

## THE PARISH OF EMLYGRYNIN.

**SITUATION.** This Parish is situated in the Barony of Coshlea and is bounded on the north by the Parish of Knockany; on the east by the Parish of Knocklong; on the south by that of Kilfinnan and on the west by the Parish of Béal Átha na nDéise (Athneasy).

**NAME.** The name of this Parish is in Irish Bile Ghroidhnín, which means Grynin's Tree. The anglicised form Emylgrenin is a corruption.

The old Church of this place is now destroyed to the very foundations and even these are so indistinct that the dimensions of the building cannot be ascertained. It appears however that it was but small.

This Church was dedicated to St. Molua, the great Patron of the Hy-Figeinte, whose well lies near the site of the Church. A Pattern is annually held at this Well on the 3rd of August.

In the Townland of Baile an-Bhruighne (Ballinvreena) in this Parish is situated the Well of Ceann Mor, which is celebrated in 209 Irish Romances about the Magician Mogh Ruith or Magus Rotae, vide Lib. Lecan, fol.133, p.a., Col.b. It is situated near the road on the boundary between the Parishes of Emylgreenan and Glenbroughaun and is the head of a stream called Sruth Cheansmhoir.

The mountain from the northern face of which this stream gushes is that called Ceann Claire in the Irish Annals, as I shall prove when treating of the Parish of Knockany. Now this name is lost and the mountain is called Sliabh Riach or the Grey Mountain.

For the Dinnseanchus of the Mountain of Ceann Abhrat see Book of Lecan, fol.237, p.a., Col.a.

The antiquities of this Parish were examined by me.

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