

beneath the cross is Gurmarc (Зурмарс). Of its date it is difficult to speak with anything like precision. I apprehend, however, that it may range between the eighth and eleventh centuries. The diameter of the cruciform design is 25 inches, and the average height of the letters is 2 inches. (J. O. W. in *Arch. Camb.*, 1856, p. 51.)

PLATE LX. FIGS. 3 & 4.

THE TWO CROSSED STONES AT PEN ARTHUR.

My attention was directed to these two stones by the Rev. Canon James Allen, Chancellor of St. David's, during a pleasant visit after the Carmarthen Meeting of the Cambrian Archæological Society, and by whom careful drawings and rubbings have subsequently been forwarded to me. With the Gurmarc stone these two monuments are said to have originally been placed upright round a holy well at two fields' distance from Pen Arthur farm-house. One of these stones (fig. 4) has an ornamental cross with equal-sized arms formed of a pattern of diagonal lines bent at different angles and terminating in small triangular incisions, the interspaces forming a never-ending labyrinth, the whole surrounded by a circular cable-like border. The cross is 15 inches in diameter, and the stone is now fixed at the base of the fence-wall on the east side of the road, not 100 yards from the farm-house of Pen Arthur.

The other of these two stones (fig. 3) is ornamented with a cross somewhat smaller than the preceding, the outer circle being only 12 inches in diameter. The cross itself is formed of interlaced ribbons, each having a longitudinal incised line and arranged so as to form a continuous figure, the angles of which meet in the centre of the cross; the whole surrounded, as in the other two stones, with a cable-like circular moulding. This stone stands at present close within the entrance of a field on the east side of the road, a short distance north from the farm-house of Pen Arthur, being fixed on the north side of the southern fence wall or hedge of the field, the entrance to the field being close to the south-west corner of the field. Neither of these stones bears an inscription.

PLATE LXI. FIG. 6.

THE PEN ARTHUR LATIN CROSSED STONE.

This stone, for a knowledge of which, accompanied by rubbings and drawings, I am also indebted to the Rev. Canon Allen of St. David's, stands close to the Pen Arthur farm-house, forming the gate-post of the field close within which the last described stone is found, the present cross not having been observed until last year, when the bank which had previously concealed it was repaired. The cross itself is found on the west face of this western gate-post into the field, and is 15 inches high and 9 inches wide, formed of triple incised lines, the middle one in each limb being forked at its extremity, and the outer lines following the lines of the middle strokes at the distance of an inch apart. It is desirable that these four Pen Arthur stones should be rescued from their unseemly position and removed to the cathedral of St. David's, where a lapidary museum might well be formed.