**Text Summary Templemore**

* **Natural features**

This section of the survey of Templemore parish contains notes of the landscape and geology of the parish, with descriptions of the views from various vantage points. The chief features are the river Moy and Lough Cullin.

* **Mansions, castles and estates**

Here there is a description of the ruins of Ashbrook House, once the residence of the Moore’s, later of Moore Hall. A brief history of the Moore family based on quotes from “An Irish gentleman" by Col. Maurice Moore is included.

* **Antiquities**

There are ten pages in the survey describing the antiquities of Templemore parish, many of these devoted to Straide Abbey.

Straide Abbey: - There is an extremely detailed account of the architecture of the Abbey, including two full-page sketches. Two photographs are included. There is a brief note on the history of the abbey. It was built by the Jordans of Ballylahan castle around 1250. It was intended originally to have been a Franciscan abbey but was given to the Dominicans.

Templemore Old Church: - Ruin located near Straide Catholic Church.

Ballylahan Castle: - There is a fairly detailed architectural description of the ruin and a note on its history, having been built by the Jordan de Exeter family.

Fort and souterrain in CoolKavane

Lios in Knockshanbally

Fort and souterrain in Gorteen

Fort and souterrain in Oughtagh

Forts and souterrain in Garranard

Site of Shanagowna Castle

* **Sports and games**

Apart from fishing on River Moy, Straide River and Lough Cullinn and some shooting, the only sports/games mentioned for Templemore parish are horseshoe throwing and pitch and toss.

* **Accommodation**

In this section there is just one boarding house listed, near Straide.

* **Amenities and general information**

The only village deemed worth mentioning in this section is Straide, which predictably, for a village with a population of 49, had very few amenities at the time. The only public building included is the church of St. Peter and Paul. Straide national schools are listed and fairs held four times yearly.

* **Historic sites, houses and burial places**

The bulk of this section is taken up by an account of the life and career of Michael Davitt who was born and buried at Straide. Mention is also made of a memorial in Straide Abbey to Anne Deane, erected on order of John Dillon M.P., a contemporary of Davitt. Another distinguished resident of Straide was John Moore of Ashbrook House. Finally, there is a detailed description of the O'Donnell vault beside Straide abbey. It is not known why the vault was located here as none of the family resided in the area.

* **Curiosities, customs**

Under the heading of curiosities is a brief description of an inscribed stone near one of the walls of Straide Abbey. there follows a listing of numerous calendar customs, birth, death and marriage customs and some superstitions.