

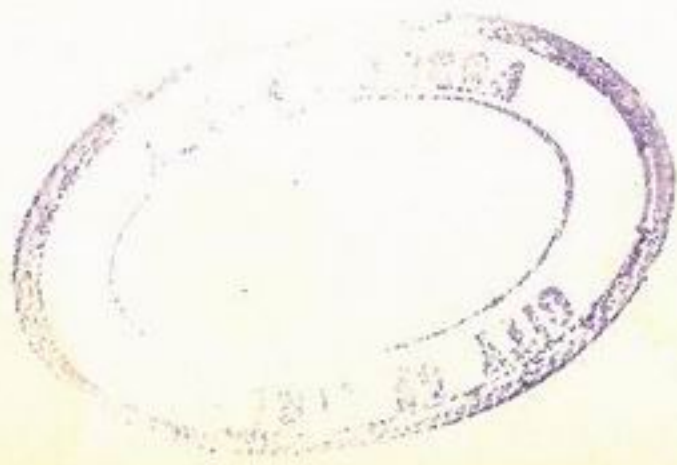
LUDDEN PARISH.

PLATE I. This archaic sculpture was originally over the exterior window in the East gable of the ruined church. At the time of the O.S. it was reported missing. Some forty years ago I found the missing stone. It is now securely built into the W. wall of the burial ground. The figure is in high relief, and not weather worn. The peculiarity of this sculpture is that there is not the slightest trace of the cross. The limestone slab measures 2ft. 4in. x 1ft., the length of the figure being 9in. and across the arms 8in. According to Mr. T. Johnson Westropp's "Churches of the County Limerick" Ludden is in the diocese of Emly.

"LUDDENBEG—A parish. Ath-couin-Lodain, 1115 (Synod of Rath Breasail). Lodone and Lodyn Church, 1302. Tho. Norreys, R. de Clare, Lord of Avy, and others seized cattle, etc., for the army camped near Lodyn to resist the Scots (under the Bruces), 1315 (Plea R., 1317, vol. v., p. 27); Luddenbeg, 1591; Ludden Church, down, 1615 B. Luidin (O'Donovan). Tabric—The East wall, 24 feet wide, with 32 feet of south, and 28 feet of north wall, 13 feet by 4 feet, stood in 1840; the east window had two pointed lights. Fitzgerald mentions rude carvings of the crucifixion in 1826 (vol. i., p. 289), which had vanished fourteen years later."

Ludden is now included in the R.C. Union of Ballybricken and Bohermore, which also includes Rochestown, Caherelly, Ballywilles and Carrigparson. The Poor Law Valuation of Ludden Parish amounts to £1861 10s.

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CROSS AT LUDDEN PARISH BURIAL GROUND.