

CAYO.—Roman tiles were found here in 1831, with many other Roman remains, and said, no doubt erroneously, to bear the inscriptions H MI and I. VV. (Lewis, Top. Dict. Wales, ed. 1850, art. Cayo; and Journ. Arch. Institute, xxx. p. 269.)

LLANFIHANGEL ABER COWIN.—In the Gentleman's Magazine for 1837 (vol. viii. N. S. p. 575, and vol. xi. p. 114) three remarkable coffin-lid slabs are described as Pilgrim stones bearing semi-effigies of a remarkable character and crosses apparently of the thirteenth century.

P E M B R O K E S H I R E .

PLATE LXII.

THE GREAT CROSS IN NEVERN CHURCHYARD.

THIS beautifully carved and inscribed cross is equalled only by two other crosses in Wales, namely, that at Carew, in Pembrokeshire, and the Maen Achwynfan, near Newmarket, in Flintshire, all of the three exhibiting the same general form and features.

My first acquaintance with this cross, which stands near the south side of the church, extends back to the incumbency of the Rev. J. Jones (Tegid), my visit to whom recalled scenes of former Oxford days, and who subsequently furnished me with the following admeasurements of the cross. Height from the surface of the ground to the top of the shaft, 10 feet; narrowed top of the shaft, 10 inches; height of the cross, 2 feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch; breadth of the shaft at the base, 2 feet 3 inches; in the middle, 2 feet; at the top, 22 inches; width of the cross, 2 feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch. The shaft is formed of a squared block of stone, the base having a slightly widened portion, and the top narrowed obliquely on the west face; the north and south sides are not quite so wide as the east and west faces.

Partial representations of this cross having only been published¹, its four sides were for the first time given to the public by myself, reduced by the camera from careful rubbings made with the assistance of Tegid himself. It will be seen that each of the two principal faces, east and west, has a narrow space above the two lower ornamental compartments inscribed with letters, easily decipherable, but not so easily intelligible. That on the east side has the letters

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thus arranged; whilst that on the west is inscribed—

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¹ Gentleman's Magazine, vol. iii; Journal of Archæological Association, vol. i. p. 145; Journal of Archæological Institute, vol. iii. p. 71.