

TOWNS IN THE PROVINCE OF LEINSTER.

ARDEE AND LOUTH.

ARDEE is an incorporated market and post town, in the parish and barony of its name, county of Louth, 43 miles N.W. from Dublin, 12½ S.E. from Carrickmacross, 7½ S.W. from Castle-Bellingham, and 5 N.W. from Dunleer; situated in a fertile corn district, on the river Dee, and was anciently called *Atherdee*, or *Athir-dee*. In the year 1207, Roger de Peppard or Peppard, Lord of Athirdee, founded a hospital under the invocation of St. John, for Crouched friars, or cross-bearers, following the rule of St. Augustine. In the early part of the fourteenth century, the church of the Carmelite friar, which had been erected by Ralph Peppard, in the beginning of the reign of Edward I. was destroyed by fire, while filled with men, women, and children, who had fled thither to avoid the fury of the Scots and Irish, under the command of Edward Bruce. In the same year, Robert, prior of Louth, was fined £40. for receiving and entertaining the Scottish chief at sundry times. Edward Bruce fell by the hands of Captain Mapas, who gave name to Mapastown, situated about three miles from this place. Ardee, which is of considerable antiquity, consists of one long principal street, with lanes branching from it. In the centre of the town stand two old castles, built about the year 1306; one of these is now used as a dwelling, and is the residence of William Hatch, Esq. the other was repaired in 1812, and converted into a sessions' house, where the sessions are now held four times a year.

A corporation is first mentioned in a charter granted by Edward III. in 1377; the present governing charter was granted by Queen Anne. The corporation consists of a portrieve, 23 burgesses, and an unlimited number of freemen, and certain assistant officers,—but the corporation is now little more than nominal. Ardee, which gives the title of baron to the family of Brabazon, earls of Meath, returned two members to the Irish parliament until the Union. There are extensive corn mills here—the steam mills, belonging to Mr. Wm.

Munkittrick, are upon a large scale. The principal inn is the 'Ruxton Arms,' an excellently conducted hotel.

The church, which was built in 1207, and thoroughly repaired in 1812, is a handsome spacious edifice, with a square tower; it contains several monuments of the Ruxton family. The Catholic chapel is a convenient structure. The dispensary was instituted in 1814, and is supported by subscription and county grants; there are also, in the same building, two fever-wards. A free school, for boys, was established in 1813, on Erasmus Smith's foundation (aided by the corporation of Ardee) on the Lancasterian system, and another, for girls, by W. P. Ruxton, Esq. with a salary from the same charity. The market day is Tuesday; and the fairs January 11th, February 9th, March 3rd, April 10th, May 4th, June 6th, July 8th, August 20th, September 28th, October 23rd, November 30th, and December 17th. The population of the entire parish, in 1841, was 6,392, and the town 3,679 of that number.

LOUTH is a small post town and parish, in the same county as Ardee, about 5 miles N.E. from that town. It was anciently called *Knochfergus*, and was celebrated for its abbey, founded here by St. Patrick, which became a famous seat of learning, having educated, it is said, one hundred bishops and three hundred presbyters, all eminent for learning and piety. The remains of the abbey, or rather the priory, subsequently erected, are extensive, but in a dilapidated state, and the trade of the town is, as that of the place itself, but inconsiderable. The church is a plain structure, erected about 1807, with a tower. The Roman Catholic chapel is spacious. A national school affords instruction to children of the hamlet class, and a dispensary diffuses its benefits to the sick. An hotel here, kept by Mr. Marmion, is well known as a respectable and comfortable house. Louth Hall, the seat of Lord Louth, is in the vicinity. The parish of Louth contains 9,647 inhabitants, and the town 613 of that number.

POST OFFICE, Castle-street, Ardee, William Brunker, *Post Master*.—Letters from DUBLIN, &c. arrive every day at half-past twelve and night at half-past eleven, and are despatched every afternoon at twenty minutes past one and evening at half-past seven.—Letters from LONDONDEURY arrive every afternoon at half-past one and evening at half-past seven, and are despatched at half-past twelve noon and night at half-past eleven.

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SCHOOLS.

INFANTS' SCHOOL, Ardee—Elizabeth
Rossiter, mistress
LANCASTERIAN SCHOOL, Ardee—
Thomas Rossiter, master; Margaret
Rossiter, mistress
LOUTH SCHOOL, John Burns, master;
Mary Burns, mistress
NATIONAL SCHOOL, Ardee—Patrick
Coleman, master; Julia Coleman,
mistress
NATIONAL SCHOOL, Louth—John
Barry, master; Mary Callan,
mistress

APOTHECARIES.

Boland John, Castle st
Carragher, Cliechester, Louth
Macdonald Felix, Castle st
M'Mahon Dennis, Castle st
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Smith Anthony, Castle st

BAKERS.

Arthur Nicholas, Bridge st
Carney Ann, Castle st
Flanagan Richard, Castle st
Karnay Owen, Castle st
Rogers & Brown, Irish st
Wood Robt. (& confectioner) Castle st

BOOT AND SHOE MAKERS.

Nugent John, Castle st
Stockman Barnard, Bridge st
Wood Thomas, Irish st

EUTCHERS, IN THE MARKET.

Collington John
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Patrick Owen
Robinson George
Wright Barney

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M'Allister James, Irish st