

ART. XXI.—*Cross-fragments at Arlecdon.* By J. H. MARTINDALE.

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THE stones described below, and shown in the photographs, were all found during the recent alterations at Arlecdon Church, having been built into the walls at the time of the rebuilding about 1829.

The large stone (No. 1) is a portion of a very fine grave slab. It has a floriated cross-head and beautiful sword-hilt. The edge of the slab has a bold roll moulding. This fragment is about 2 feet 8 inches long, 1 foot 4 inches wide, and 8 inches thick. The cross and ornament are raised about three-quarters of an inch. The stone had been used to form an internal quoin to one of the west windows.

Stone No. 2 is very much mutilated, but appears to be a portion of the shaft of a pre-Norman cross. It is 10 inches long, 7 inches wide, and 5 inches thick. Scroll ornament appears on the face only, but there are two incised crosses on the back.

Stone No. 3 is the most singular, and seems in a perfect state. It is about $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, and 3 inches thick. It is rough or undressed for about one-third of its height, and above has a Latin cross in relief on both faces, the ground being sunk about a quarter of an inch; in the centre of cross on one face is a rose, and on the other simply sunk circles. The chiselling is very rough. This stone was found over the present east window of chancel.

Two other very small fragments were found, but they are probably only part of grave slabs, and are not illustrated.



CROSS-FRAGMENTS AT ARLECDON.

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All the stones seem to be the red sandstone of the locality.

If No. 2 is part of a cross-shaft it will add another site to the pre-Norman list in Cumberland.

At the rebuilding in 1829 everything seems to have been destroyed, as only one or two small fragments of windows and archstones were found.

