

DISERT, or CARRIGEEN:

A parish, in the barony of Coshma, 1 1/2 mile (W.) from Croom, containing 180 inhabitants. It is situated on the western bank of the River Maigue, between the parishes of Croom and Adare, and contains 531 acres, as apportioned under the tithe act. The living is a rectory, in the diocese of Limerick, forming the corps of the prebend of Disert in the cathedral of Limerick, and in the patronage of the bishop: the tithes amount to £72.10. The church having long since fallen to ruin, the parishioners attend divine service at Croom. In the R.C. divisions it forms part of the union or district of Croom. On the north side of the ruined church is a remarkable round tower, about 70 feet in height, standing on a rock of limestone: 14 feet from the foundation a circular-headed door opens to the north-east; on the opposite side is a pointed window, over which are three stories with square headed lights, and at the top are four small slip windows. The mouldings around the door are in relief, and of superior workmanship in freestone, of which the window-frames are also composed; the remainder of the tower is constructed of limestone.