

THE PARISH OF BALLYNACLOGH.

SITUATION. This Parish is situated in the Barony of Coonagh and in three separate parts. The first part is bounded on the north and east by the Parish of Oola; on the south by the Townland of Gortnacoolagh and on the west by the Townlands of Race, Garrison and Kilduff, etc. See Field Name Book, p.1.

NAME. The name of this Parish is in Irish Baile na Cloiche which signifies Stonetown. The name occurs in the pedigree of the O'Briens', a MS. preserved in the Library of Trinity College, as a seat of a branch of the family of Mac Brian O'gCuanach.

Of the old Church of this Parish only a fragment of one side wall remains about twelve feet in length and four feet in height. The foundations of the other walls are not traceable, so that no idea can now be formed of the extent of the building. There is a small grave yard attached.

426

In the Townland of Kilduff in this Parish are the ruins of a Castle-like house said to have been built by the O'Briens of Coonagh. Its east side is totally destroyed as is also its north side nearly so, but its west and south sides are in tolerable preservation. The west side of this building is thirty seven feet in length on the outside, and its south side, which was originally something longer, is now forty seven feet.

The walls of this building are six feet seven inches in thickness at the base and the two walls which remain perfect are surmounted with chimnies. There is a breach on the west wall extending from near the ground to the top of the window which lighted the second floor, but it is perfect from that to the top. This building was five stories high and its windows would indicate it an erection of the reign of Jac I.

Examined by me.

J. O'Donovan.