

Climate, Diseases, Population, &c.—Durable frost or snow is very rare, and the air is tempered by the sea; yet it may be called a cold climate, in winter, without any shelter. It may also be called rainy three fifths of the year. When there

is at the chapel of Kilkenneth in Tiry a burying ground so sandy, that, by blowing, heaps of human bones are seen, and coffins often exposed, before half consumed. It is now surrounded by sand banks higher than the tide walls; they no longer bury here. Amongst the coasts, in many parts, are buried the remains of drowned persons cast ashore. At the above hill of Cennaharra, on a very rugged declivity, is situated St Patrick's temple. The vestige of a wall incloses it in one third of an acre of land. It is 26 by 11 feet within walls; the side walls 5½ feet high; one gable six inches thicker than the other; without a roof, and all built of stone and lime. A square altar in the east end is still 18 inches high. The cross without the pedestal 4 feet. Within 60 yards of it, at the shore on the top of a rock, is made a hollow, 2 feet diameter and 4 deep, called by the country people St Patrick's Vat. There are 9 or 10 long stones, in different parts of the parish, seemingly erected as monuments. British, Danish, and other small silver coins, in small earthen vessels, have often been dug out of mounds and sandy ground. Two years ago, was discovered a bent tubular piece of gold about 21. value, the two ends not closely joined, and not unlike a fort of ear-ring. In a slack yard at Cornagbeg in Tiry, in digging pits in sandy ground to secure potatoes during winter and spring, there were found at different times human skeletons, and nigh them the skeletons of horses. They seemed to have been completely armed, according to the times. Two handed swords were found diminished with rust; silver work preserved the handles; there were also shields and helmets, with a brass spear. Nigh this was discovered another skeleton, holding the skeleton of an infant in its arms. It is proposed to dig more of this ground. Some of these curiosities are in the possession of the Duke of Argyll.

In Coll near the family seat (a good modern house three stories high with wings, &c.) is the old habitation, a square built castle, with towers and some lower additions. The main building is still rooted; the whole apartments are distinct. Near the center of Tiry is a lake with an island in it, whereupon was built a familiar castle; the access by a made road and draw-bridge. Upon the ruins of this, in 1748, was erected a house with a garden for the Duke of Argyll's factor. The island was sometime ago made a peninsula.

of Tiry.

is frost on the mainland, there is often mild weather in these islands; when snow in the one, there is often but rain in the other. The rain water lodges on this flat surface; and with the exhalations from so many lakes, in calm weather, often rises in mist. An inland country, in this damp situation, would be very unhealthy; but the healthy sea air generally drives away whatever is noxious. The houses of the common people are generally in dry situations and remarkably warm, built as usual in sandy islands (partly through want of stones, which are ill to quarry, but mostly out of choice,) of an inner and outer single wall, filled up in the middle with sandy earth from 4 to 6 feet thick. The people are lively, industrious, and cheerful, and often engaged in active employments, in the open air; yet the dampness of the place, the want of proper firing, and the poor living of many, seem to be the great causes of frequent rheumatisms, dysenteries, and nervous fevers. Draining of the lakes, and flat grounds, may add much to the salubrity of the place. Both idles, upon the whole, appear to be healthy from the great age to which many of the inhabitants attain.

Number of souls in Tiry,		From 80 to 90		From 90 to 100		Annual average of baptisms in Tiry, for 6	
in March 1792		2416		-		5	
Males	-	1184		-		-	
Females	-	1232		-		-	
Under 10	-	663		years		95	
From 10 to 20	-	573		Marriages ditto		16	
From 20 to 50	-	737		Families		467	
From 50 to 70	-	334		Farmers		270	
From 70 to 80	-	77		Workmen		66	
From 80 to 90	-	22		Cottars		131	
From 90 to 100	-	9		Families in Coll		199	
Above 100	-	1		Farmers		97	
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