this suburb; and it is probable, that in the course of a few years the buildings will be extended to the town, about a quarter of a mile distant. The parish is in the diocese of Ardfert and Aghadoe, and is a rectory, forming part of the union and corps of the deanery of Ardfert: the tithe rent-charge is £252. 14. The Protestant inhabitants attend the church at Tralee. In the Roman Catholic divisions the parish is partly in the district of Ballymacelligott, but chiefly in that of Tralee. The ivied ruins of the church stand in the burial-ground, adjoining the high road; the ruins of the castle before mentioned still exist, and at Ballymullen are some remains of another castle of the Desmonds.

RATESH, a village, in the parish of KILCONLY, poor-law union of TUAM, barony of DUNMORE, county of GALWAY, and province of CONNAUGHT; containing 309 inhabitants.

RATH, a parish, in the union of ENNISTYMON, barony of INCHIQUIN, county of CLARE, and province of MUNSTER, $5\frac{3}{4}$ miles (N. W.) from Ennis, on the road to Ennistymon; containing 2647 inhabitants. It comprises 8489 statute acres; a considerable portion consists of coarse pasture, and the remainder of good arable land. The parish extends to the bridge at Corofin, and comprises portions of the lakes of Inchiquin and Tadane, noticed in the article on Kilneboy: at Riverston is a chief station of the constabulary police. The seats are Adelphi, Clifden, Roxton, Applevale, Willbrook, and Riverston. The living is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Killaloe: the rectory was united in 1803 to that of Dysert, together constituting the corps of the prebend of Rath, in the patronage of the Marquess of Thomond; and the vicarage forms part of the union and corps of the prebend of Dysert. Of the tithe rent-charge, amounting to £57. 11., two-thirds are payable to the prebendary, and the remainder to the vicar. In the Roman Catholic divisions the parish forms part of the district of Corofin; the chapel, a small plain building, is at Liscullane. The ruins of the church stand near the margin of a small lake; near them are those of the castle of Rath, and in the vicinity, those of a castle called O'Nial's Court, formerly the residence of the chieftains of that family. A large monumental stone near the castle records its destruction, and that of part of the family, by lightning. The ruins of Tier Mac Bran Castle are situated near the shore of Inchiquin lake.

RATH, a village, in the parish of DRUMCULLIN, union of PARSONSTOWN, barony of EGLISH, KING'S county, and province of LEINSTER, 5 miles (W.) from Frankford, on the road to Parsonstown: the population is returned with the parish. Here is a Roman Catholic chapel belonging to the district of Eglish.

RATHANGAN, a market and post town, and a parish, in the union of EDENDERRY, partly in the barony of WEST OPHALY, but chiefly in that of EAST OPHALY, county of KILDARE, and province of LEINSTER, 5 miles (N. W. by N.) from Kildare, and 26 (S. W. by W.) from Dublin, on the road from Kildare to Edenderry; containing 2911 inhabitants, of whom 1033 are in the town, which is entirely in the barony of West Ophaly and contains 174 houses. It is a chief station of the constabulary police; and has a market on Monday, and fairs in June, and on Aug. 26th and Nov. 12th. The parish, comprising 11,530¼ statute acres, is intersected by the Grand Canal, which passes near the town, and on which fly-boats ply daily between Dublin and Athy. The principal seat is Spencer Farm, that of Viscount Harberton. The living is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Kildare, being the corps of the prebend of Rathangan in the cathedral of Kildare, in the patronage of the Duke of Leinster for two turns, and the Bishop for one: the tithe rent-charge is £415. 8. The glebe-house was erected in 1807 by aid of a loan of £625 and a gift of £100 from the late Board of First Fruits; there is a glebe comprising 29 acres. The church was built in 1828, at a cost of £700 raised by parochial assessment, and is a neat edifice with a handsome tower; the whole is in excellent order. In the Roman Catholic divisions the parish forms part of the district of Kildare; the chapel is a spacious building. There is also a meeting-house for the Society of Friends. A dispensary in the town is supported in the usual manner.

RATHASPECK, a parish, in the union of ATHY, partly in the barony of FASSADINING, county of KILKENNY, and partly in the barony of BALLYADAMS, but chiefly in that of SLIEVEMARGUE, QUEEN'S county, and province of LEINSTER, 5 miles (N. E.) from Castlecomer, on the road to Athy; containing 4133 inhabitants. This place derives its name, which signifies "the Bishop's Fort," from a rath near the old church. Here was anciently a small religious establishment, probably a cell to that on the townland of Clonpierce, about two miles distant: the foundation of both is attributed to the O'Mores. The parish comprises 8217½ statute acres, and contains quarries of excellent flag and building stone. Here, also, are the Doonane, Newtown, Rushes, Mandubeagh, Corgee, and Wolfe's Hill collieries; the last-named is drained by a level, the others by steam-engines, and they supply stone-coal to all parts of the surrounding country, principally by means of carriers. The shafts are first sunk through clay; then succeeds a hard green rock, and next slaty strata, in contact with which is the coal. It is worked on either side by regular gangs, each member having a specific duty; the number of each gang is about thirty, and when the pit is double worked there are sixty; each crew works ten hours, but they are particularly observant of every kind of holiday. The chief seats are, Gracefield, pleasantly situated on the side of a hill, commanding most extensive views, and backed with thriving plantations; and Inch. There is a chief constabulary police station at Wolfe's Hill, and other stations are fixed at Slat and Mandubeagh.

The living is a rectory and vicarage, in the diocese of Leighlin, and in the patronage of the Bishop, who annexed to it the small parish of Templedecolm in 1837: the tithe rent-charge is £240; there is neither glebe-house nor glebe. The church was built in 1814, by aid of a gift of £600 from the Board of First Fruits; and for its repair the Ecclesiastical Commissioners lately granted £253. In the Roman Catholic divisions the parish is partly in the district of Mayo and Doonane, and partly in that of Ballyadams; it contains two chapels, one at Doonane, and the other at Wolfe's Hill belonging to the union of Ballyadams. The present church of Rathaspeck was erected out of the ruins of the ancient religious buildings, under the site of which there were formerly three vaulted chambers, in one of which was a well of

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