

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

NATURAL FEATURES, ANTIQUITIES,
HISTORIC ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

BARONY OF Upper Ormond
 TOWN OR VILLAGE Templederry PARISH Templederry COUNTY Tipperary

TOPOGRAPHY

Brief description of outstanding scenic views in the district, natural attractions, or unusual topographical features.

The tourist sees this fine country only as part of the chain of gently rising blue hills which stretch along in a line to the south of the road from Nenagh to Roscrea; if he would climb to Lisgorruff hill or to the roadway at Ormond-stile, he would see one of the noblest prospects in all Ireland. The whole of the two Ormonds lies before him from the hills of Duhamra on his left to the borders of the Carins and Eli on the right, while away in the distance the broad waters of Lough Derg alone stand between him and the wide plains of Loughglaw.

GEOLOGY

Brief notes on unusual geological features, such as caves, eskers, etc.

The soil is generally light and sandy excepting in Lattough where it is heavy. The southern part of the parish is bog.

MANSIONS, CASTLES AND ESTATES

OF IMPOSING CHARACTER

Location and brief description. Owner. Past associations. Libraries or art collections?
 Gardens? Open to visitors? Admission charge?

None.

Castle Otway was burned in Civil War.

ANTIQUITIES

Abbeys, Castles, Fortresses, Round Towers, Early Churches, Sculptured Crosses, Stone Circles, Ogham Stones, Cairns, Souterrains, Pillar Stones, Cromlechs, Forts, Raths, Moats, Tumuli or ancient monuments of any kind. Exact location of each with short description, noting condition, etc. Relate local legend or tradition associated with building or object. State if in charge of Office of Public Works. Right of way to public? Admission charge (if any). Name and address of caretaker, or where key is kept.

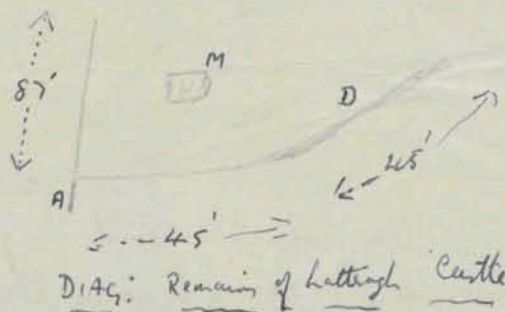
Latteragh Castle. owner: Mr. Ed. Vickers, latteragh. mentioned by O'Donovan. O.S. letters Tipp. I. 526. as sit. 200 y. W. of latteragh Old Ch. - the round castle of latteragh - one well fragment remains: it was grouted and 9' thick.

A = 15' long.

D = 15' high.

M = Man of stone 8' above surrounding clay which is at level of wall-top i.e. 15' high.

TRADITION: Passage connects with Old Ch.



Castle Otway. Sit. on townland of Cloghonan, $\frac{3}{4}$ M. W. of C. of S. Templemore. ... 524 ... 33'

H = Hall - door with 3 steps

leading up to it.

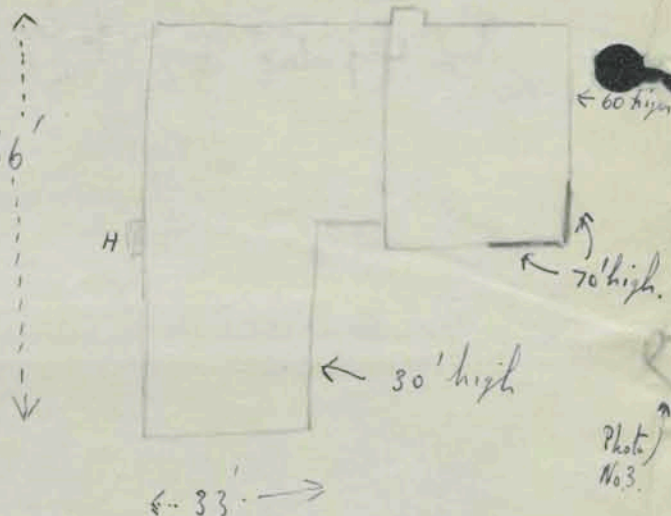
Owner: - Jeremiah Waddick. Yarene. latteragh. 66'

This castle was originally built in 1654.

It was burned during the Civil War.

Thomas Davis visited here.

Now a roofless, and in the distance, imposing ruin, local residents would like to see some use being made of it. In the event of an hotel being built in this parish, the picturesque situation of Castle Otway should not be overlooked.



DIAG: Ground Plan of Castle Otway.

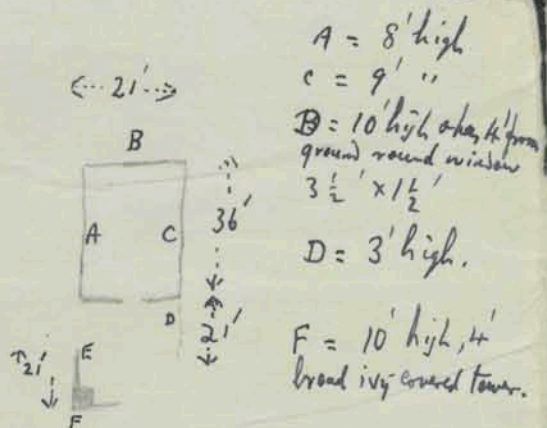
Latteragh Old Church

O'Donovan in O.S. Letters. Tipp. I [524-5] says:-

"The old parish church consisted of nave and choir, the former 39' x 29' and latter 34' x 20' 4". The nave is all destroyed except 10' of S. wall connected with the

middle gable and small portions of the W. gable

and N. wall joined together; remaining walls destroyed. Walls of choir are nearly perfect except E. gable destroyed down to height of the side walls. The E. window forms a semi-circular arch at the top on the inside and is 5' 9" x 6' 2": on the outside its remaining part is of chiselled brown sandstone. It is 2' 5" in width on this side."



(Plain sheets of foolscap paper to be used, if necessary, for recording additional information).

Historic Houses:-

3) "The Life of Fr. John Kenyon" by L. Fogarty is unsatisfactory. Molua 1943 gives the following:- In 1847 Fr. Kenyon was a Curate at Templederry [P. 11.] It would appear that Fr. K. was transferred from Templederry in Sept. 1847 and returned as Administrator in Nov. 1847 on 28th Feb he writes in parish register - "I am appointed Administrator of the parish of Templederry." On July 27th 1848 Fr. Kenyon writes in the Register: "this evening I have heard of a rebellion in south Tipperary under the leadership of William Smith O'Brien - may God speed it." Perhaps as a consequence of Fr. Kenyon's association with the Young Irelanders, he was replaced as Administrator by Fr. Magrath in 1848 [P. 11.] When Fr. Carey was in the parish, he and Fr. Kenyon disagreed. It was decided to Fr. Carey's displeasure that he should have exclusive charge of Killeen and Fr. Kenyon of Templederry. Fr. Kenyon certainly became P.P. in 1860 and died in 1869. [Molua. 1943. P. 12.]

Probably at Monaquill Fr. K. met Thomas Davis.

Fr. Kenyon was apparently involved in trouble with his bishop for his part in the '48 movement, but his intimacy with the Fenian leaders is well known twenty years later. It began many years before 1867, for in 1860 - his first year as P.P. - he journeyed to Paris to receive into the Church John Mitchell's daughter Isabella. He made this entry in Templederry Baptismal Register: "Sep. 27th, 1860, Isabella of John Mitchell and Jane Verner. Sponsor Henrietta Mitchell. At Paris. John Kenyon."

Kickham must have known him well for he dedicates to him "Father John" - shown on the famine years in Templederry (Irishman 16th Mar. 1861 and in the Valley near Slieve Donard P. 106.)

In Baptismal Register on May 19th 1863 he notes that for the first time he had to wear spectacles when baptizing a little girl. [Molua. 1943. P. 12.]

Fr. Kenyon built the Church at Curreeny in 1860. [P. 13. Ibid.]

See under Curacies.

Fr. Kenyon is buried in Templederry Catholic Church. A flat slab under the first three pews on the Gospel side, is inscribed:- "Have pity on me at least you my friends because the Hand of the Lord hath touched me."

Pray for the Repose of the Soul of the Rev. John Kenyon P.P. Templederry who died 21st March 1869 in the fifty seventh year of his age and thirty seventh of his Sacred Ministry R.I.P.
Grant him I God Eternal Rest and let Blessed Light shine on him Amen.

Historic Houses (Contd)

4. Canon Cunningham P.P. Templemore: prominent in Land League: wrote "The Penal Man and other Poems" (considered dry by his parishioners). His tomb in the Church grounds, Templemore, is marked by a cross inscribed:- In loving memory of

Very Rev. John Canon Cunningham. P.P. Templemore.
Died 30th Nov. 1935. Aged 80 years.

5. See Note - "The Spirit of TIPPERARY" P. 90.
Brother Thomas Joseph Stapleton 1873-1942. First Provincial of the Irish Province of the Congregation of the Irish Christian Brothers: born at Shanballyard, in house now owned by Mr. Thos. Stapleton. He re-modelled Synge St and Francis St C. B. Sch. Dublin. While on visit home he slept so well, that he called Templemore the "sleepy hollow": fuller information in 28 page life circulated among Christian Brothers and privately and written by Christian Bros.

6. Most Rev. Dr. Denis Kelly D.D. Bishop of Ross was born at Kilmacraugh in house now owned by Mr. Ed. Kelly.

7. Gallsping Hogan, is, it is said, buried on top of Gangglen Hill. Glanmore also claims this honour.

8. The widowed grandmother of the Hon. E. J. Hogan, former premier of Victoria (1927-32) Australia, having been evicted from her home three times, emigrated to Australia in 1868. Mr Hogan is the son and grandson of Templemore men. The house ^{in RAHANURE} where his father was born no longer stands.

See "Victorian Ex-Premier's Impressions: Many relatives in Templemore District" in Nenagh Guardian about time of Eucharistic Congress.

P.S. on Fr. Kenyon:- "Gleanings of Bonisleigh" by Rev. M. Kenney S.J. :-

Preface says:- Dr. Kenney writes of John Kenyon's visit, with Mitchel to the Irish College in Paris and of the conversion of Mitchel's daughters; again on P. 91. speaks of a strong Young Ireland following, fortified by Fr. John Kenyon in Templemore. He was a close friend of John Mitchel who wrote a charming account of the night he spent discussing the Greek tones that lined the walls of his paristry, which was also his dwelling place. Fr. Kenyon denounced publicly O'Connell's peace policies.

Topography (concluded).

Templedermy, dominated by the ruin of Castle Orway, suggested elsewhere as a possible site for an hotel.

This parish abounds with interesting scenery. It was formerly extensively wooded and might with advantage, be so again.

The Poets at Carrary, a distinguished Irishman calls the "Switzerland of Ireland."

The Twelve Pins of Templedermy are :-

Knockacraheen and Knockadigeen
Ballincara and Coonan
Pomanebeg and Pomanebor
Gortahuma and Rathenore
(B) Glantane, (B) Fantane, Mount Kinane
and Cullohill."

Note (B) as in Borrisoleigh parish.

A local ballad "Templedermy My Home"
is sung to the air - the Meeting of the Waters.

This parish has many interesting
place names.

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SPORTS AND GAMES

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ANGLING (Fresh water)

If there is only one river or lake in the parish this form (B) will suffice. For additional waters Form Ba to be used.

RIVER OR LAKE The Nenagh Nearest point to town (distance) 250 yards
also called The LATTEKAGH.

KINDS OF FISH HELD:

Brown Trout

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout 2 oz.

BEST SEASONS FOR:

Salmon Sea trout Brown trout March, April
When dull: July to Sept.

SUITABLE FLIES:

Salmon

Sea trout

Brown trout Green Well's Fly, Hare's Ear, March Brown, Red Spinner, Black Ant., Black Lynx, Black Widge, Orange Grouse, Black & Red Spider, Wrens, Red worm in heavy water.

State if angling is— "entirely free"; "free except on preserved stretches"; etc.

entirely free

Preserved stretches, with names and addresses of Proprietors:

None.

Owners of boats for hire, and charges per day:

None.

Convenient angling centres (where accommodation is available):

Borrisoleigh 6 M.Nenagh 10 M.Local Angling Club None. Membership Fee

Secretary (and Address)

SEA ANGLING

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Brief notes on fishing grounds :

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Kinds of fish to be caught :

Owners of boats, type of boats, and charges per day :

Bait available locally ? Fishing tackle ?

Representative of B.S.A.S. or other sea angling Assn.

GOLFING

Name of Club *None* No. of holes

Situation and brief description of course :

Name of Professional

Is there a clubhouse on course ? Licensed ?

Green fees (Visitors) : Per day Per week

Templederry. Upper Ormond. Tipperary.

Walks :-

1 Templederry - Quin's X - continue straight on to Ormondstide - L.T. - Jan Poul na Nas (fine view of country round Templederry with Ca Otway dominating the landscape) - straight through Ballycannon X - on to Boolingbrooke Sch. - straight on to Carralee X - R.T. - Ormondstide via Bennett's bridge - return via Quin's X to Templederry. 7 M.

2 Templederry - Bonvisdeigh rd. - L.T. at Wallace's pub. - L.T. at C. of J. and graveyard - return to village passing Castle Otway on R. 2 M.

3 Templederry - Clohinich rd. to bridge - up Rahenure hill - str. on to Greenane X - there R.T. - down to Gortnaguma sch. and Huntsgrove - L.T. at Ballahane X - str. on to Quin's X - R.T. for Templederry. 5 M.

4 Templederry - via Quin's X to Ormondstide - R.T. - digress R.T. on L. for KILLEEN Cath. Ch. and bog y. further take R.T. for KILLNAVEAVE old Ch. - R.T. at Killnaneane X - straight up, passing between Knockadigan and Ballincanna (good view here) - return to Ormondstide rd. - L.T. - return Templederry. 6 M.

5 As in No. 4. to Ballincarra - continue str. down
hill to Ballincarra x - L.T. - pass through
Castle Otway - R.T. - return Templedermy.

6 1/2 M.

6 Templedermy - Borrisoleigh rd. - R.T. at
Wallace's pub. - then over Nenagh river
(here one leaves parish) little beyond which
T.R. - str. up hill to COOLEEN - Keep
R. up Chalk hill (re-entering parish) -
R.T. at end of road - str. down to
Clohinich br. - return to Templedermy.

3 M.

No 2. is equally pleasant when taken in
reverse.

Cycle Rides: Cycling in this parish is not
recommended. All roads are hilly.

The best-surfaced road is that from Clohinich
br. to Dolla.

Suggested Tourist Road. The scenery on the
road from Borrisoleigh to Templedermy is worthy
of note (and of re-afforestation). It is suggested
that the stretch beginning at CURRABAH x,
entering Templedermy parish at Clohinich br. (leaving
passed a small but view-blocking corrugated
roof some 100 yards on right) ^{owned by Mr. Martin Shanahan}, through Templedermy
village, through Drimadstie, Bennetts' bridge (presently
dangerous) to connect with the Nenagh, Dolla, Curanney
road at Curralee x, to make a tourist road.
This would open up a very pleasant and little known area
not served by rail and is a journey from Thubly to the Shannon
would by-pass Nenagh and the flat country around it.

RACING

(Including "Point-to-Point" and "Flapper" meetings)

No. of meetings normally held during the year.....None.

Under which rules?.....

Situation of course.....

HUNTING

Hounds which hunt in the district:

Foxhounds.....None.

Harriers.....

Beagles.....

COURSING

Name of Club.....None. Meeting held annually?.....

GREYHOUND RACING

Name of Company.....None.

Races on (nights).....

SHOOTING

Brief notes on shooting areas, stating kinds of wild fowl or game, and if free shooting is available:

Plentiful grouse on Ballinacra, Comar and all hills and Long
John's hill, Garryglass and Gortahuma. Partridge in stable
ground throughout parish. Snipe and Woodcock, fine shooting
of, along the river bank; snipe also in Dawson's Bog, Carreeny.
Shooting in this parish is excellent. Free Shooting.

If preserved, give names of landowners or lessees and addresses:

.....None.

Shooting Club..... Secy.....

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

Name of Club.....None. Competitions held?.....

ROWING AND SAILING

Rowing or yacht clubs, with address of club-house.

.....None.

GAMES AND RECREATIONS

Name of Club or Committee concerned with the following :
(In each case give location of sports ground or recreation hall)

Gaelic Football.....None.

Hurling.....*Templedermy, Practice pitch 100y. x 40y. in field of Patk. Ryan, Clohona, situated 1/4 M. from village.*

Handball.....None.....Handball alley?.....None

Soccer.....None

Rugby.....None

Cricket.....None

Hockey.....None

Bowls.....None

Bowling (on public roads).....None

Lawn Tennis.....None.....Kinds of courts.....

Croquet.....None

Billiards.....None

Badminton.....None

Table Tennis.....None

Bridge Club.....None

Other games or recreations (inc. "Cross Roads" dancing).....*Cross Roads dancing at 1 Ormondstie 2 Ballycannon 3 Greenane*

ATHLETICS AND CYCLING

Name of Club.....None.....Events held under rules of.....

do.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Give list of annual events held in the town or parish, naming promoters (Clubs, etc.) in each case. Include pilgrimages and patterns.

Visit to St Odrian's Well, Promoters Local residents.

Latteragh on Aug. 15th

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DATE.....*23rd Sept. 1944*.....(Signed).....*Charles G. Rea.*.....
Surveyor.

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AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.
TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)BARONY OF Upper OrmondTOWN OR VILLAGE Templederry PARISH Templederry COUNTY Liffey

Location and brief description.

Population 60

Situated 10 M S.E. of Menagh on the Dolla-Borrisoleigh road and midway between the two last-mentioned places, is the pleasant village of Templederry, of which eight houses and Templederry Catholic Church are situated on the above-mentioned road while close by are four other houses and two school buildings, the latter forming Templederry National School.

Is there a Town Hall? None Location

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

No public water supply. The village pump Templederry, is condemned.
No public sewerage.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Menagh Distance 10 M Bus? None
Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None
One from Currakeha 2 M. distant.

DANCING

Dance hall None Proprietor

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures shown (nights)

Theatre None Kind of shows (Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries None

Private Lending Libraries None

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church	Services (Sundays)
<u>Church of the Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>8:30 and 11 a.m. O.T.</u>
<u>Templeton</u>	
<u>Killen Catholic Church</u>	<u>9 a.m. O.T.</u>
<u>Carsenty " "</u>	<u>11 a.m. O.T.</u>
<u>Templeton C. of I.</u>	<u>12:30 p.m. N.T.</u>

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Templeton village

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) Has Teleg. Teleph. No M.O.

BANKING

Banks None

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers None

Photographic Stores None

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? None Location

Public Baths? None Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

None

Cultural Societies

None

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

Templedam Co. of Creamery (br. of Bonisolegh)

Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

None.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

None.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

None.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

1. Templedam N.S. 2. Kilaneave N.S. 3. Gortagoona N.S.
4. Lattough N.S. 5. Caweeny N.S. 6. Castle Otway
Templedam C. of J. N.S.

HOSPITALS

None.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets None

Weekly market day None Half-holiday Thurs: observed only by Adam Wallace.

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

John Ryan has Petrol Station at Carrabaha x. (Not in parish but is nearest)

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis None

Motors (Touring) 1 Adam Wallace, 2 Gerard Ryan in Gentleserry,
3 Patk. J. Leary in Gortagoona,
4 Patk. Stapleton and 5 John Ryan in Carrabaha

Boats (State type) None

Bicycles None

Caravans None

Horses None

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location Landowner

Local Improvements Committee None

Secretary

DATE 23rd Sept. 1944

(Signed)

Charles J. Kea.
Surveyor.

HISTORIC SITES

Royal Seats, scenes of historic events—battles, mass meetings, historic festivals, &c. Location.

Landowner. Historical or traditional notes.

1 Battles:- A.D. 117. A great army of Connaughtmen marched to Munster. The army of Thomond pursued them through Munster and a battle was fought between them at LEATHARACH wherein the two O'Kennedys together with many others were slain. [Annals of the Four Masters noted by J. Donovan. O.S. Tiph. I. 528.]

2 A.D. 1304. Turlogh O'Brien burnt Leatrach and slew the English therein. [Ibid.]

3 A.D. 1602. On Christmas Day O'Sullivan was obliged to go away unperceived by the Earl (Thomond) ... on the seventh night (he remained) at Leatharach ... he was not a day or a night without receiving fierce assaults and battles. [O.D. O.S. Tiph. I. 528-9]

4 Sarsfield is said to have passed by the road bridge near Paul VA WAS.
5 Many were arrested in Templemore in Land Leagu days.

HISTORIC HOUSES; BURIAL PLACES

(a) Birth places or one-time residences of distinguished Irishmen or other personalities.

Location and description. Present owner or occupant. (b) Burial places of distinguished personalities.

1 Two carnal brothers from the territory of Muscragia wished to be pilgrims to the territory of the Connations were named Medran and Odran but their town was called LETTIR. When they had come to SAYGIR to St Kieran Medran wished to remain there. To whom his brother said (It is) not this you have promised to me, brother. And he says to St Kieran; do not further detain my brother here. St Kieran replied to him: let the omnipotent God judge between you whether he should remain here or not. Let himself hold for a token a candle in his own hand and if it be lighted by a blast of his breath he ought to remain. So it was, and he remained with St Kieran until his death in great sanctity. And St Kieran said to blessed ODRAU: although you go round the four quarters of the world you shall die in your own town of LETTER. Therefore return and remain therein because the town itself will be denominated from your name for ever. So it was for St Odran returned and erected a famous monastery and after sanctity and miracles etc etc. [O'Donovan O.S. Letter. Tiph. I. 533-6]

2 Thomas Davis spent a good deal of his early years at the house of his maternal aunt, Mrs. Hastings Atkins, the Protestant Rector's wife at MONAGLICH. He also spent time in the neighboring big house including Castle Otway. It was formerly at MONAGLICH he met Fr. KENYON. See the Spirit of Tiph. I. P. 91.

SPAS OR MINERAL SPRINGS

Spas formerly in use. Location and present condition. Access. Right of way to public?

Mineral content and curative properties so far as known locally.

Iron springs in South part of the parish.

CURIOSITIES

Curious objects, structures, monuments, landmarks, sights, etc. For example, Wishing stones or "chairs," freaks of nature (i.e. grotesque rock formations)—in fact, any scene or object which may be regarded as queer, quaint or mirth-provoking. Location and description. Any story or legend to be related.

Fr. Kenyon built the old parochial house in Templemore—being his own architect. Characteristically, he forgot that a stairway would be needed to the upper story, and then erected inside the entrance door a pole with a circular stair which made it difficult to enter the house at all. [Molua. 1943. P. 12.]

It is said that Fr. Kenyon being autocratic towards his parishioners was not equally well-liked by all. It is supposed that the builder he employed, noticed the absence of the stairway, but was afraid to draw the attention to Fr. Kenyon to his oversight.

The Raven's Rock, situated 100 yards from Poul na Ras Waterfall in the direction of Oranmore, and between road and river, bear the alleged imprints of the two fore feet of an an which jumped from Long John's hill, over Coonen hill to land here. Hidden by a religious personage. DABBY'S Bed on top of Bellinacane hill is now a heap of stones. Own:—Mr. Matt Kenneedy.

CUSTOMS, PATTERNS, ETC.

Brief account of old customs, traditional cures, etc., still practised in the district. Pilgrimages to Holy Wells, Shrines, etc. Patterns.

St Odrian's Well, Lutteragh (land owned by Forestry Dept.) is visited on 15th Aug. annually. Devotees go and say prayers. Tradition:—If water is taken from it for boiling, it will not boil. Once a woman hung clothes on a bush over the well: the bush removed to the other side. An eel appears betimes and if seen cures certain diseases. The water cures sore eyes.

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