

peculiarity which I have not elsewhere seen. The larger cross is peculiar in its shape, with four small impressions opposite the origin of the arms, where the inner angles are cut off. (J. O. W., Arch. Camb., 1856, pp. 51, 139.)

The detached figure 1 represents a fragment found at the same time as the longer slab, having a smaller cross rudely represented on it, with portions of two letters, *co*, upon it. And it appears that the workmen in taking down the old church found a third stone of considerable size, with an inscription running down it for about 2 feet; but being unable to make anything of it, they again interred it in the foundations of the new church.

PLATE XXXIX. FIG. 4.

THE CROSSED STONE AT LLANSPYDDID.

On the south side of the churchyard of LlanSpyddid, two miles south-west from Brecon, is the crossed stone represented in the accompanying figure from the drawing by the Rev. H. L. Jones (Arch. Camb., 1861, p. 207), verified by a sketch by myself made in 1846 with a rubbing of the stone. It is said to have originally been 7 or 8 feet high, but it was broken, and the upper fragment is alone preserved<sup>1</sup>, being 28 inches above ground, 14 inches wide, and about 4 inches thick. The present state of the stone shows two very simple crossed circles of very unequal size, one above the other, the upper one surrounded by four small circles, and the lower one having a still smaller one at the intersection of the limbs. Popularly this stone is called the Cross of Brychan Brycheiniog, a famous chief of early Welsh history, but the grounds for attaching this name to it are uncertain. The church is however dedicated to St. Cadog, the reputed son of Brychan. It is certainly of early date.

PLATE XXXIX. FIG. 5.

THE CROSSED STONE FORMERLY AT PEN Y MYNNID.

In Gough's Camden, ii. pl. 14, fig. 4, and in an article in the *Archæologia*, vol. iv. p. 8, by Strange, a notice and figure are given of a stone standing, in the middle of the last century, at a little distance from the Caer Madoc, near Ystradfellte on Pen y Mynnid (represented in the accompanying figure 3 from Gough's figure). The stone appears however to be lost, as Jones simply reproduces the former delineation in his '*Brecknockshire*,' ii. p. 644, pl. 12, fig. 3, as does also Hübner (*Inscript. Christ. Britann.*, p. 18, No. 51). It appears to have been a long square block, having a cross with equal arms inscribed on one of its faces within a circle, the lower limb being carried to a considerable distance down the stone in two straight incised

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<sup>1</sup> In the Arch. Camb., 1853, it is stated that this cross was accidentally broken some years previously by a fire being kindled near it, but that the fragments were then put together. When seen by myself and the Rev. H. L. Jones it was in the condition represented in my Plate.