much broken, on South side of Church. The shaft, of which 4 feet 7 inches remain, is octagonal and broached. The base, 2 feet 10 inches square and 2 feet 6 inches high, is cut off at the corners and nicely moulded. The steps are respectively 11, 8, 6, and 4 feet square, and 16, 14, 12, and 10 inches high.

LLANVAIR KILGEDIN.

BASE and about 2 feet 6 inches of shaft, mounted on four rough steps broken and worn. The base is 2 feet 9 inches square and 2 feet 4 inches high. The lowest step, which is hollowed out to serve as a seat, is 11 feet square. The four steps are 6 feet 4 inches high.

LLANFHLANGEL-JUNTA-USK, OR GOBION.

A handsome base and four steps on South side of Church. The former, 1 foot 8 inches square and 2 feet high. The whole height of steps 4 feet 4 inches. The lowest hollowed out for a seat. The whole much worn and broken.

MAMHILAD.

A handsome broached octagonal base on three steps, which are imbedded in earth and grass. There are no remains of the shaft. It stands on the South side of the Church in a most ancient and interesting churchyard, surrounded by twelve yew trees.

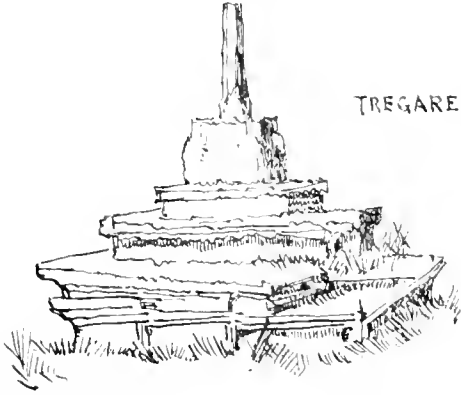
LLANSAINTFFRAED.

Four steps and a square base carry part of the ancient octagonal shaft, to which a modern floriated cross has been affixed. The base is 2 feet 9 inches square, 1 foot 10 inches high, three of the steps are 8 feet, 5 feet 10 inches, and 4 feet square, and 12, 10, and 7 inches high, the lowest step, which is not included in the above measurements, is deeply hollowed underneath for a seat.

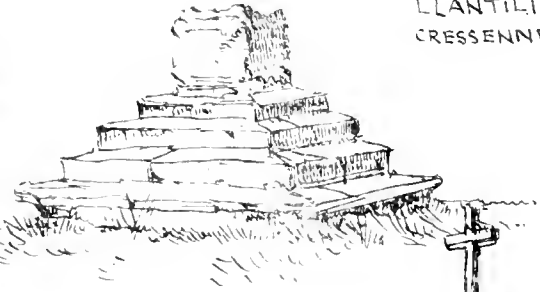
TROSTREY.

At the West end of the Church stands a plain square base upon four good steps, the lowest one chamfered and moulded. A plain modern shaft and cross surmounts the whole. The base is 2 feet $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches square, and 1 foot 8 inches high. The steps are 11 feet 7 inches, 8 feet 9 inches, 6 feet 3 inches, and 4 feet 4 inches square: and 1 foot 6 inches, 12, 10, and $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches high.

Abergavenny Besnery East
Churchyard Crosses



TREGARE



LLANTILIO
CRESSENNEY

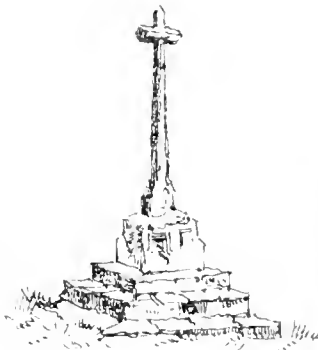


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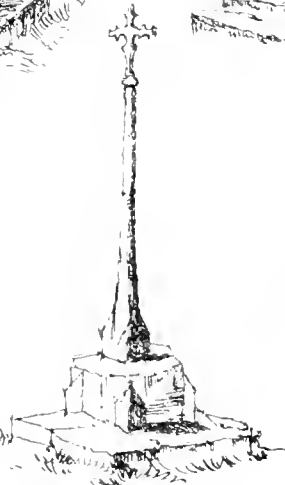


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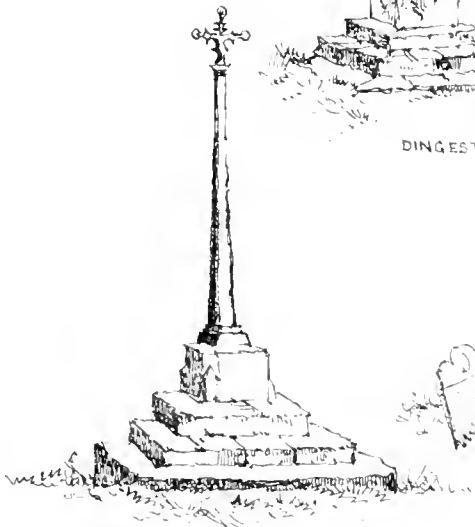
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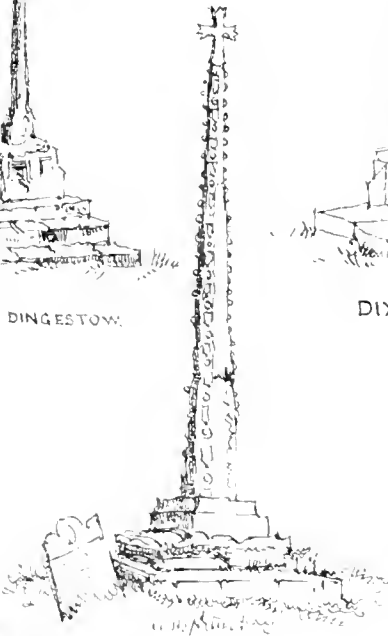
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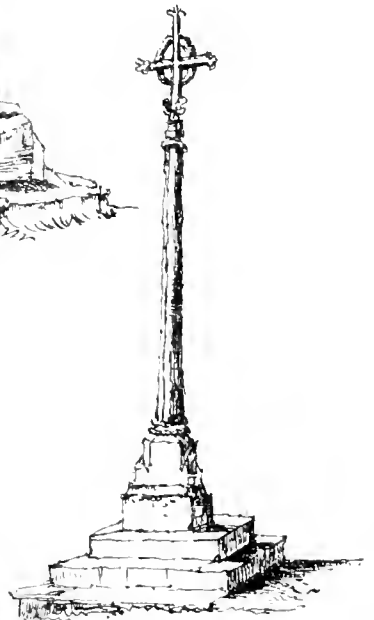
DIXTON



LLANGATTOCK VIBON AVEL



MITCHEL TROY



ROCKFIELD

Abergavenny Deanery, East.

TREGARE.

SHAFT, base, and very handsome steps on South side of Church. Shaft and base of the usual character, but the three steps peculiar and the lower one pannelled in three divisions. The steps apparently of later date than the other parts. They are in a very dilapidated condition, and quite thrown out of the horizontal line. The shaft is 3 feet 5 inches high, the base 1 foot 7 inches, the steps 1 foot 5 inches, 10 inches, and $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The base is 2 feet 2 inches square, and the steps respectively 8 feet 10 inches, 6 feet, and 4 feet.

LLANTILIO CRESSENEY.

A large base broached standing on four steps, the lowest one bevilled underneath. The whole much weather worn. It is on the North side of the Church. The base is 2 feet 6 inches high and 4 feet 5 inches square. The steps, 12 feet 6 inches, 10 feet 6 inches, 8 feet 6 inches, and 6 feet 6 inches square.

CWMCARVON.

FIVE handsome steps formed of large blocks of stone support a large square base, the corners of which are squared and broached and ornamented with mouldings, the

lower part having a set-off. Its strength and beauty show that an unusually important shaft and head once surmounted it. These remains stand on the South side of the Church. The base is 2 feet 8 inches high and 3 feet 4 inches square. The five steps, respectively 1 foot 3 inches, 1 foot 2 inches, 1 foot, 11 inches, and 10 inches high; 11 feet 4 inches, 8 feet 9 inches, 7 feet 2 inches, 5 feet 3 inches square.

WONASTOW.

A cross on South side of Church, with modern head, octagonal shaft and ancient base, on two modern steps made of flagstones on small stones. On one side of the base is a niche, perhaps for relics, 1 foot 2 inches high, 9 inches wide, and 4 inches deep. The base is 3 feet square and 2 feet 11 inches high. It bears an inscription on metal: "Restored in memory of Sir William, 8th Baronet of Chevet, and Dame Mary Milborne Swimmerton Pilkington, his wife."—No date.

PENRHÔS.

A cross on the South of Church. The base, 2 feet 2 inches high and 2 feet 10 inches square, is the only ancient part. It is square, chamfered and broached at the corners with small ribs. This cross was restored from the designs of Mr. Pritchard, Diocesan Architect, to the memory of the Rector's first wife, and on the base is cut the following inscription:—

"To the glory of God, and in memory
of Alice Feetham, this cross was restored 1868."

DINGESTOW.

A handsome cross on South side of Church. Part of the ancient octagonal shaft broached, stands on a good base, much weathered, chamfered and broached, and with panels cut, mounted on three steps. Height of old part of shaft, 4 feet 5 inches. The cross is modern. Height of base, 1 foot 8 inches; square, 2 feet 1 inch. Height of steps, 1 foot, 10 inches, and 9 inches. They are 7 feet 10 inches, 6 feet 6 inches, and 4 feet 2 inches square.

DIXTON.

STANDS on the West side of the Church. Base and shaft, octagonal and broached, stands upon one step. The top is a modern cross. About 3 feet 2 inches of the ancient shaft remain. Base, 1 foot $\frac{3}{4}$ inch high and 2 feet 5 inches square; step, 4 feet 7 inches square.

LLANGATTOCK-VIBON-AVEL.

A cross on the South of Church. Only the base is ancient. Shaft, head, and steps have been rebuilt. This inscription is cut in the base:—"To the glory of God: Restored by Frank and Elizabeth Mitchell, as a thankoffering for their happy marriage, Jan. 19, 1860." The cross was designed by Thomas Wyatt, Architect.

MITCHEL TROY.

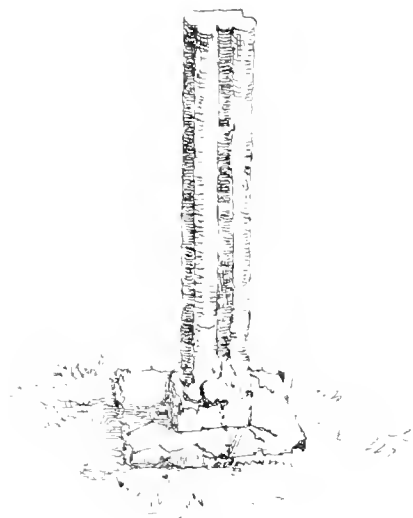
THIS very beautifully proportioned cross is believed to be of the 14th century. The shaft is four-sided and chamfered. From top to bottom at the corners runs a curious device of something like a man's head and a shield alternately. The

shaft is 11 feet high and the steps 3 feet 2 inches. The present head is modern. The device on the shaft is possibly ball-flower ornament, very much weathered, alternately with shield.

ROCKFIELD.

This handsome modern cross on the South side of Church was built by the late Sir John Harding, Queen's Advocate, on the site of the old one. It is 16 feet high, and the shaft is octagonal, standing on base and three steps. Shield on upper base between broaches; gules three greyhounds or Motto, "Præmia non prædam." Inscription on lower base, North side: "In honorem Dei: et in memoriam avorum: p.c. J.D.H. 1865."

Churchyard Crosses Netherwent Hamery East.



ITTON



MATHERNE.



PENTERRY.

Netherwent Deanery, East.

I can only find three crosses in this Deanery. The others appear to have been destroyed, root as well as branch.

ITTON.

HERE are remains of a very curious cross, a shaft consisting of a pillar formed of four half-rounds. This shaft is 9 inches square and 4 feet high. It stands on the South side of Itton Church.

MATHERNE

HAS the base of a churchyard cross very much worn, with socket for shaft. It has been moved from its original place on the South of Matherne Church, and is now in the yard of the old Episcopal Palace of Matherne, doing duty as a cistern to a pump. The foundation and steps in the churchyard were destroyed in order to make room for the grave of General Williams.

PENTERRY.

THE base and part of a shaft stands on South side of Penterry Church, on a mound under a thorn tree. The base is oblong, 2 feet 2 inches by 1 foot 10 inches, and slopes. The shaft is 2 feet 8 inches high, and is octagonal and broached.

Netherwent Deanery, Middle.

CAERWENT.

This is part of the broken head of a cross, but whether the churchyard or the village cross, is not known. It is kept at Mr. Till's, of the Great house in the village of Caerwent, and he bought it for one shilling from a cottager who found it in her garden. The face represents the crucifixion, with S. Mary and S. John. The reverse has the Holy Child and the Virgin Mother. The latter is seated on a chair, her right hand on the Child's shoulder; her left, a very large one, grasping the stem of a flower. The Child is standing on the arm of the chair, and is clothed in a long dress. On one end of the head is a figure which probably represents a Bishop, with staff and book. The carving on the opposite end is undecipherable. Owing to its weather worn condition, the whole appeared in a state of dire confusion, and it was only after some hours of careful cleaning that the above could be made out. The head is 1 foot 2 inches high, and 1 foot 1 inch wide, and 7 inches across.

PENHOW.

This has been a very fine cross. The remains consist of three steps, 2 feet 2 inches high, 1 foot 2 inches, and 6 inches. They are 10, 8, and 6 feet square. The lowest step is remarkably high and handsome. A large yew tree grows out of the highest step. It is said that the

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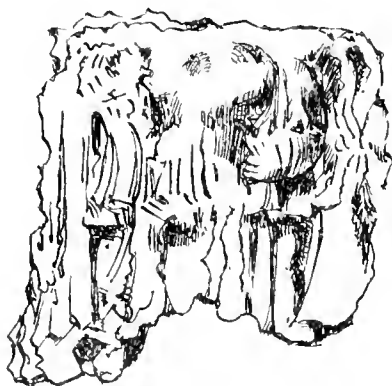
HEAD OF CROSS FOUND AT CAERWENT



FACE OF CROSS WITH FIGURES
OF OUR LORD, S. MARY AND S. JOHN.



END OF CROSS
BISHOP WITH STAFF
AND BOOK ?



REVERSE OF CROSS WITH
S. MARY AND THE CHILD



END OF CROSS
UNDECIPHERABLE.

cross fell down about 200 years ago, and the yew tree was planted by the grandfather of a sexton who is buried near it. The steps and the yew tree are on the South side of the Church.

SUDBROOK (HOLY TRINITY).

NEAR Portskewett stand the ruins of the ancient Chapel of Sudbrook or Southbrook, and in the churchyard is the base of a cross of very good design, broached and chamfered at the corners, and of the usual 14th century type. The drawing is copied from one by J. E. Lee, Esq., F.S.A., printed in the "Description of the Churches of Runston, Sudbrook, Dinham, and Llanbedr," brought out by the Caerleon and Monmouthshire Antiquarian Society in 1858.

LLANVHIANGEL ROGHET

Has three steps very much broken, on the South side of the Church. The lowest is extremely high. Large blocks of stone form these steps, which are 2 feet, 1 foot 5 inches, and 1 foot 2 inches high, and 9 feet 6 inches, 6 feet 4 inches, and 4 feet square. The base has been cut in half and built into the N.W. and S.W. corners of the tower buttresses. It is 2 feet high.

REDWICK (ST. THOMAS'S).

SQUARE base of the old churchyard cross. It formerly stood near the wall of the churchyard, but was moved by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn because it had been worn down as a

stepping stone. It is now near the chancel. It measures 1 foot high and 2 feet 2 inches square. The shaft socket is 10 inches deep.

UNDY.

On the South side of Church is a base and part of a very handsome and peculiar shaft, with a kind of canopy work upon it. The base is of the usual kind, chamfered and broached at the four corners, but sloped in the upper part in a peculiar manner and divided by ribs. It is inserted and partly buried in a very large grassy step, apparently the lowest of three. Probably the others were removed for building purposes. The base is 1 foot 6 inches high and 2 feet 10 inches square; the shaft, 2 feet 6 inches high. The grass step, 10 feet square and 1 foot 6 inches high.

MAGOR.

REMAINS of a cross on South side of Church. The base and two broken steps each a foot high, 8 feet 6 inches, and 5 feet 6 inches square. An evergreen is planted where the shaft ought to be. It was planted by a Mr. Churchwarden Hodges, about the year 1832.

PORTSKEWETT.

NEAR the path on the North East side of Church stands an octagonal shaft, chamfered and broached on a much worn base square and broached. Seven feet of the fine old shaft still remains. The base is 2 feet high and 2 feet 9 inches square. It rests upon a handsome flight of five steps, 16, 15, 12, 11, and 9 inches high; and 13 feet 6 inches, 11 feet, 8 feet 6 inches, 6 feet 8 inches, and 4 feet 6 inches square.

This is a remarkably fine specimen.

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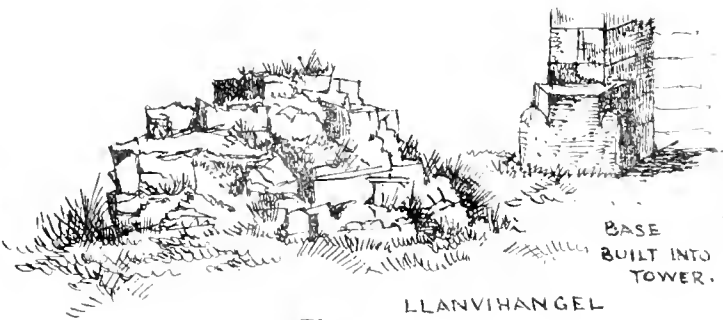
Churchyard Crosses.



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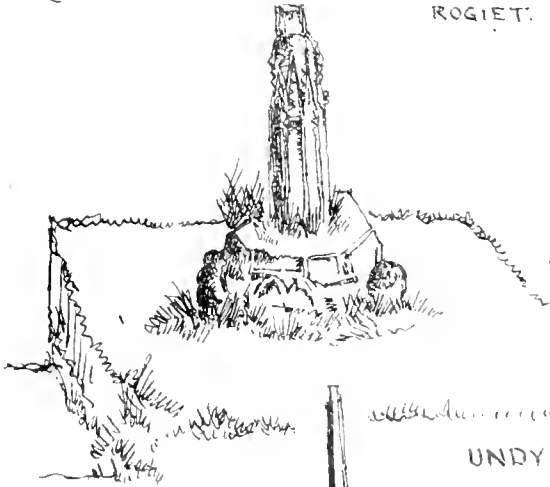


BASE
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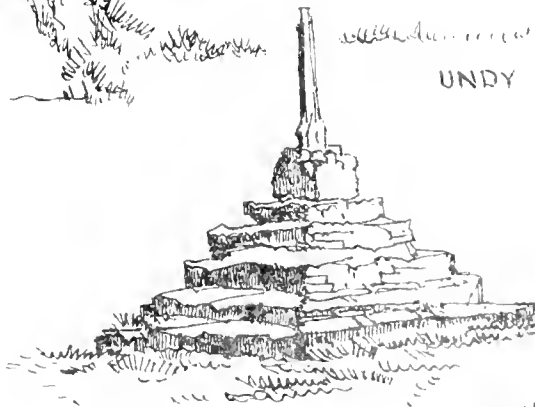
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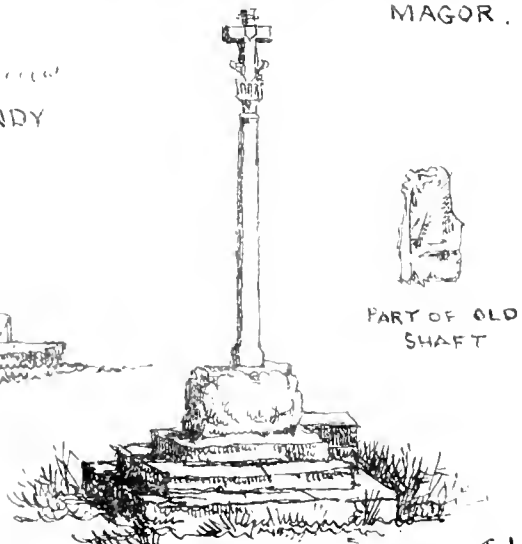
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PART OF OLD
SHAFT

S. BRIDE'S.

E.H.M.

S. BRIDE'S

Churchyard cross stands close to the entrance gate of the churchyard. The base only is ancient and measures 1 foot 6 inches high and 2 feet 9 inches square. About two feet of the original shaft lies near it. On the preaching step is this inscription: "Restored to the glory of God, and to commemorate the jubilee of a good Queen's reign, June 20, 1887." This was done by the Rev. J. R. Jones, the Rector, who resigned in 1891.

Netherwent Deanery, West.

BISHTON.

On the North side of the Church is a square stone, half buried in the earth. It is of oolite, much weathered and worn. The shaft is broken off at the base, which is 2 feet 7 inches square.

CAERLEON.

On the South side of the Church are the remains of a cross, consisting of a square base, 2 feet high, with the corners chamfered off, and part of the ancient octagon shaft which at present carries a lamp.

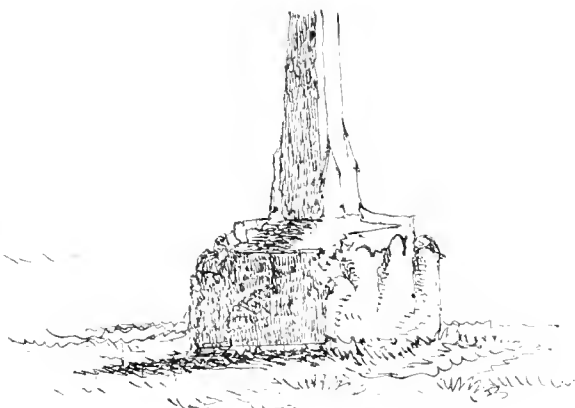
KEMEYS INFERIOR.

On the high ground of the churchyard, to the South of the Church, is the base of a cross. It is of octagonal form, broached at four corners. The turf had to be scraped off in order to render it visible. Against the Church wall an old stone was found; this proved to be a gable cross, and had probably been placed on the hip knob of the Church or chancel after one of the alterations or restorations of the building. On further examination it appeared to have been carved out of the head of the churchyard cross, the crucifix is roughly cut on one side and S. Mary on the other. What remains of the stone is 19 inches high and 10 inches wide. In this Church in the beginning of this century 200 skulls were found under the rood loft staircase, and also the image of our Lord in wood belonging to the rood. This image is now in Caerleon Museum.

Churchyard Crosses. Netherwent Beaverny West.



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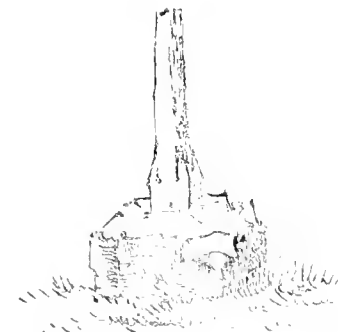
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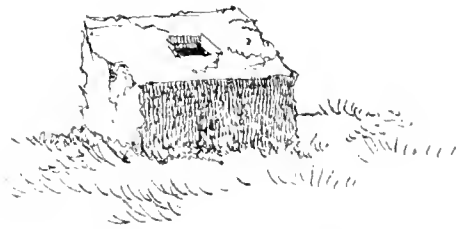
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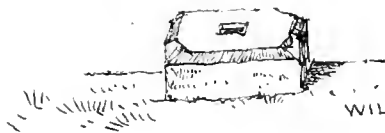
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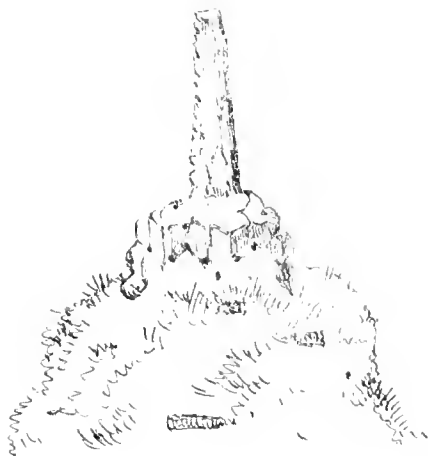
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LLANHENOG.

A handsome base with ribbed corners, 2 feet 6 inches square and 2 feet high. It bears part of the ancient shaft, and is on its original site, but was mounted on two steps by the late Sir Digby Mackworth, of Glanusk, about A.D. 1840.

LLANWERN.

A base deeply sunk in the ground on the South side of the Church. It is broached at the corners, but much damaged, and is 2 feet 5 inches square. It carries part of the ancient octagonal shaft, 4 feet 6 inches high, and stands near the tower.

LLANFRECHFA.

BASE of a cross on the South side of the Church. It is quite plain and much injured by pieces having been broken off to sharpen scythes with. A very old inhabitant of this parish told me that this stone stood inside the Church for many years, and that all her children were baptized out of its cavity. It was afterwards replaced beside the Church pathway, and in 1881 was mounted on three steps and made the base of a very handsome memorial cross.

WILCRICK.

THE base of a cross with hole for shaft, now filled by a modern shaft carrying a sundial. It stands just inside the churchyard gate, near the West end of the Church. The base is bevilled and cut off at the corners. It is 2 feet 6 inches square and 1 foot 4 inches high.

GOLDCLIFF.

A fine base and shaft, much worn, on South side of Church. The steps, probably four in number, have been overlaid with rubbish and turf, forming a mound about 4 feet high. The shaft is octagonal, about three feet of it is left. The base is square with broached corners, 1 foot 10 inches high and 2 feet 3 inches square.

Usk Deanery, East.

 LLANDENNY.

A handsome base on three steps on South side of Llandenny Church. The shaft and head are modern. A metal on the base bears this inscription: "To the glory of God, and in loving memory of Richard, 2nd Baron Raglan. On Easter Day, 1884, the last occasion he worshipped in this Church, he expressed a desire to restore this cross. This intention, frustrated by his sudden death, was carried out by his wife and children, 1884."

The base is well moulded and broached, and is 2 feet 4 inches square and 1 foot 6 inches high. The steps are respectively, 10 feet, 8, and 6 feet square; and 13, 11, and 10 inches high.

LLANISHEN.

THE remains of a cross on the South side of the Church consist of two steps, respectively 5 feet and 7 feet 8 inches square, and 11 and 12 inches high. An imperfect third step exists, 10 feet square. Six feet of the shaft remain; the shaft is octagonal and broached at the bottom, which is 1 foot 1 inch square. It is fixed much lower in the step than appears in the drawing, which is arranged to show the broaches. The base was removed at some period, and the shaft was then placed deeply in the step instead of in its proper place.

LLANGOVAN.

A handsome flight of five steps, respectively $12\frac{1}{2}$, 13, 11, 10, and 9 inches high; and 12 feet, 10, 7 feet 9 inches, 6 feet, and 4 feet 2 inches square. The base of the cross is broached, 2 feet 1 inch high, and 2 feet 7 inches square. $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet of the shaft remains.

LLANFHHANGEL TOR-Y-MYNYDD.

Two good steps of large blocks of stone, and a third only on one side owing to the inequality of the ground. The higher step is 7 feet square and 1 foot 3 inches high; the lower step is 9 feet 6 inches square and 1 foot 4 inches high. The base has been removed as well as the shaft. These remains are on the South side of the Church.

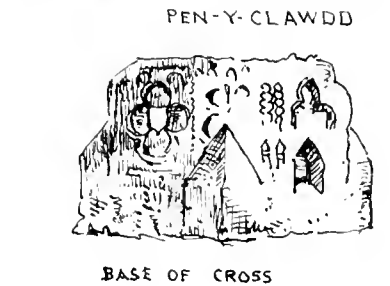
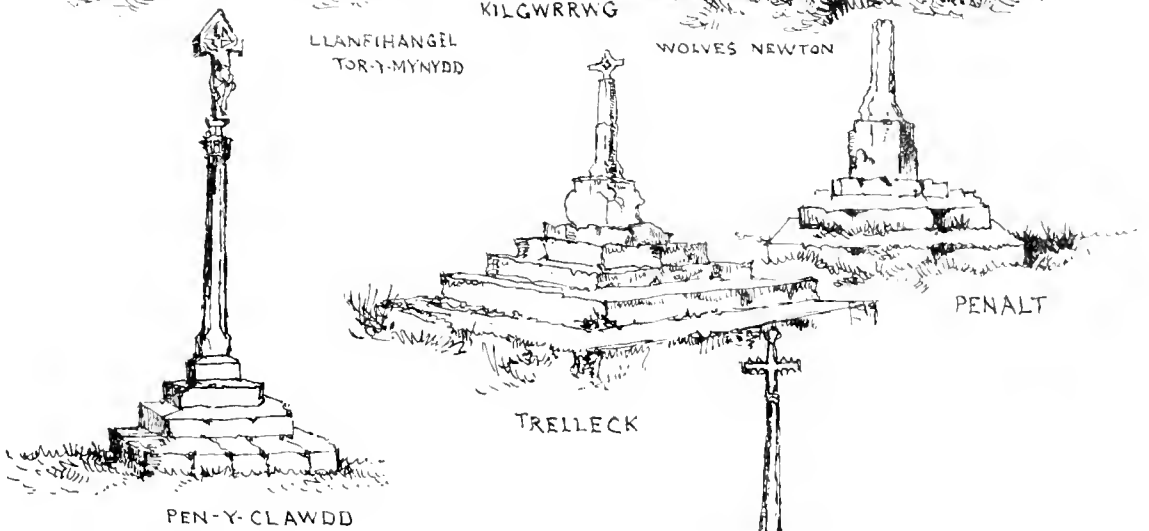
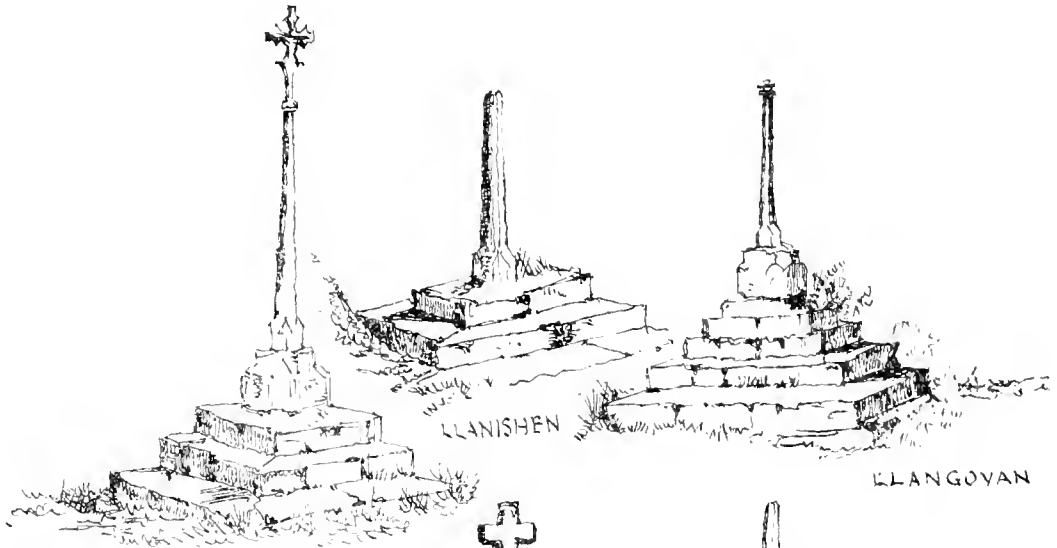
KILGWRRWG.

A plain stone cross on South side of the Church. It is cut out of one block of plum-pudding stone, and has never been destroyed, probably owing to the absence of any figure on it. It is 7 feet high and the arms 1 foot $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide. The shaft is $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide at the base and 7 inches at the top. It is fixed in a base which is 2 feet 10 inches square.

WOLVES NEWTON.

THREE handsome steps much damaged, respectively 12 feet 6 inches, 10 feet 6 inches, and 8 feet 6 inches square; and 12 inches, 12 inches, and 11 inches high. The lowest step has a set-off. The fourth and topmost step has been removed. The base is chamfered and broached. It is 2 feet 11 inches square and 2 feet high. Four feet of the old shaft remain. This cross is on the South side of Wolves Newton Church.

Churchyard Crosses Usk Deanery East.



BASE OF CROSS



RAGLAN

E.H.M.

PEN-Y-CLAWDD.

A cross on the South side of the Church, restored from the design of Henry Prothero, Esq. The base is ancient and has the old mortice, but only the lowest step is old. The restoration has been effected in the ancient manner, with a well-cut figure on the cross, and is very superior to most modern so-called restorations, which are generally as different as possible from the original.

TRELLECK.

A handsome base on five stone steps in fair condition. The upper part of the shaft is modern, as may be seen by the rapid tapering of it. This must have been formerly a very remarkable and beautiful cross. The remains stand on the South side of the Church.

PENALT.

A handsome base on three steps on the South side of Penalt Church.

RAGLAN.

A very handsome base mounted on four steps on South side of the Church. The steps are respectively 12 feet, 9 feet 9 inches, 8 feet, and 6 feet square. The interesting carved base has a cavity for relics. It is finely broached, and is 3 feet 3 inches square and 2 feet 11 inches high. The top is modern.

Usk Deanery, West

GWERNESNEY.

IN the North-west part of the churchyard is the base of a cross with hole for shaft. It is nicely moulded at the corners, and is 2 feet 5 inches square and 1 foot 6 inches high.

LLANDDEWI-VACH.

AN octagon base on the South-west of the Church, 2 feet square at the bottom and 1 foot 7 inches from the ground. It is not in the original site, and was once used as a font inside the Church.

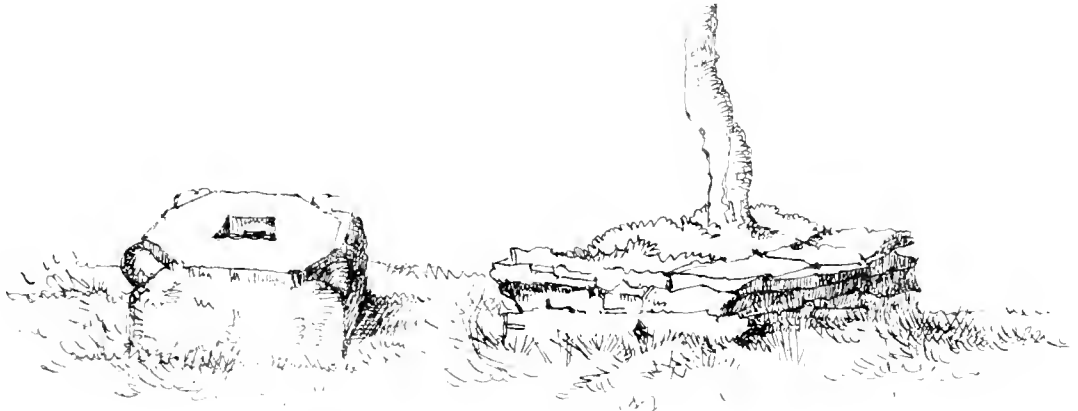
LLANGIBBY.

ONE step, 12 feet 10½ inches square, is all that is left. It is on the South side of the Church. A Scotch fir grows out of the earth and turf on the surface.

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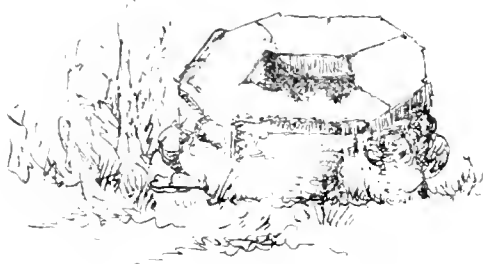
THIS cross stands on the South side of the Church, and consists of a modern cross surmounting a square modern shaft, resting on the ancient base, which is chamfered at the corners. It has four very dilapidated steps, 12 feet 6 inches, 10, 8, and 6 feet square. The base is 3 feet square and 2 feet high.

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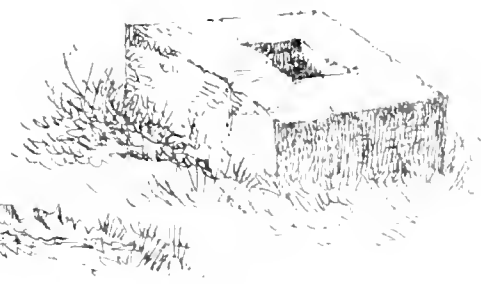
LLANDEWI VACH



TREDUNNOCK



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USK

E.H.M.

TREDUNNOCK.

Two feet 4 inches of a broached shaft, set in octagonal stone on a square block, with rounded corners. 2 feet 7 inches square, 1 foot 10 inches high. Steps, probably three, but they are covered by a green bank. It is on the South side of the Church.

USK.

A plain square base, with a mortice for the shaft, is all that is left of the old cross in Usk churchyard. It stands on the North side of the Church, and is 3 feet square.

Newport Deanery.

HENLLYS.

A square broached base, much weathered. It has a small portion of an octagonal shaft, and stands upon four good steps, the lowest bevilled and hollowed to serve as a seat. The base is 2 feet 8 inches square and 1 foot 10 inches high. The steps are 1 foot 8 inches, 1 foot 2 inches, 12 inches, and 3 inches high. The topmost step, 4 feet 9 inches square.

LLANVHANGEL-LLANTARNAM.

A very handsome square base, with corners cut and rounded. A great deal of the shaft remains, and is surmounted by a ball, substituted, it is needless to say, in modern times, for the cross. It is mounted on four well proportioned steps, and stands on the South side of the Church.

MARSHFIELD.

A base standing on South side of Church. It is octagonal and has a quatrefoil carved in one of the panels, but all the work is indistinct and weather-worn. It is 2 feet high and 2 feet 10 inches across; it carries 13 inches of the old shaft. There are no traces of steps.

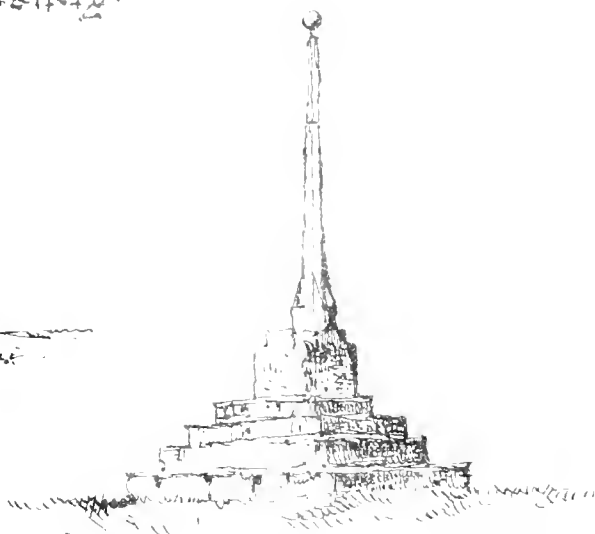
S. BRIDE'S, WENTLOOG.

THE site of this cross is on the South side of the fine old Church of S. Bride's. It is a square of turf, measuring 13 feet, with a stone in the centre, 2 feet 8 inches square.

Churchyard Crosses in Newport Bagnery.



HENLLYS



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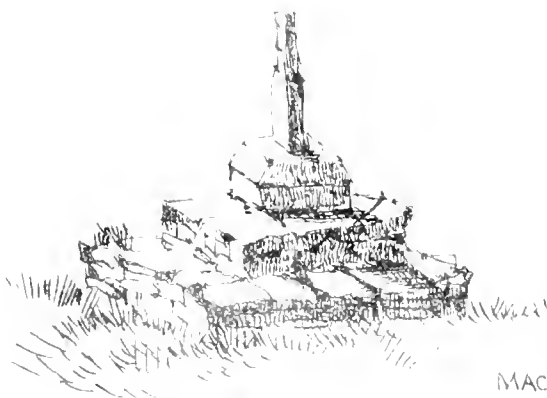
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S. BRIDE'S, WENTLOOG



S. MELLON'S



MACHEH



RISCA



BEDWAS

EDM.

The size of it shows that a large and probably handsome erection stood here. Most likely a fine flight of steps supported the cross.

S. MELLON'S.

A square base on South side of Church. It is chamfered at the corners and much worn. It carries 2 feet 8 inches of the original octagonal broached shaft, and is 2 feet 4 inches square.

MACHEN.

PART of a shaft fixed in a base, which has probably been tampered with, as it is sloped in an unusual manner. It stands on two steps on the South side of the Church. The base is 2 feet 1 inch square and 1 foot 8 inches high. The shaft 2 feet 10 inches high. The steps are 7 feet and 4 feet 10 inches square; and 1 foot 6 inches and 1 foot 4 inches high.

RISCA.

A square base, 1 foot 2 inches high, with the corners broken off. It bears 2 feet 9 inches of the ancient shaft, chamfered and broached. All much weather-worn. On South side of Church.

BEDWAS.

A very handsome octagonal base, with three ball flowers on each panel. About 18 inches of the shaft remain. The shaft is four-sided but not square, two sides being 8 inches wide, and two 14 inches. The remains of this cross are close under the wall of the South side of the Church, but it is probably not on the original site as it stands loose, and is said to have been often carried round the Church by an old man for a bet.

The Wayside Crosses of Monmouthshire.

MARKET CROSS, GROSMONT.

THE base of a market cross in the village of Grosmont. It is under a modern roof of no interest. It is much weather-worn and has a quatrefoil ornament, but has been displaced and is evidently not in proper position. It is 3 feet 2 inches high and 4 feet broad at the top.

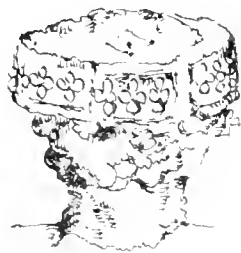
STOW HILL, NEWPORT.

THE base of a cross on the wall of the causeway on Stow Hill, opposite Havelock Street. It formerly stood on the other side of Stow Hill, close to a house called, from that circumstance, Cross House, but its original site is not certainly known. It is probably a wayside cross, and is severely weather-worn. The height of the base is 2 feet from the wall on which it rests to the shaft, and the width of the top of it is 2 feet 7 inches.

MONMOUTH.

THE base of a cross in the street near over Monnow Church. There was another in White Cross Street opposite Dixon Road, and another in or near S. Mary's churchyard.

Wayside Crosses of Monmouthshire



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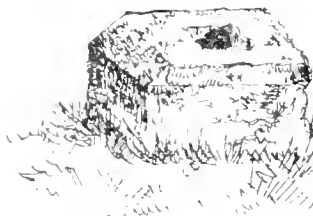
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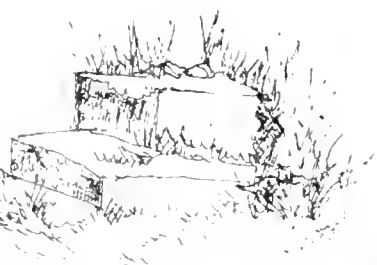
TINTERN PARVA



CROES KYRIG



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ABERGAVENNY.

THE base of a cross near the Parish Church, but outside the churchyard. It formerly stood at the cross roads. It is much weather-worn, but is handsomely broached at the corners, and has a mortice for the shaft. It is 3 feet square and 2 feet high. N.B.—Since this was written it has been removed into the churchyard, and will probably be mistaken in future for the churchyard cross.

MAGOR.

THE base of the village cross, rescued from the mill pond by the Rev. T. Pitt Eykyn, and re-christened and placed in the churchyard for safety. It had been laid down half in the water to conceal the entrance of a horrible sewer, which had no business to be emptying into the village pond. It is an octagonal stone with the shaft socket cut in deeply. Old people can remember it standing opposite the Wheat Sheaf Inn, where the chesnut tree now grows. It is 2 feet 10 inches high and 3 feet square at the bottom.

REDWICK.

A base and part of the shaft of a wayside cross, which formerly stood by the road about 200 yards away from Redwick Church towards Whitsun. The Rev. Pitt Eykyn, when Vicar of Redwick, had it removed into the churchyard for safety, as it was being used for a kerbstone and pieces were broken off. The base is 1 foot 6 inches high and 2 feet broad at the top. What remains of the shaft is 2 feet 3 inches high.

PENALT.

THE square base of a cross on the cross roads between Mommouth and Penalt Church, and Trelleck and Penalt Church. It is chamfered at the top, and is 3 feet square and 2 feet high. It has mortice for shaft.

TINTERN PARVA.

THIS base of a wayside cross is situated near the Tintern Parva Church, by the side of a lane. It has a mortice for shaft and is broached at the corners, but is much broken and defaced. It is 1 foot 9 inches square and 1 foot 2 inches high.

CROSS KYRIG.

THE base of a cross on the left hand side going from Raglan to Usk. It is thus mentioned in a letter from the late Rev. Arthur Wyatt to the late John E. W. Rolls, Esq., dated Sept. 4th, 1867 :—

“This cross, now standing in a cottage garden and commonly called White Cross, has been removed within the memory of a man still living, aged 88 years. It formerly formed part of Kyrig or Doves Cross, the foot of which may still be seen on the road from Raglan to Usk opposite Blue Broom, which in my informant’s early days went by the name of Las House.”

With all deference to Mr. Wyatt’s opinion, I must beg to differ from it; inasmuch as the stem of Cross Llwydd, which was shown to me in a cottage garden for the White Cross mentioned in this letter, could not by any means have fitted into the mortice of the base opposite the house known as Blue Broom, being a great deal too large. The base is a square stone chamfered at the top.

CROSS CAREG.

A handsome base at the junction of three roads in the Parish of Penrhôs. It is chamfered at the corners; the sides batter slightly, and there is a socket for the shaft. It is 2 feet 3 inches square at the foot, and 1 foot $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches across the top; and 2 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high. This is a very elegantly shaped base.

CROSS LÂS.

A base and one step in a field amongst trees and long grass, near a lane about three miles South-west of Raglan. The shaft has been broken off, not taken out of the socket. The base is 2 feet 7 inches square and 1 foot high. The step, 3 feet 4 inches by 3 feet 2 inches square, and $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches high.

CROSS LLWYDD.

A cross in a cottage garden belonging to a cottage on Cross Llwyd Farm, about a mile and a half South-west of Raglan. It is the White Cross alluded to under the head of Cross Kyrig. It is a thick shaft with a diamond shaped head moulded all round and hollowed out in the lower part. A cross is carved upon it. It is the only wayside cross I have found with a head. The shaft is 5 feet 6 inches from the bottom to the collar; 2 feet 3 inches below the ground. It is thick and moulded and the same width all the way up, but chipped at the bottom, no doubt in separating it from the base. The head is 2 feet high and 1 foot 8 inches wide. The whole cross, head and shaft, has been whitewashed. Miss Crawley writes, "I give the account of the cross to you as it was detailed to us by Mr. Jeffreys, the present

owner of Cross Llwyd Farm. A man living at the Blue Broom moved it from the base at the cross roads to his garden; from that moment he had no luck with anything; his animals died, &c.; he attributed his misfortunes to his having sacriliginously taken possession of the cross, so carried it out of his garden and cast it down on a piece of waste ground. Mr. Farr, a pig-jobber, afterwards built a couple of cottages, and enclosed the waste and with it the cross."

ROCKFIELD.

This is a wayside cross standing in a plantation of spruce firs at the junction of the Abergavenny and Hereford roads. It formerly stood in the churchyard, and was removed to its present position in 1865, on the erection of the present handsome churchyard cross by Sir John Dorney Harding. The shaft is octagonal. It is a plain cross, neatly chamfered.

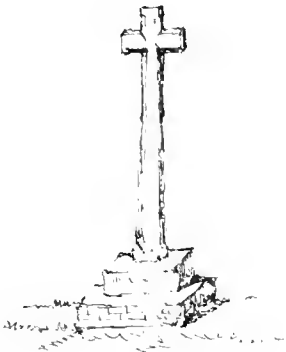
TRELLECK STONE.

This wayside cross is on the road from Trelleck to Chepstow. It is still used as a "Resting Cross" by all funerals that pass by it. The bearers carry the corpse from S. to N. and resting the coffin on the step on the West side, change bearers and proceed to the Church, which is about half a mile distant.

CROSS VAEN.

A wayside cross on a bank near four cross roads, the Raglan, Skenfrith, Abergavenny, and Monmouth. Nothing is ancient but the base which was found under the steps of

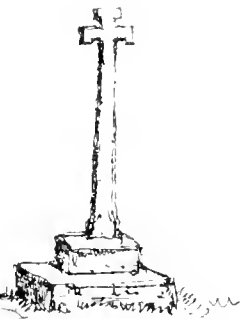
Wayside Crosses in Monmouthshire



ROCKFIELD



TRELLECK



CROES VAEN



THE MAYPOLE



HEAD OF CROSS
FOUND AT
THE PANT



SKENFRITH WAYSIDE CROSS AND BRIDGE

£1500.

the cottage close by. This cottage is called the Boxbush from a yew cut into the shape of boxes at its entrance, but its old name is Croes Vaen, or Stone Cross. The old thatched and white-washed building has been pulled down, and a new house built on its site. The cross was restored by John E. W. Rolls, Esq., of the Hendre.

THE MAY-POLE.

THIS base of an old wayside cross stands at a place called the May-pole, near S. Manghan's. It looks as if it had been moved, perhaps from the three cross ways adjoining. It is a square weather-worn stone, and a few inches of the shaft remain.

HEAD OF CROSS AT THE PANT.

THIS rough stone crucifix with figures, probably of S. Mary and S. John, gives us some idea of what the heads of the ancient crosses were like. It was found on a farm called the Pant, near the Church of Llanfihangel Ysterne Llewernne, and was bought by John E. W. Rolls, Esq., of the Hendre, Monmouth, where it is at present carefully kept. It has been in its present place more than 38 years, and it is impossible to tell to what base and shaft it belonged.

SKENFRITH WAYSIDE CROSS AND BRIDGE.

NEAR Skenfrith Church was a bridge of two arches crossing a small stream. In the centre was the base of an old cross. The whole fell down in 1882 and was broken up.

185 The Rev. E. TURBERVILLE WILLIAMS wishes it to be known that he had nothing to do with the destruction of the old village cross at Caldicot. It was destroyed before he was Vicar of Caldicot, and an ugly sun-dial erection placed on its site by a Mr. Price, in the last century.

CALDICOT, NEAR CHEPSTOW.

In Caldicot Village a cross existed which had a timber pent house or pulpit where John Wesley once preached. He notes in his diary this preaching at Caldicot. I have been unable to find any representation of the form of this cross. Sad to say the whole was removed on the pretext that it formed a gossiping place for the village, during the incumbency of the Rev. E. Turberville Williams.

CROSS PHILIP JACK, NEAR ABERGAVENNY.

A cross once existed here, but nothing is remembered of it but a heap of stones.

VERNEY CROSS, NEAR CALDICOT.

Has only the name. There are no remains.

Other names of crosses existed concerning which I have been unable to obtain information or to find the remains.

Croes-y-Ceilog (cock), between Caerleon and Pontypool.

Croes-y-Giach (snipe), near Llantilio.

Croes Elm, near Camp Llantilio.

Croes Rheol-y-Merch (Horse Road).

Croes Bychan.

Croes Onen (ash tree).

Croes Robert, near Llanover.

Croes Howell, near Menachter.

Manson's Cross.

Llanvair Cross.

Cross Ash.

Tintern Cross.

Llanishen Cross.

It is possible that one or two of these names may belong to crosses already given.

CROSS VANE.

THERE was a cross at Cross Vane at the cross roads from the river to Monmouth, and from the Churches of Trelleck and Penalt, but it was broken up many years ago, and the stones of the base are in a wall near the Argoed.

CWMCARVAN.

THE Rev. W. B. Oakeley informs me of the base of an old cross near Cwmcarnvan, about 200 yards North of Lower Cwm Farm, fixed in the bank of the old lane running South to Cwmcarnvan Hill, and North-west towards Cwmcarnvan Church, which is about half a mile distant.

It is a rough stone, 2 feet 10 inches by 2 feet 6 inches on surface of base, and 1 foot high. It has a socket for shaft, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 9; the depth of which is 6 inches. I much regret that Mr. Oakeley's sketch reached me too late for insertion.

Restored Crosses.

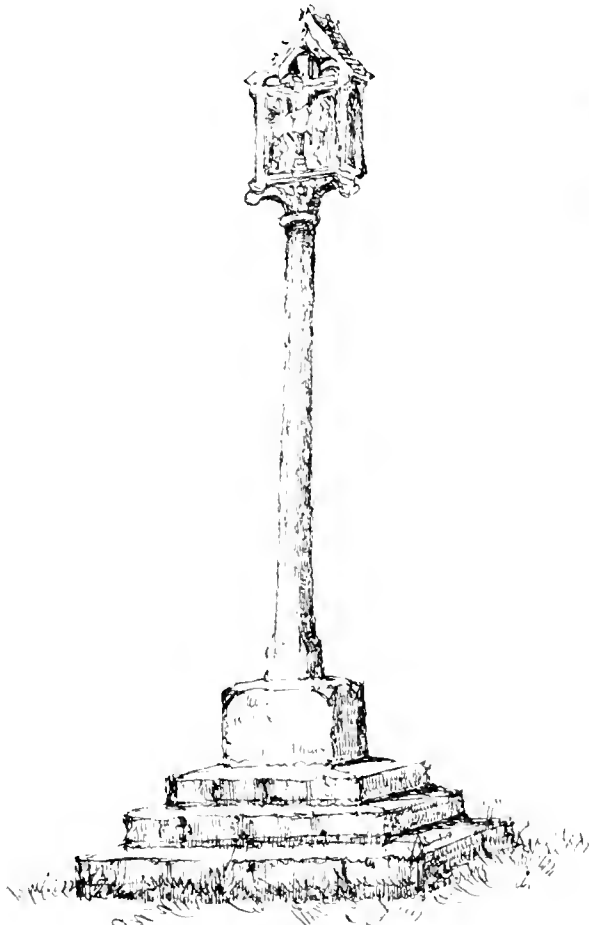
LLANFRECHFA CHURCHYARD CROSS.

LLANFRECHFA churchyard cross is restored as far as possible in the ancient manner. The only ancient part is the base which has been repaired and slightly rounded at the corners. On the East face of the head is the crucifixion, with S. Mary and S. John under a canopy. On the West face, the Visitation. The ends have respectively the lily and the rose. On the North side of the base is engraved, "To the glory of God, and in beloved memory of John Etherington Welch Rolls, of ye Hendre, and Elizabeth Mary Rolls, his wife, this cross was rebuilt by Frank Johnstone Mitchell, of Llanfrechfa Grange, and Elizabeth Harcourt Mitchell, his wife, daughter of the above, A.D., MDCCLXXX:" and on the East side, "Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let everlasting light shine upon them." The steps are 8, 6, and 4 feet square, and 1 foot 3 inches, 1 foot, and 1 foot high; the base, 2 feet 4 inches square and 1 foot 8 inches high; the shaft, 8 feet 6 inches high, and the head, 2 feet 7 inches high and 1 foot 6 inches by 1 foot wide. Mr. W. Clarke was the Sculptor of the head.

MONMOUTH WAYSIDE CROSS.

This cannot properly be called a cross, for there is no cross in the design. It is a canopy with four niches enclosing four very beautiful figures of S. Mary, S. Thomas, S. Michael, and S. Cuthbert, of Purbeck marble. It was

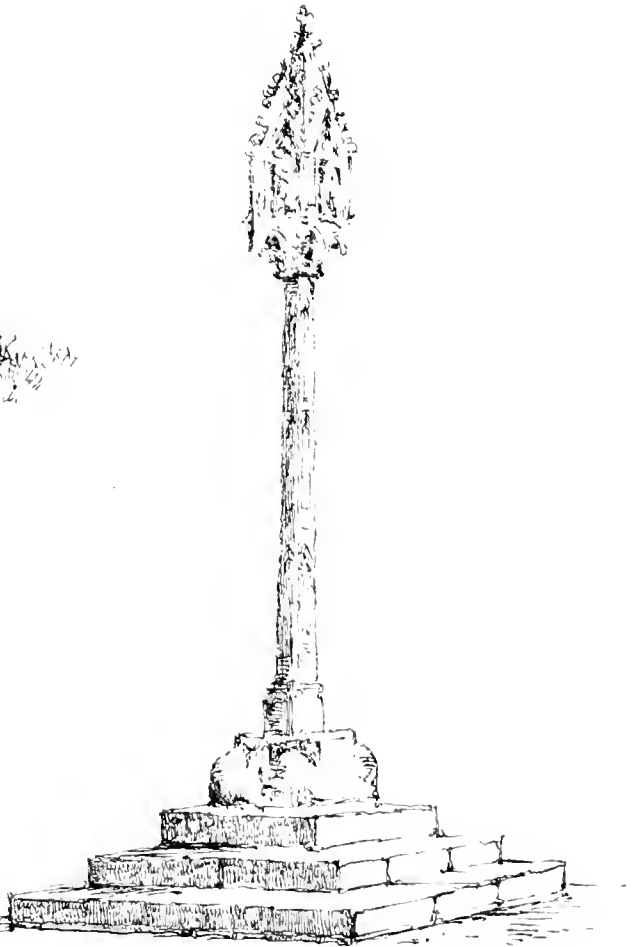
Restored Crosses.



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MONMOUTH WAYSIDE

built by the late C. Crompton Roberts, Esq., Mr. F. A. Powell being the Architect, and Mr. Wall the Sculptor. The shaft is highly decorated. The ancient base, figured in the first page of wayside crosses, has been made use of, but is set a little low in the step.

LLANGUA CHURCHYARD CROSS.

This is placed on the page in a supplementary manner, for St. James's Church, Llangua, is just within the borders of Monmouthshire, but belongs to Kentelureh in Herefordshire, and comes not within a Monmouthshire rural deanery. It is a modern cross and shaft upon the old base. Two shallow steps and one embedded in the grass. The cross and shaft, 7 feet high; base, 2 feet 4 inches square and 1 foot $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, broached and chamfered, much weather-worn. Steps, 5 feet 10 inches and 4 feet 2 inches square, probably rebuilt as the remains were found covered with turf nearer the South wall of the Church. The cross was rebuilt by Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, of Pontrilas Court, in 1892.

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