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Keeston

Old Buildings

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Pembrokeshire has been pretty well exploited and ink bespattered, but no one seems to have noticed the curious group of buildings in this village. It is suggested that here we have the remains of a house belonging to the Keatings, some of whom left Pembrokeshire with Strongbow to found the Irish family of the Keatings. Keeston was properly called KEETINGSTON, and in Charter Latin VILLA KETRINGE (see Owen's Penbrokshire I, 304 and 185). The Welsh name is TRE-GETTIN. The old house may have been converted into a hospice or Spital, which formerly existed in this place for the reception of pilgrims on their way to St. David's, and the remains are those of a building which would be admirably adapted for this purpose. There are three detached buildings. The best preserved, and by far the largest, is a very long narrow structure 20 feet wide and 150 feet (or thereabouts) long; the greater part is lying prostrate. It is entered by a curious semi-circular porch. The place is so ruinous and overgrown with brambles that we were unable to take measurements and give the description that is its due.