



The Bristol Cross

## **Bristol Cross and Stourton**

Thanks to Sir Henry Hoare, Bart., the new lord of Stourton, the ancient High Cross, which for so many centuries was one of the architectural features of old Bristol, is, writes a correspondent, being most conservatively restored. It was originally erected in A.D. 1373. Stourton Castle, which was built by John De Stourton, is also being thoroughly renovated. The castle was erected on the spot where, in A.D. 656, Cenwalk, King of the West Saxons, fought and beat the army of the Britons, and later on (in 879) Alfred the Great erected his standard on an eminence since called Kingsettle Hill. In 1001 a great battle was fought there between the Danes and Saxons, resulting in the defeat of the latter, and 15 years later a battle occurred on the same ground between the Danes under Canute and Edmund Ironside, when the latter came off victorious. Stourton Tower was erected by the late Mr. Henry Hoare on the hill where Alfred's standard was raised.

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