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is situated in the Barony of Clanwilliam about eight miles south east of the City of Limerick, is bounded on the north by the Parish of Grean; on the west by Ballybrood and Rathjordan and on the south by Kilteely and on the east by the portion of Aglishcormick Parish in the Barony of Coonagh.

NAME. The name of this Parish is in Irish Eaglais Chormaic, ecclesia Cormaci, the Church of St. Cormac, but nothing can be gathered from the natives of this Parish to prove which of the Saints of this name he was, as his day is now forgotten.

Of the old Church of this Parish, which was situated in the Glebe of Ballynagally in an old burial ground called by the people contractedly An Hagluis, not a vestige now remains. The grave yard is surrounded by a cultivated field and is overgrown with weeds. There are some stones scattered through it, but they are so covered with the weeds that it is hard to say whether they be parts of tomb stones or not. The inhabitants say that there are no bodies interred here at present.

A spot of untilled ground surrounded by cultivated fields in the Townland of Milltown (Hib. Baile Mhuilinn) on the north side of the road from Kilteely to Limerick, is pointed out by the people as the site of an old Abbey. I spoke to a man who remembered to have seen a portion of the walls standing, but not a vestige now remains. There are some very slight elevations in the ground, which may be the site of the foundations, but no measurement can now be taken. The walls of this Abbey fell upwards of forty years ago and the stones have been used in building the wall which separated its site from the road, as also in building several of the neighbouring houses. This is the Monastery described by Archdall in the following words:-

Archdall's Mon. Hib. V.II, p.432, R.I.A. Milltown.

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"Is situated in the Barony of Caunagh and was called in former times Ballywilliam (Smith's MSS.). Nellan O'Molloy erected a Monastery here for Carmelite Friars (Burke's). We know no other particulars respecting it."

The parents of some persons now living were interred here, but at present there is no burial made at Milltown.

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Qu? Does the appended sheet, copied from the Monasticon, relate to the same place under the Irish name. If not, it is impossible to identify it, as its situation is not described.

The antiquities of Aglishcormick were examined and described by Mr. O'Keeffe.

Archdall's Mon. Hib. Vol.II, p.419, R.I.A. Ballyniwillin.

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There was an house here for Dominican Friars, of which we have no other account than that at the general suppression it was, with sixteen acres of land in Ballyniwillin, granted together with the Franciscan Friary of Ballynebraher (Auditor General's Office).