

RATHDRUM

Is a small market town and parish, in the barony of Rathdrum, county of Wicklow, 38 miles S. from Dublin, 46 S. from Wexford, 11 S.W. from Arklow, and about 8 W. from Ballynascree (a village on the shore of the Irish sea) situated on the main road from Dublin to Arklow. The spacious woollen hall, erected in 1793, by the late Earl Fitzwilliam, for the sale of flannels, is now appropriated to places of worship and school-rooms, the flannel manufacture having become extinct. Petty sessions for the barony are also held in the same building on alternate Thursdays. Earl Fitzwilliam is the proprietor of the greater part of the town, and a large portion of the county of Wicklow. The public buildings and institutions are a dispensary, the free schools, constabulary barracks, and a union workhouse.

The parish church is a handsome stone edifice, with a tower containing a bell, bearing an ancient inscription, informing us that it once belonged to a church at Kildalough. The Rev. Richard Powell, formerly rector of

this parish, was the introducer of Sunday schools into Ireland. From funds arising out of a bequest of Mr. John Tate, of Fanningogreen, the sum of £250. is appropriated to loans of small sums, without interest, to the industrious poor of Rathdrum. The romantic scenery in the vale of Avoca, including the far-famed 'meeting of the waters,' being within a few miles of Rathdrum, attracts numerous visitors hither during the summer months. It was on a rustic seat, in the lawn attached to the neat ornamental cottage of N. Kempston, Esq. that the poet Moore is said to have composed the beautiful melody that bears this name. The neighbouring mountains abound with mineral ores, which are extensively worked, and on Drunkitt hill is a fine chalybeate spring. The market is held on Thursdays. Fairs, January 2nd, February 20th, March 12th, April 5th, May 29th, June 18th, July 5th, August 28th, October 10th, November 11th, and December 11th. Population 1,232.

POST OFFICE, Upper street, Joseph Walker, *Post Master*.—Letters from DUBLIN arrive at thirty-seven minutes past twelve night, and are despatched thereto at eleven at night.—Letters from WEXFORD arrive at eleven at night, and are despatched at thirty-seven minutes past twelve night.

GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Acton Lieut.-Col. A. M. Westaston, Esq. J. R. Barton Thomas Johnston, Esq. J. R. Glendalough (Derrybane) Boakey William Trulock, Esq. J. R. Cogan Rev. Michael, Upper Town Crozier Rev. Jas. Alex., Upper Town Ellis Mr. Matthew, Upper Town Guinness Rev. Wm. Smith, Rectory Featherstone H. Francis, Esq. Casino Kemmis Wm. Esq. J. R. D. L. Ballinacor Kempston N. Esq. the Meeting King Thos. Mills, Esq. J. R. Kinsgate McKenna Rev. James, Upper Town Malone R. K. James, Upper Town Manning Mr. Abner, Corb dist. Castle Newton Hubert, Esq. Ballinglen Paveil John, Esq. J. R. D. L. Avondale Tate Abraham, Esq. (coroner) Cool Ballinagar Tate John, Esq. Cool Ballinagar Woodroffe Rev. John, Upper Town

PROFESSIONAL PERSONS.

Clarke Charles, surgeon, Upper st. Hamilton William, county surveyor, Flannel hall Harding Edw. Henry, M.D. surgeon, Upper st. Kavanagh Alexander Edmund, phy. Manning James, commissioner of affidavits, Upper street Manning Samuel, surgeon, Upper st. M'Nevin Thos. master of endowed school, Flannel hall Nichols M. Joseph, M.D. surgeon, Vale of Avoca Wheeler John, master of Erasmus Smith's school, Upper st.

HOTELS.

Avoca Hotel, George Manning, Kilsheel Canterbury's Hotel, William Canterbury, Upper st.

Morton's Hotel (posting), Johnson W. Moreton, Upper st.

PUBLIC HOUSES.

Browne Ann, Upper st. Peirce Thomas, Fair green Saul Thomas, Lower town Sutton John, Upper st. Woodburne John, Back lane

SHOPKEEPERS & TRADERS.

Arthur William, tailor Byrne Jas. provision dealer, Back lane Byrne Patrick, tailor, Upper st. Byrne Thomas, butcher, Upper st. Christie Joseph, saddler, Upper st. Comerford Jas. miller, Glassneyet Cosgrave Thomas, grocer, Back lane Crowley Hugh, shopkeeper, Upper st. Ellis John, provision dealer, Upper st. Ellis John, grocer, Upper st. Farrell Daniel, draper & grocer, Upper street Franklin Robert, provision dealer, Hyland Bathdonowey, provision dealer, Upper street

Jenkinson Mary, grocer, draper, and china & glass dealer [town] Keegan Matthew, carpenter Lower Kelly Bernard, provision dealer, Upper street Leeson Hester, grocer, baker and provision dealer, Upper st. Lynn Thomas, tailor, Back lane M'Call William, provision dealer

Manning Jas. draper & grocer, Upper st. Moore John, draper & grocer, Upper st. Moreton Johnstone M. grocer, &c. Upper street Pearce Geo. blacksmith, Fair green Prendergast George, eating house keeper, Back lane Read James, tailor, Upper st. Reeve Henry, baker, Lower town Ringwood Thos. shoe maker, Back lane

Roche Jas. carpenter, Ballygaunon Ryle Patrick, saddler Saul Thos. spirit dealer, Lower town Shaw William, baker, Upper st. Smith Elizabeth, straw bonnet maker, Upper street Sutton Lucy, linen draper, Upper st. Walker Joseph, baker, Upper st. Wingrove Jas. farmer, Lower town Wingrove John, farmer, Lower town

PLACES OF WORSHIP,

And their Ministers.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH.—Rev. William Smyth Guinness, rector; Rev. James Alexander Crozier and Rev. John Woodroffe, curates. ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.—Rev. Jas. McKenna, parish priest; Rev. Michael Callaghan & Rev. Jas. Malony, curates. PROTESTANT METHODIST CHURCH, Flannel hall—ministers various.

Public Institutions, &c.

CONSTABULARY BARRACKS.—John Croker, sub-inspector. DISPENSARY.—Charles Clarke, surgeon. PETTY SESSIONS COURT.—Flannel hall.—Thomas Manning, clerk.

TATE'S CHARITY.—Lieut. Colonel Acton, Rev. William Smyth Guinness, George Bury, Esq. J. R. Thomas Mills King, Esq. J. R. and Abraham Tate, Esquires, trustees. UNION WORKHOUSE.—John Nally, master; Ann Williams, matron.

COACHES AND CARS,

CALLING AT BALLYGAUNON. To DUBLIN, the Royal Mail (from Wexford), every night at eleven.—Ad ho River, and Defiance coaches, every morning (Sunday excepted) at twelve. To ASHFORD, Cars, every morning (Sunday excepted), at five, to meet the Caravan from Wicklow to Dublin. To WEXFORD, the Royal Mail (from Dublin), every night half-past twelve.—and the Defiance and Rival Coaches every forenoon (Sunday excepted), at eleven.

respectable hotels, but one of them is quite closed, and the other conducted on a limited scale; and two or three small shops, and as many public-houses, constitute the whole of the trading part of the place. Frederick Bourne, Esq. the Macadam of Ireland, is the proprietor. There is a neat Catholic chapel and a national school. A fragment of Killeghlad Castle is an interesting object here. Near this place is a race-course, occasionally used. The population of the entire parish is only 411.

DUNSHAUGHLIN is a village and parish, in the same barony and county as Ratoath, 3 miles W. from that village; and from being situated in the main road between Dublin and Navan, the traffic is considerable, but the trade nevertheless very limited. This was formerly an incorporated borough, governed by a provost and communalty, and now by the magistrates, who hold petty sessions once a fortnight, and general sessions half-yearly, in the court-house. The parish church has a handsome pinnacle tower, which from its position is conspicuous at a considerable distance. The Roman Catholic chapel is capacious, and is a very neat edifice. A dispensary and a national school are maintained in the village. Within a large mound, on the marsh of Lagore, in the neighbourhood, were discovered, not long since, a large accumulation of ancient weapons and implements of a more peaceful character, together with an enormous mass of animal remains. The population of the village is about the same as that of Ratoath.

POST OFFICE, Ashbourne, Robert M'Anley, *Post Master*.—Letters from DUBLIN arrive every morning at nine, and are despatched every afternoon at four.—Letters from GARREYSTOWN arrive every afternoon at half-past three, and are despatched every morning at a quarter past nine.

POST OFFICE, DUNSHAUGHLIN, Thomas Devitt, *Post Master*.—Letters from all parts arrive every morning at a quarter before ten, and are despatched every afternoon at half-past three.

NOBILITY, GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Corbally Matthew Charles, Esq. M.P. Corbalton Hall D'Arcy W. J. B. Esq. Summer Hill Dunsany Baron, Dunsany Castle Fingall the Earl of, Killeen Castle Fox William, Esq. Dunshaughlin Hamilton Rev. R. Killeen Glebe Hanagan Rev. Patrick, Ratoath Johnston Rev. Henry, Glebe House Johnston John, Esq. Warrenstown Leonard Rev. Thomas, Dunshaughlin Low Rev. John, Dunshaughlin Lynch Patrick, Esq. Tara Hall M'Grane Rev. Christ. Dunshaughlin Murphy William, Esq. Kibrew Preston Nathaniel, Esq. Swanstown Sheridan Rev. Patrick, Ratoath Slater H. B. W. Esq. Belleville House, Dunshaughlin Somerville Sir Wm. Meredyth, Bart. Somerville, Belrath Supple David Wilson, Esq. Dunshaughlin House Thander Michael, Esq. Lagore

PROFESSIONAL PERSONS, AND SCHOOLS.

Byrne William Charles, surgeon, Dunshaughlin

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Ratoath—Thos. Gillick, master

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Dunshaughlin—John Hannaway, master

NATIONAL SCHOOL, Ashbourne—John O'Brien, master

O'Reilly Lawrence, surgeon, Ratoath

Wilkinson John, barony cess collector, Twenty park, Ratoath

INN & PUBLIC HOUSES.

Begg Michael, Dunshaughlin Duffey Thomas, Ratoath Hyland Richard, Ashbourne Magrath Edward, Ashbourne Murphy Christopher, Dunshaughlin Murray George, Dunshaughlin O'Neil Thomas, Ashbourne Rooney Patrick, Ashbourne Wood Patrick, Ashbourne

SHOPKEEPERS & TRADERS.

Begg Michael, grocer, Dunshaughlin Effie Luke, grocer, draper & baker, Ratoath Hannan Michael, spirit dealer, Dunshaughlin Markey George, spirit dealer, Dunshaughlin Murphy Christopher, grocer, Dunshaughlin

Murray Patrick, carpenter, Ratoath

Rafferty Thomas, grocer, Ratoath

Rooney Nicholas, grocer, Ashbourne

PLACES OF WORSHIP,

And their Ministers.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH, Ratoath—Rev. Henry Johnson, rector.

ESTABLISHED CHURCH, Dunshaughlin—Rev. John Low, incumbent.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Ashbourne—Rev. Patrick Sheridan, parish priest.

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RATOATH, ASHBOURNE AND DUNSHAUGHLIN.

RATOATH, formerly a parliamentary borough, now but a small rural village, is in the parish and barony of its name, county of Meath, 15 miles S.W. of Dublin, 14 S.W. of Trim, and the like distance S. of Navan. It is said to have been at one period a station occupied by the Danes, and there is a mound or earth in the centre of the village, the raising of which is ascribed to those invaders. The parish church, which was erected in 1817, by means of assistance from the Board of First Fruits, to the amount of £250, is a neat edifice; the tower, from its elevated site, may be seen for a considerable distance round. The Roman Catholic chapel, a

very spacious and handsome structure, has been recently erected; and a dispensary and a national school have been for some time supported here. Fairs, April 14th, June 1st, and November 20th. The parish of Ratoath contained, in 1811, 1,597 inhabitants, and the village about 500 of that number.

ASHBOURNE is a village, in the parish of Killeghlad, in the same barony as Ratoath, 3 miles S.W. therefrom; situated on the main road from Dublin to London-derry and Belfast. Previous to the opening of the Dublin and Drogheda railway, the traffic through this neat little village was so considerable as to support two

STRADBALLY,

A SMALL market town, in the parish and barony of its name, Queen's county, is 49 miles S.W. from Dublin, 124 S.E. from Mountmellick, 74 W. by S. from Athy, and 6 E. from Maryborough; situated on the main road between the two last-named towns, and surrounded by a delightful country and numerous tasteful residences of the gentry. Among these, Stradbally Hall, the seat of Mrs. Cosby, is a lovely spot, embellished with wood and water in charming diversity. The southern branch of the Grand Canal passes along the eastern side of the barony into the vale of the Barrow, opening a communication with Dublin and the various places on that river. The town consists of one long street, tolerably spacious and kept remarkably clean. The manufacture of cotton goods, which at one time prevailed here to an extent of some importance, has disappeared, and, except a considerable flour-mill, there is no prominent or extensive branch of business. General sessions of the peace are held here twice in the year, and petty sessions every alternate Friday. The court-house, situated in a spacious area, is handsome and ornamental to the town.

The places of worship are the parish church, a small structure, with a spire; a neat Roman Catholic chapel, and two meeting-houses for Methodists. There are two public schools and a dispensary; one of the former is entirely supported from the munificence of Mrs. Cosby before-mentioned. The market is held on Saturdays; and fairs, February 21st, May 5th, July 10th, August 21st, September 14th, November 21st, and December 29th. Population of the parish, in 1811, 2,588, and of the town 1,682 of that number.

POST OFFICE, Thomas Connell, *Post Master*.—Letters from DUBLIN and all parts of the NORTH, also from ENGLAND and SCOTLAND, arrive every morning at eight and afternoon at four, and are despatched every morning at nine and evening at seven.

Letters from CORK and the SOUTH arrive every morning at nine and are despatched every afternoon at five.—Letters from LIMERICK arrive every evening at seven, and are despatched thereto every morning at eight.

NOBILITY, GENTRY AND CLERGY.

Baldwin David, Esq. Bickenduff Budds Thomas, Esq. Timogna House Conroy Rev. James, Stradbally Cosby Mrs. Emily, Stradbally Hall Cosby Thomas Phillips, Esq. D. L. Stradbally Hall Dowling Rev. Cornelius, Stradbally Dunn Michael, Esq. Ballymauns

Elliot Rev. —, Ballintubba Glebe Farrer Wm. Dent, Esq. Brockley Park Hancock Rev. Elias, Stradbally Johnson Rev. Hunt, Rectory Kelly Rev. Thomas, Killyville M'Dermott Mrs. Ann, Stradbally M'Grath Rev. Collett, Stradbally Mahon Mrs. —, Clopoke Moore the Right Hon. Justice, Lamberton Park

Moore L. Esq. Cremongan House Phelan Rev. James, Stradbally Walsh Sir Edward Johnson, Bart. Ballintubba House

PROFESSIONAL PERSONS.

Bailey Thomas Henry, apothecary Brophy Jas. master of charity school Gray John, surgeon Lawlor William Digby, surgeon M'Gah Michael, school