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Caldy Chapel

Burial Ground

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The size of the burial ground was out of all proportion either to the population of the island, or to the size of the chapel, for bones are found more than 200 yards away from the latter. The reason for this, however, is pretty evident. For 11 or 12 centuries Caldyc was a sacred Christian site, to which the dead were brought for burial from the mainland, as was the custom of early Celtic peoples. But even before the introduction of Christianity, island burial seems to have been much practised, the reason being that ghosts could not cross water.