

PLATE XVIII.

MARGAM CHAPTER-HOUSE. THE CROSS OF ILCI.

This sculptured stone here represented is very similar to that of Ilquici, being 5½ feet high, 2 feet wide in the middle of the inscription, and 34 inches wide at the top, its thickness varying from 11 to 5 inches. The upper part is carved on both faces with a plain wheel-cross with eight spokes, the four spaces between the four limbs of the cross being wider and deeper than the limbs themselves. The wheel is surrounded by a second plain circular line, which on the back of the cross ends above in two small circles.

The lower division of the face is formed by lines into a nearly square panel, in which is inscribed—

o ilci Fecit o
hanc cruce
m. in nomin
e. di summi

A few of the letters are considerably defaced, but sufficient remains to determine the reading given above. The letters are minuscules of a more ancient form than those of the crosses of Grutne and Brancuf. The lower half of the reverse of the stone has a plain square panel, and one of the edges is carved with a serpentine line divided by an indentation of the side.

The stone was described by Donovan in his *Tour in Wales*, vol. ii. p. 5, and figured in the opposite plate, but the inscription has not hitherto been deciphered.

PLATE XIX. FIG. 1.

MARGAM CHAPTER-HOUSE. THE SMALL BROKEN WHEEL-CROSS.

This fragment of an elegant wheel-cross was removed to Margam Abbey about twenty years ago.

It is about 4½ feet high, the upper part decorated with an incised and elegantly ornamented cross of the Latin form, having the base of the stem dilated and ornamented with double interlaced ribbons forming a triquetra, each ribbon having an incised central line, as is the case with all the single interlaced ribbons of which the cross is formed. The centre of the cross itself has an ornament like a prostrate 8 (∞), and the arms of the cross are united by a broad interlaced band forming (when entire) a circle, the spaces between the arms of the cross being pierced. The upper limb of the cross and the two upper connecting bands are however broken off and lost. There is no inscription on this stone.

PLATE XIX. FIG. 2.

MARGAM CHAPTER-HOUSE. THE NARROW WHEEL-CROSS.

This stone was also removed to Margam Abbey about twenty years ago. It is about