

100A No. 10

Penally

St. Deiniol's Chapel 4233

A 6th century Saint, as was Teilo, the great local Saint. It almost seems as if this building stands on the site of MECHI ARGLANN RITEC JUXTA PENALUN, which sentence is translated by Professor Rhys "The Monastery on the banks of the Ritec close to Penalun" - "but I am not sure," he adds, "of the meaning of Menechi, it is not the usual form for Monastery" (see Evans' Liber Landavensis, index v, v.) Penalun seems to have been the ~~abode~~ of a colony of Saints in the 6th century: we hear of Arianwedd, Teilo's sister, her husband Budic and their child Tyvei. The latter was accidentally killed by a man called Tyrtuc, and buried at Penalun. He is patron saint of Llan-tyvei or Lamphey. There are considerable remains of buildings in the Abbey Gardens, including chimneys - two or three - and a chapel which seems to have stood on a crypt. These are all much mutilated. In the chapel is a small banded stoup with four ears.