

Reverend Richard Townsend [612]



St Cohnan's, Cloyne



1801. July 30. RICHARD TOWNSEND, A.B., P. Lackeen, and R. and V. Kilcoleman. [F.F.]

1805. One Protestant family in Lackeen parish. [Abp. Brod.]
Richard Townsend (fourth son of Rev. E. S. Townsend, V. Clonmeen, q. v.) was born 1774, and was ordained Deacon, at Cloyne, on 13th Nov., 1796 ; and Priest, at Cork, on 25th July, 1797.

He was, from 1799 to 1801, P. Killenemer, and R. V. Ballyvourney ; and from 1801 to his death on 6th March, 1808, P. Lackeen, and R. Magourney.

He married Henrietta-Murray, dau. of John Hume, Dean of Derry, and by her (who died at Bath, on 29th January, 1851, aged seventy-two years) had issue, *inter alios*, an only surviving son, Edward Hume Townsend, of the Bombay Civil Service, who married, on 12th March, 1831, Susan, dau. of Rev. Horatio Townsend, R. Carrigaline, Cork, and has issue five sons and five daughters. E. H. Townsend is now seated at Cuilnaccorra, between Clonakilty and Dunmanway.

The Rev. R. Townsend, P. Lackeen, was buried at Christchurch, Cork, on 17th March, 1808.

Memorial of James Hume

Apothecary of Oxford



Extracts from Samuel Lewis' Topographical Dictionary 1837

BALLYVOURNEY, a parish, in the barony of WEST MUSKERRY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 8 miles (W. by N.) from Macroom; containing 3681 inhabitants. St. Abban, who lived to a very advanced age and died in 650, founded a nunnery at this place, which he gave to St. Gobnata, who was descended from O'Connor the Great, Monarch of Ireland. Smith, in his history of Cork, notices the church of this establishment, but it has since fallen into decay. The parish, of which the name signifies "the Town of the Beloved," is chiefly the property of Sir Nicholas C. Colthurst, Bart.; it is situated on the River Sullane, and on the road from Cork to Killarney, and comprises 26,525 statute acres, as apportioned under the tithe act, and valued at £6073. 15. per annum. The surface is very uneven, in some parts rising into mountains of considerable elevation, the highest of which is Mullaghanish: about one-half is arable and pasture land, with 70 acres of woodland. Much of the land has been brought into a state of cultivation by means of a new line of road from Macroom, which passes through the vale of the Sullane, and is now a considerable thoroughfare; and great facilities of improvement have been afforded by other new lines of road which have been made through the parish; but there are still about 16,000 acres of rough pasture and moorland, which might be drained and brought into a state of profitable cultivation. The River Sullane has its source in the parish, in the mountains bordering on the county of Kerry, and after intersecting it longitudinally pursues an eastern course through the parish of Clondrohid to the town of Macroom, to the east of which, at the distance of a mile, it discharges itself into the river Lee; there is also a lake called Lough Ivoig. Fairs are held on the 10th of May, July, Sept., and Nov.; and there is a constabulary police station. The living is a rectory and a vicarage, in the diocese of Cloyne; part of the rectory is comprehended in the union of Clonore and corps of the chancellorship of the cathedral of St. Colman, Cloyne, and part is united to the vicarage, forming the benefice of Ballyvourney, in the patronage of the Bishop. The tithes amount to £731. 14. 7., of which £231. 14. 7. is payable to the chancellor of Cloyne, and £500 to the incumbent. The church is a very neat edifice, in the early English style, erected in 1824 by aid of a gift of £600 from the late Board of First Fruits. The glebe-house was built at the same time, partly by gift and partly by a loan from the same Board. There are three daily pay schools, in which are about 70 boys and 20 girls. The ruins of the conventual church are very extensive and interesting; in one of the walls is a head carved in stone, which is regarded with much veneration. Near these ruins is a holy well, much resorted to on the 11th of February, the festival of St. Gobnata, the patroness, and also on Whit-Monday; and near the well is a large stone with a circular basin or font rudely excavated, the water from which is held sacred.

KILLENEMOR, a parish, in the barony of FERMOY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 3 miles (S. W.) from Mitchelstown; containing 197 inhabitants. This small parish consists of only one townland, comprising 410 statute acres, as apportioned under the tithe act, and valued at £374 per annum, and for all civil purposes has merged into the parish of Glanworth. It is a rectory, in the diocese of Cloyne, and forms the corps of the prebend of Killenemor, in the cathedral of Cloyne, and in the patronage of the Bishop: the tithes amount to £40, and form part of the economy fund of the cathedral. There is neither church, glebe-house, nor glebe.

LACKEEN, a parish, in the barony of ORRERY and KILMORE, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, 1 1/4 mile (W.) from Churchtown, on the road to Liscarrol; containing 89 inhabitants. It comprises only the townlands of Lackeen and Granard, containing 277 statute acres, as apportioned under the tithe act, and valued at £246. 9. 2. The land is of excellent quality and chiefly in tillage; limestone is quarried for burning, lime being generally used for manure, and the state of agriculture has been much improved. It is a rectory, in the diocese of Cloyne, forming the corps of the prebend of Lackeen in the cathedral of Cloyne, and in the patronage of the Bishop; the tithes amount to £31. The occasional duties are discharged by the curate of Churchtown. The ruins of the old church still remain in the burial-ground.

MAGOURNEY, a parish, partly in the barony of BARRETTTS, but chiefly in that of EAST MUSKERRY, county of CORK, and province of MUNSTER, on the road from Cork to Killarney; containing, with the parish of Kilcoleman, and the post-town of Coachford, 2397 inhabitants. This parish is bounded on the south by the River Lee, over which is a stone bridge at Nadrid; and intersected by the river Dripsey, a mountain stream which falls into the former at the Dripsey paper-mills, in the adjoining parish of Mattehy, and over which also is a bridge of stone on the new road to Macroom. The land, with the exception of about 150 acres of bog and waste, is of good quality and in a state of excellent cultivation; the system of agriculture has been greatly improved under the auspices of the resident gentry, and more especially of Messrs. Colthurst, Good, and P. Cross, who have been extensively successful in raising green crops. Stone of good quality is quarried for building and for mending the roads, which throughout the district are kept in excellent repair. The principal seats are Dripsey House, the residence of J. H. Colthurst, Esq.; Myshell, of Dr. Barter, whose demesne of 200 acres, formerly an unprofitable waste, has, since 1826, been reclaimed and brought into a state of high cultivation; Nadrid, of H. O'Callaghan, Esq.; Classis, of H. Minhear, Esq.; Carhue, of J. Rye Copinger, Esq.; Beechmount, of Dr. Godfrey; Abbeville, of -- McMahan, Esq.; Broomhill, of H. Cross, Esq.; Shandy Hall, of P. Cross, Esq.; Lee Mount, of T. Golloch, Esq.; River View, of Mrs. Welstead; Old Town, of S. Crooke, Esq.; Rock Grove, of J. Good, Esq.; the glebe-house, of the Rev. H. Johnson; and Green Lodge, of R. Copinger, Esq. At Coachford a sub-post-office to Cork and Macroom has been established; petty sessions are held monthly at Dripsey, and fairs at Nadrid on Jan. 1st and Oct. 10th. The living is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Cloyne, united perpetually to the vicarage of Kilcoleman, and in the patronage of the Bishop: the tithes, including those of Kilcoleman, which has merged into this parish, amount to £684. The glebe-house, towards the erection of which the late Board of First Fruits contributed a gift of £100 and a loan of £1350, in 1812, is a handsome residence; the glebe comprises 73 acres. The church, a handsome structure, was enlarged in 1818, for which purpose the same Board granted a loan of £200, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have recently granted £224 for its repair. A small parochial school is aided by the rector; and there is also a private school.