



*Outside form of Window on E. Gable
old Church, Clooncree.*

THE PARISH OF CLOONCROO.

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SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the Barony of Connello Upper and is bounded on the north and east by Kilmeedy Parish; on the south by Kilballan Parish in the County of Cork and Drumcullaheer Parish, and on the west by Drumcullaheer Parish and Kilmeedy Parish.

NAME. The Irish name of this Parish is Cluain Creamh, which signifies the Insulated Meadow or the Bog Island of the Wild Garlick.

The old Church of this Parish stands in ruins in the Townland of Clooncuroo. Only the two gables remain undemolished. It was forty seven feet by sixteen feet. A quadrangular window is to be seen on the east gable constructed with chiselled brown sand stone and measuring six feet by two feet nine inches on the inside. It is seven and a half feet from the ground on the outside and is two feet three inches by six and three quarter inches and pointed. This Church was built with small stones. Cement was lime and sand mortar. The walls, as it appears, were three feet thick. The graveyard is of considerable extent and much in use.

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The only notice we find in our historical collections respecting this Parish is the following, preserved in the "Liber Regalis, Visitationis" in rectius Cloncreno, which places it in the Deanery of Ballingarry (Archidiaconus Rector nulla Ecclesia aut Capella).

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This Parish was examined by Mr. A. Curry and his notes put into the present form by Mr. T. O'Connor.