

## **LUDDENBEG, or LUDDEN:**

A parish, in the barony of Clanwilliam, 5 ½ miles (S.E. by S.) from Limerick, on the road to Cahirconlish; containing 837 inhabitants. It comprises 1183 statute acres of good land, as apportioned under the tithe act, of which about one-half is in tillage: the substratum consists chiefly of a mixture of basalt and limestone. It is in the diocese of Emy: the rectory is impropriate in Viscount Southwell, and the vicarage forms part of the union of Cahirconlish. The tithes amount to £124, of which £70 is payable to the impropriator, and the remainder to the vicar. At Isertlaurence is a good glebe of 9 acres, and at Luddenbeg is another of 4 ½ acres. In the R.C. divisions the parish forms part of the union or district of Ballybricken, and has a small chapel at Bohermore. At the foot of a gentle eminence are the ruins of the old church, by some writers called an abbey, on the walls of which are some figures rudely sculptured in bas relief; and a little to the south stood the castle of Luddenmore, a strong fortress, of which scarcely a vestige can be traced.