

minor names in the west of the Parishes of Kilcummin and Kilannin, and I incline to think that many of them are arbitrary. Those in Joyce's Country and Ballynahinch I have ascertained with great satisfaction.

I shall now say a few words about the antiquities of the dreary wilds through which I have wandered:-

(e) His memory OF THE PARISH OF BALLYNAKILL.

**SITUATION.** This Parish forms the northern part of the Barony of Ballynahinch, which was anciently called Conmaicne Mara and now corrupted to Connamara. It is bounded on the north by that arm of the sea anciently called Caol Sháile Ruadh now Killery; on the east by the Parish of Ross in Joyce's Country; on the south by the Parishes of Mayros and Omev and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean.

**NAME.** The name of this Parish is in Irish Baile na Cille, i.e., the Bally or Town of the Church, which is properly the name of the Townland in which the original Parish Church stands. This Church, which stands in ruins at the foot of the Hill of Cartron, about five and a half miles to north of Clifden, is dedicated to St. Ceánnach and there is every reason to believe that it was called Cill Cheannanaigh - Kilcanony - in the primitive ages of Christianity before the Parish took its name from the Townland. I have no distinct record of the history of this Saint except in the following notice of the Parish of Ballynakill written by Roderic O'Flaherty about the year 1684 for the use of Sir William Petty:-

"Within Ardolin (Árd Oileán) Innisark and Bofin Isles is Blackwik Haven (a) wherein the continent of Cliggin (now Claigeann) there is pilchard fishing and an Eyrie of Hawks. There was a weekly market at Cloggin (b) belonging to the Manor of Bunowen (c). In the same bay lies Dowras (d) on which pearle-breeding muscles are found. By this Haven of Dowras stands the Parish Church of Ballynakill, whose Patron, St. Keannach is worshipped there (on the 12th) (e) of March, likely the same with the Saint Kennanach of the middle island of Arran."

(a) This name is now unknown in the country according to Mr. Blake of Rinville and many of the aborigines whom I consulted.

(b) Now called in Irish Claigeann and anglicé Cleggan. It is a poor country hamlet situated a short distance to the west of the old Church of Ballynakill. It has no market at present nor does tradition remember that it ever had.

(c) This was the principal castle of that branch of the O'Flahertys located in Conmaicne Mara or the Armoric Conmaicne.