

THE PARISH OF TEMPLEBREDAN.

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SITUATION. This Parish is bounded on the south by the Co. of Tipperary; on the east by part of the same and the Parish of Aola; on the north by Cluggin and Pallas Parishes and on the west by part of the latter and the Co. of Tipperary.

NAME. The name of this Parish is in Irish Teampull Uí Bhrighdeáin, which signifies O'Bredon's Church, but I cannot find any family of this name mentioned in any of the Irish Documents relating to this County.

Of the old Church of this Parish, situated in the Townland of Templebredan and which gave name to the Parish, a small portion of the south wall near the east end remains; the rest of the Church is level with the ground, but the foundation can be traced. This Church as near as can now be determined, was about fifty eight feet long and about twenty four feet in breadth. The portion of the south wall which remains is fourteen feet long, nine feet high and about three feet four inches in thickness. On the middle of this portion there was a window, widening inside, which is now disfigured. It is built of regular sized field stones mixed with some hammered ones, principally lime stone, cemented with lime and gravel mortar which is now very hard; it wears (bears) the appearance (aspect) of age. There is a grave yard attached in which there is still burials.

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On the north side of the summit of Ballyneety Rock (or Hill) in the Townland of Ballyneety North, are a few of the foundation stones of an old Castle. Here it was that Sarsfield Lord Lucan, blew up the cannon destined for the Siege of Limerick by King William III; for a full account of which transaction see "Account of the Siege of Limerick" (from Harris's Life of King William in his account of the siege) among Smith's Collections for Limerick (MSS. R.I.A.). In this account the Castle is called "the ruinous Castle of Ballynedey, seven or eight miles south east of Limerick and near the same distance north west of Cullen."

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This Parish was examined and described by Mr. O'Keeffe.

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