

THE PARISH OF CARRIGPARSON.

153

SITUATION. This Parish is situated about three miles southeast of the City of Limerick. It is bounded on the east by the Parishes of Abbington and Kilmurry; north by part of the latter and Derrygalvin Parish; west by Cahernarry and on the south by Ludden and Carrigparson Parish in the Barony of Clanwilliam.

NAME. Called in Irish Carraig a' Phearsúin, which signifies the Rock of the Parson or Parish Priest.

There is a rocky hill about twenty perches to the west of the old Church, called Carrigparson Hill.

Of the old Church of this Parish, which was situated in Carrigparson Townland on level the ground, only a small part of the east gable and about six feet in length of the north wall at the eastern end remain; the rest of the building is now level with the ground. It was thirty five feet long by twenty one feet. The portion of the walls which remains is so covered with ivy that the quality of the stones with which they were built could not be ascertained. There is a small graveyard not much in use attached to the ruin.

Of the old Castle of Tooreen in the Townland of the same name only the north wall and eight feet of the east and west walls joined to this north wall remain to the height of about twenty five feet. It measures twenty one feet two inches from east to west but as no vestige of the south wall remains its dimensions from north to south cannot be ascertained. This castle is situated on very level ground. The walls are four feet in thickness. The people retain no traditional history of its erection or possessors in ancient times.

154

The antiquities of this Parish were examined by Mr. A. Curry and his notes put into the above form by Mr. O'Keeffe.

J.O'D.