

## BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

## PLATE XXXII. FIG. 1.

## THE PEREGRINUS STONE AT TRETOWER.

From information communicated to me by the late Rev. T. Price of Llanfihangel-Cwm-dô, I was enabled many years ago to find this and the following stone built into walls at Tretower, the present one into the north-east angle of a wall of Ty-llys farm-house, joining the north-east entrance into the orchard of the castle of Tretower. The inscription is in plain Roman capital letters and is to be read PEREGRINI FEC<sup>1</sup>.

The letters are 2 inches high and partake slightly of the rustic form. As the Roman station of the Gaer is but a short distance from Tretower, it is possible that this and the following stone may have been brought from thence, as I am not aware that any Roman remains have been found at Tretower.

The first published notice of this stone appeared in my article in the *Archæologia Cambrensis* for 1851, p. 227.

## PLATE XXXII. FIG. 2.

## THE STONE OF VALENS AT TRETOWER.

This stone, like the preceding, was built into the wall or pillar on the north-west side of the gate of Court-House farm at Tretower, just to the north-east of the castle. The stone was 18 inches long by 5 inches wide. The letters, especially the terminal F(ecit), are Roman capitals partaking of the rustic character.

The inscription commences with a mark like a 7, usual in Roman inscriptions, and is to be read 7 VALENT F. On visiting Tretower during the meeting of the Cambrian Archæological Association in 1876 I was not able to find this stone, nor has Sir Joseph Bailey, resident in the beautiful adjacent Glan Usk Park, been more fortunate, as he has since informed me. It is therefore to be feared that it has been destroyed.

## PLATE XXXII. FIG. 3.

## THE VAENOR STONE.

In Jones's '*Brecknockshire*,' vol. ii. p. 624, pl. 6, fig. 5, a description and figure are given of a stone which stood at Vaenor, or Faenor (about 3 miles to the north-east of Merthyr

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<sup>1</sup> I had supposed that the first word is intended for a proper name in the nominative (although, as usual, written in the genitive case), but possibly the inscription is to be read in the plural (as suggested to me by Sir Joseph Bailey, to whom I am indebted for a recently made rubbing of the stone), *Peregrini fec(erunt)*.