

I find nothing else in this Parish of antiquarian interest.

OF THE PARISH OF FAHY.

This small Parish, lying to the west of that of Meelick, is called in Irish *Faithche*, a name which is understood in every part of Connaught to signify "a green", a level field. The word is written *Fathuidh* in Cormac's Glossary and translated by the Latin *platea*, a plat. In the County of Kilkenny it is applied to a fair-green, a hurling green or any field of exercise. The Connaught family of Fahy, a branch of the *Hy Briuin Seóla*, are now beginning to translate their name "Green" which though certainly wrong as a translation of *O'Fathaidh* shews that they look upon the topographical word *Fathuidh* or *Faithche* to mean "a green."

The old Church of Fahy is situated in a Townland of that name to the left of the road as you go from Eyrecourt to Portumna, about two and a half miles from the former. It is a small rude Church with all its features destroyed and presenting nothing of interest to the antiquarian. Judging from the character of the masonry of the part remaining, I would judge it to be four hundred years old. The door was in the south side wall.

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There is a holy well with some bushes growing over it a short distance to the north of this old Church, in which they used to dip delicate children. It is called *Tobar Os* or *Tobar Ros*, a name which I do not understand.

There is nothing else, and I may say nothing at all of interest in this Parish but I have thought proper to say something about it, as I always visit the old Churches in all the Parishes.

OF THE PARISH OF TIRINESCRAGH.

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This small Parish, lying between Fahy and Kilnamanoge, is called by the Irish *Tír an Eascrach*, which means the Country, Land or District of the Esker or Ridge. It is so called from a remarkable Esker or Ridge of sand hills which extends across it from a place called *Cinn Eiscreach* to the old Castle of Longford, and thence in a strongly developed line across the Parish of Killymer. This, however, is no part of the *Esker Riada*.

The old Church of this Parish stands on this Esker to the left of the road as you go from Eyrecourt to Portumna, about five miles from the latter and about half a mile from the road. All the architectural features of it are destroyed but the part of the walls remaining prove it to be of comparatively modern times.