

Over the north door of the tower of the church of Llangyvelach is placed a slab (on which is carved a large plain Latin cross, 30 inches high, resting on a broad step or base) in lieu of an arch; the sculpture has however become so greatly defaced by the weather, even during the memory of Col. Francis (to whom I am indebted for a rubbing), that I have not thought it necessary to publish a figure of it. It appears to have had some kind of ornament between the arms of the cross.

PLATE XXIX. FIGS. 1-4.

STONES CARVED WITH CROSSES AT MERTHYR MAWR CHURCH.

During the rebuilding of the church at Merthyr Mawr various fragments of sculptured stones of an early period were found, together with numerous mediæval grave-stones, which have been carefully preserved, and at present (1877) lie in the churchyard adjoining to the east end of the church. As however some additional building is contemplated for a vestry, &c., it is to be hoped that an opportunity will be afforded for affixing them upright in the walls of the new building, so as to insure their more perfect preservation.

Amongst these stones is the inscribed one already published in this work, Plate II. fig. 5, page 8, and those represented in Plate XXIX. Of these, figure 3 represents the upper half of a wheel-cross, about 2 feet in diameter, with a small circular boss in the centre, and with eight spokes, the spaces between them being sunk and alternating in size, the narrower ones being rounded at the base, while the broader spaces have the bases truncated.

This cross is in fact very similar to the fragment of the wheel-cross represented in Plate X. fig. 1. The latter has however scroll-work round the margin, of which I perceived no trace on the fragment here figured.

Figures 1 and 4 represent two smaller stones, the former about 16 inches and the latter about 14 inches square. The ornamentation of these two stones is unusual, and their date consequently uncertain. Possibly, however, they may be assigned to the twelfth century.

Figure 2 represents a very plain wheel-cross sculptured at the top of an oblong block of stone about 5 feet high and 6 inches thick. The spaces between the four spokes, which represent a Maltese cross, are sunk, and the circle occupied by the cross has been surrounded by an incised circular line, nearly defaced, except on the under side of the cross. There are also two other incised, slightly curved lines dividing the base of the stone into two equal parts. The stone now stands against the eastern wall of the churchyard, near to its southern extremity, where it was pointed out to me recently by the Rev. Charles R. Knight.

PLATE XXIX. FIG. 5.

SMALL CROSS AT TYTHEGSTON.

I am further indebted to the Rev. Charles R. Knight for a notice and rubbing of a small crossed stone recently dug up in the neighbouring churchyard of Tythegston. It is only 30 inches high by 15 wide, the upper half ornamented with a cross of the Maltese form, with a small raised boss surrounded by a narrow raised circle in the centre, the spaces between