

Editorial notes: In many cases, questions 11-15 have not all been answered in this parish and the numbers given to responses in the copy returns are sequential rather than respecting the numbers given to questions by the questionnaire. In the current transcription, the responses have been placed adjacent to the likely relevant question and inserted in square brackets.

Ballon Parish

Extreme length of this Parish about six Mile three quarters & about one Mile in breadth.
Contains about 762 Acres.

1. Ballon

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in Ballon Townland of Ballon.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	Michael Dawson is the Master's Name. This school was first opened in the year [1809]; held each day of the week (Sundays & holy days excepted) from 1 st of May to the 1 st of November.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	The Master is Roman Catholic; was appointed to teach by the Rev. James Conran, P.P.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	He is 38 years of age; a Moral Character; can teach spelling, reading, writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Mensuration. He was principally educated in the Parish of Ballon.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	His Pupils are 51 Males & 23 Females. Of these, 68 are Roman Catholics. The remainder Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	In consequence of the scarcity of firing, about 13 Pupils during the Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	The Number of Pupils during the summer 1823 about 84.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	Thirty six in this school can read; the time required to teach a child to read about 19 Months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or	The Master's annual income about £8.10.0 which is paid by the Parents of the

	annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Children taught, rates of payment for spelling & reading, 1s. 8d., writing, 2s. 6d., & Arithmetic, 3s. 9d. by the quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The school house is built of stone & lime, slated, consists of a School Room & 2 or 3 apartments at each end of the House for the use of the Teachers &c. Such a House at present would cost about £120. The School Room is 45 feet long by 16 feet wide. This House was built by Robert Marshall Esqr. For the use of the Parish.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	R[everen]d Jas. Conran P.P. is the principal Patron of this school. He has no particular days for visiting but occasionally calls there when his other avocations permits [sic].
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	Re[veren]d Jas. Conran commenced Patronage when this school was opened.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	The Books in use in this school are Primers, Reading Made Easy, Spelling Books, Murry's Reader, Scott's Elocution, Goldsmith's History of England, Catholic & Protestant Catechism. All supplied by the Parents.
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church,	There has been no considerable increase or decrease of Pupils in the School during the present year or for some years back.

	or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	No Association, Societies &c. have any connexion with the school.

2. Ballon

There is a Female School held in one of the apartments of the School House described above.

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	It is in Ballon Townland of Ballon.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	Mistress' name, Mary Anne Neill. Her school was first opened on the 9 of January last & will be held each day of the week, Sundays & holy days excepted, till 1 of November.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	The Mistress is a Roman Catholic; she was appointed to teach by the R[everen]d Jas. Conran P.P. at the time the school was first opened.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	She is 30 years of age; of an excellent character; can teach spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, English grammar, and a variety of needlework. She was principally educated at Religious Houses in Tullow & Clonegall.

5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	She has 40 Female Pupils, 38 are Roman Catholics & 2 Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	25 Pupils during last Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	No School during the summer 1823.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	20 of the children read; the time required to teach a child to read about 6 Months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Her annual income will not be more than about £3.0.0 to be paid by the Parents who are generally poor. Rates of payment are 15d., 20d., 2s.d. & a few at 4s. 4d. a quarter of which she will not be able to collect owing to the distress of the Parents.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The length of the school Room is 16 feet by 11 feet wide.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether	[Re[veren]d Jas. Conran P.P. is the Patron of the school who has no particular days for visiting but occasionally calls when his duties permits [sic]].

	they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	[Re[veren]d Jas. Conran commenced Patronage when the School was opened].
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	[The Books in use are the 2 nd volume of the Moral Entertainments & the Sinners' guide belonging to the Mistress. There are also Primers, Spelling Books, Letter Books & Moral Fables bought by the Parents. She teaches Roman Catholic Catechism every evening to the Catholic Pupils].
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	

The Mistress has every reason to think she would have a considerable increase to her school in the ensuing year but fears she cannot continue in attendance unless she receives assistance from some public Institution.

There are two other schools in his Parish which may be denominated Hedge Schools.

3. Ballon

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in Ballon, Townland of Ballon.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	The Master's name, Patrick Murphy; his school was opened on the 12 of last February; held each day of the week, (Sundays & holy days excepted) & will continue till November.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	He is a Roman Catholic; was appointed by Re[veren]d Jas. Conran P.P.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	He is 26 years of age; a good character; can teach spelling, reading, writing, English grammar, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry, Mensuration, surveying, gauging & Navigation.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	He had 53 Males & 20 Females. Of these, 62 are Roman Catholics, Remainder Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	He had about 20 pupils last Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	About 56 Pupils during the summer of 1823.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	About 12 in 20 can read; can teach a child to read in about 6 Months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	The Master's income is about £10.0.0 a year paid by the Parents of the children taught. His rates are: spelling, 2s. 2d., writing, 3s. 3d., Arithmetic, 4s. 4d., English grammar, Book-keeping &c. 11s. 4½d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The length of his School Room is 28 feet by 14 wide.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances	

	such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	[The Books in general use are Primers, reading made easy, universal Spelling Book, Aesop's Fables, Murry's English reader, Gough's & Voster's Arithmetic, Catholic & Protestant Catechisms, all supplied by the Parents].
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the	

	sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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4. Cuneberry

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in Cuneberry, Townland of Cuneberry.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	This school was opened on the 10 of May; is held each day of the week (Sundays & holy days excepted) & will continue till 1 st of November.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	The Master's name, Thomas Hogan; was appointed to teach school by Re[veren]d Jas. Conran P.P. in the year 1806. He is a Roman Catholic.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	He is 64 years of age; a Moral Character; can teach spelling, reading, writing, Arithmetic & Mensuration.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	He has 24 Males & 4 Females, all Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No School during the Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	He had 26 Pupils during the summer 1823.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	The proportion of children reading is in 12 in 20 & the time required to teach a child to read is about 6 Months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	The Master's yearly income about £5.0.0 paid by the Parents; rates of payment for spelling, 2s. 2d. & writing 2s. 6d., Arithmetic & Mensuration 11s. 4½d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of	The len[g]th of School Room is 16 feet by 14 feet wide.

	constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	[The Books used are Primers, reading made easy, universal Spelling book, Murrey's reader, Imitation of Christ, Gough's & Voster's Arithmetic & Catholic Catechisms].
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and	

	in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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5. Wilsborough

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in Wilsborough, Townland of Willsborough.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	Michael Gilsenan is the Master's name. His school was opened 7 of June; will be continued each day of the week (Sundays & holy days excepted) till the 1 st of November.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	He is a Roman Catholic; was appointed to teach by Re[veren]d Jas. Conran P.P.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	He is 52 years of age; a good character; can teach spelling, reading & writing; was educated in Dublin.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	Has 7 Males & 13 Female Pupils, 15 of them are Roman Catholics, remainder Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No School in Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Had 42 Pupils during the summer 1823.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	6 in his school can read, would teach a child to read in about 9 Months.

9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	The Master's yearly income will be very small; he charges only 1s. 1d. for each child per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The length of School Room 20 feet by 10 feet wide.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	The Books used are Spelling Books, reading made easy, Primers & Catholic & Protestant Catechisms, all supplied by the Parents.
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies	

	of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	

6. Ballon Chapel

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in the Chapel of Ballon, Townland of Ballon.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	There are about 18 Males & 15 Females to teach. This school has been held since time immemorial on each Sunday & holy day during the four seasons.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	All the Teachers are Roman Catholics; each of them has appointed to teach by their Parish Priest.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	They are all of good Character, each qualified to teach the Roman Catholic Catechism. They were generally educated in the Parish of Ballon.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	The Number of Pupils about 114 Males & 74 Females, all Roman Catholics.

6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	During the Winter (for the want of cloathing [sic]) about half the number (stated above) attended.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	During the summer 1823, about the same as at present.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	[The children are taught gratis].
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	[The above Teachers (of both sexes [sic]) are united for the purpose under the name of the confraternity of the Christian Doctrine. They generally adhere strictly to the rules of the Society].
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	[The Superintendants [sic] of the schools are Re[veren]d Jas. Conran P.P. and his curate Re[veren]d W[ilia]m Kinsella who not only visit the schools and direct the Teacher but frequently join in instructing the children in the Truths of their holy Religion].
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the	[The principal Books in use are the Roman Catholic catechisms. There is also a small library in the chapel, consisting of Religious Books, too numerous [sic] to

	school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	mention. Some of them are read occasionally by the Teachers for the instruction of the children. Also Portions of the holy Scripture are frequently read & explained by the Priest for the People at large on Sundays & holydays].
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	

Templeter Parish

Extreme length about one mile, Extreme breadth about one mile, contains about 500 acres.

1. Ballontrain

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in Ballontrain, Townland of Ballontrain.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	Jas. Lyons is the Master's name; his school was opened 31 st of May last; held each day of the week (Sundays and holy days excepted), and will continue till November.

3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	He is a Roman Catholic; got no particular appointment
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	He is 35 years of age; a good character; can teach spelling, reading, writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Geometry, Trigonometry, Mensuration, Guaging [sic] & land surveying. He was educated at Rathoe, Co. Carlow.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	A number of pupils, 20 Males & 5 Females; 18 of them are Roman Catholics, the remainder Protestant.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No school last Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	No school during the Summer 1823.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	12 of his Pupils read. The time taken to teach a child to read about one year.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	The rates of payment, reading, writing & Arithmetic 4s. 4d., reading & writing alone 3s. 3d., spelling 2s. 2d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School Room 18 feet long by 11½ feet wide.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, -	

	and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	[The Books used are Goughs Arithmetic, Robertson [Robinson] Crusoe, Aesop's Fables, Primers, universal Spelling Books, Catholic & Protestant Catechisms, all supplied by the Parents].
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	

2. Ballontrain

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A second school is held in Ballontrain, Townland of Ballontrain.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	The school Mistress' name, Jane Murphy; her school was opened on the 1 st of May last, and is intended to be held each day of the Week (Sundays & holy days excepted) during the four Seasons.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	She is a Roman Catholic; got no particular appointment.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	She is 20 years of age; a good Character; can teach spelling, reading writing & Geography, plain sewing and Fancy work, also Music and Drawing; was educated as Miss Coleman's Boarding School, Liverpool.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	She has 3 Male & 27 Female Pupils, 24 of them are Roman Catholic, the remainder Protestant.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No school last Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	No school during the Summer 1823.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	18 of her Pupils can read, thinks she can teach a child to read in about 9 Months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Rates of payment 2s. 6d. to 3s. 3d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	Length of School Room is about 21 feet by 13 feet wide.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in	

	any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	[The Books in use are Primers, reading made easy, universal spelling books, Aesop's Fables, [Juvenile] Travels, The Instruction of Youth in Christian Piety, the Imitation of Christ, Instruction for Youth for First Communion, Catholic & Protestant Catechisms, a Selection from the New Testament by the permission of the late Dr. Troy, 2 copies of the Testament (Established Church translation) read by the Protestant pupils only].
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be	

	attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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Aghade Parish

Extreme length about 2 Miles, Extreme breadth about 1 Mile & contains about 425 Acres.

A School House has just been built at Aghade under the Directions of the Re[veren]d Henry St G[e]orge, Rector. It is built of Stone & lime, slated. It contains a kitchen, a shop or Depository for work, a School Room 23 feet long by 16 feet wide and 2 or 3 bedrooms. It has cost about £250.0.0 a part of which was obtained from the Lord Lieutenant's School Fund, a part from Kildare St. Association & part by private subscriptions & No School held in it yet.

1. Castlegrace

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in Castlegrace, Townland of Castlegrace.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	Master's name, John Donohoe. The school was opened in the year 1799; is held on each day of the week (Sundays and holy days excepted) from April till December.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	He is a Roman Catholic; was appointed by his Parish Priest when opening School.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	His age 74; a good Character; can teach reading, writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Mensuration, Geometry, Trigonometry, D[e]aling, The Measuring of all Kinds of Artificers' work relating to Buildings; was educated principally in this Parish.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	Number of Pupils, 17 Males & 7 Females, 22 of them are Roman Catholic, the remainder Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No School during Winter.

7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	No School during the summer 1823. The Master been ill.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	The children reading in his school are in proportion as 9 in 20. Can teach a child to read in about 15 Months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	No income for teaching during 6 Summer Months, about £3.10.0 paid by parents. Rates of payment for spelling & reading 1s. 8d., writing 2s. 6d., Arithmetic 3s. 4d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School Room 20 feet long by 14 feet wide.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what	[The Books used are Murray's English Grammar, New Thoughts, Think Well On't, Aesop's Fables, Spelling Books, Primers, Catholic & Protestant Catechisms, all supplied by the Parents].

	sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	

Gilbertstown Parish

Extreme length of the Parish about 2 Miles, Extreme breadth about 1 Miles, contains about 785 Acres.

1. Rathoe

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held at Rathoe, Townland of Rathoe.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	James Tallon is the Master's name. The school was first opened in the year 1807, held each day of the week (Sundays & holy days excepted) from about the middle of March till November.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	The Master is a Roman Catholic; was appointed to teach by the Re[veren]d Jas. Conran P.P. in the year 1814.

4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	He is about 30 years of age; a good character; can teach Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Mensuration, Gauging, Surveying, Dealing, Geometry, Trigonometry & English Grammar; was educated at different schools viz. at Killane, Tullow, Rathoe, Ballon & Leighlin Bridge.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	Number of Pupils is 73 Males & 32 Females. Of these, 100 are Roman Catholics, the remainder Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No School during the Winter for the want of Firing.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	About 120 Pupils during the Summer 1823.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	51 Children can read. The time required to teach a child to read about 17 Months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Annual income about £15.0.0 paid by the Parents; rates of payment, spelling & reading 2s. 6d., writing 3s. 3d., Arithmetic 5s. 0d. & for those more advanced 11s. 4½d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The School House consists of a School Room 40 feet long by 15 feet wide, built of stone & lime, slated. Such a House would now cost about £80.0.0. It was built by the Directions of the R[everen]d Jas. Conran P.P. from Public subscriptions.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of	[Re[veren]d Jas. Conran P.P. is the Patron of the School; he has no particular days for visiting but occasionally calls there, when his other duties permits [sic]].

	their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	[Re[veren]d Jas. Conran became patron when the school was opened].
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	[The books in use are the History of England & Rome, Scott's Lessons, a variety of spelling books & the Roman Catholic Catechisms, all supplied by the Parents].
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	

There has been no considerable increase or decrease of Pupils during this year or for some years back.

2. Sunday School, Rathoe, Parish of Gilbertstown

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in the Chapel of Rathoe, a part of the children are taught in the School House, situate near the Chapel, Townland of Rathoe.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	There are about 30 to teach, 18 Males & 12 Females. The School has been held from time immemorial on each Sunday & holy day during each year.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	All the Teachers are Roman Catholics, each of them has been appointed to teach by their Parish Priest.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	They are all of good character, each qualified to teach the Roman Catholic Catechism. They were generally educated in this Parish.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	The number of Children taught, about 73 Males & 65 Females, all Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	During the Winter Season (for want of cloathing [sic]), about half the number (stated above) attended.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	During the Summer 1823, about the same number as attend at present.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	The children are taught gratis.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	The above Teachers are united for instructing the youth under the confraternity of the Christian Doctrine. They generally adhere strictly to the Rules of the Society.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The superintendents of these Schools are Re[veren]d Jas. Conran P.P. and his Curate, R[ev]. William Kinsella, who not only visit the school and direct the Teachers, but also frequently join in instructing the Children in the Truths of their holy Religion.

11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	[The principal Books used are the Roman Catholic Catechisms. There is also a small Library in the Chapel consisting of many Religious works to numerous [sic] to mention supplied by public subscriptions. Some of the Books are occasionally read by the Teachers for the instruction of the children & Portions of the Holy Scripture, particularly of the New Testament (Douay Version) are frequently read & explained by the Priest on Sundays for the People in general].
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of	

	pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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Kellistown Parish

Extreme length of the Parish about 6 Miles, Extreme breadth of Ditto about 3 Miles. This Parish contains about 1,845 acres.

1. Kellistown

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held at Kellistown, Townland of Kellistown.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	The Master's name, [] Ricaby. This school was opened in the year 1812. It is held each day of the Week (except Sunday) during the six Summer Months.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	The Master is a Protestant; was appointed by the Rector of the Parish in the year 1823.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	He is 36 years of age; a good Character; can teach reading, writing, Arithmetic; was educated in a school near Black Rock, Co. Dublin.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	About 10 Males & 12 Females. Of these 15 are Roman Catholics, the remainder Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No School during Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	About the same as at present.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	10 children read; can teach a child to read in about 9 Months.

9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	He receives £2.0.0 per annum from the Rector, and two Shillings a quarter for each child.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The School House contains a kitchen, two Bed Rooms & a School Room; built of stone and lime, slated. Such at present would cost perhaps about £80.0.0; length of School Room 11½ feet, breadth 9½ feet, was built principally at the expense of the Rector, with a few private donations.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	[It is visited occasionally during the week by Rector or Curate, particularly on Saturday when the Protestants are examined in their Religion].
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	[From the time it was first opened].
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies	[The Books in use are The Kildare St. Association spelling books, Co. Wicklow Do. Sunday School Book, Rational and Universal Spelling Books, Abridgements of National History & Travels. The greater number of books has been supplied by the Rector, the remainder by the parents &c. The New Testament (the Established Church version) is used by the Protestants, four copies in use at present. The number used depends on the increase or decrease of Protestants.

	of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	

Note: there are 2 schools in the Parish of Fenagh are one in the Parish of Ardristan. Each of these schools are within R[everend] Jas. Conran's Parish but as he has not Received any printed Return for Fenagh or Ardristan he thinks it right to mention them.

Fenagh Parish

1. Castlemore

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A School is held in Castlemore, Townland of Castlemore.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	The Master's name is Edward Dalton; his school was opened in the year 1789, is held each day of the Week (Sundays and holy days excepted) till December.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	He is a Roman Catholic; got no particular appointment.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	His age is 56; a good Character; can teach reading, writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping & a part of the Mathematics; was educated partly in the Co. Wexford, also at Rathoe, Co. Carlow.

5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	He has 14 Male & 6 Female pupils. Of these, 18 are Roman Catholic & 2 Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	During last Winter, he had about 15 Pupils.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	During the Summer 1823, he had about 18 Do. [pupils].
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	12 in his School can read; w[oul]d teach a child to read in about 15 Months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	His yearly income is about £10.0.0 paid by the Parents; rates of payment, spelling & reading 2s. 2d., writing 2s. 8d., and Arithmetic 3s. 4d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	Length of School Room 24 feet by 12 feet wide.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	

13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	[Books used are universal Spelling Books, Primers, Gough's Arithmetic, Dowling & Jacson's Book-keeping, also Catholic Catechisms.
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	

2. Castlemore

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in Castlemore, Townland of Castlemore.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened –	Master's name, G[e]orge Pots; his school was opened in July last; is held each day

	and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	of the week (Sunday & holy days excepted) till November.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	He is a Roman Catholic; got no particular appointment.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	His is about 53 years of age; a good character; can teach spellings, reading, writing, Arithmetic; was educated in the Co. of Carlow.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	He has 7 Male & 5 Female Pupils, 10 are Roman Catholics & 2 Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No School during Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	About 18 during the summer 1823.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	One of his Pupils can read; w[oul]d take about 18 Months to teach a child to read.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	His annual income very small as he charges only 1s. 8d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The length of School Room 15 feet by 11½ feet wide.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, -	

	and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	[Books in his school are Spelling Books, Primers & Roman Catholic Catechisms].
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	

Ardristan Parish

1. Aghade

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	A school is held in Aghade, Townland of Aghade.
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	Ellen Eustace is the Mistress' name; her school was first opened 21 st of last May; held each day of the week (Sundays & holy days excepted); will continue under November.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	She is a Roman Catholic; a good Character; was appointed to teach by Wm. Wats when the school opened.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	She is 56 years of age; can teach spelling & reading; was educated in the Parish of Ardristan, Co. Carlow.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	Her Pupils are 6 Males and 14 Females. Of these, 13 are Roman Catholics & 7 Protestants.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No School last Winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	No School during the Summer 1823.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	The Proportion of children reading is 2 in 20 & the time required to teach a child to read about one year.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Her income will be about £2 from the Parents. Rates of payment 1s. 8d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The length of School Room is 23 feet by 13 feet wide.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at	

	what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	The Books used are reading made easy, Primers, Spelling Books & a copy of the New Testament (Established Church translation) read only by the Protestant children.
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the	

	probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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