

	Transcription of School Return, 1824 Carbury
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The following are the answers to the Queries put by the Commissioners of Education, Castle Carberry, October 11th, 1824.

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	There are three schools in this Parish, one on the lands of Dernturn, another on the townland of Killshanroe, another on the townland of Castle Carberry. The names of the places where the schools are held are the names of the townlands.
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 Masters & Mistresses are James Canavan, Patrick Moore, Patrick Farrell, Margaret Cooly, Ann Nyte. Dernturn school was opened July 24 th 1815; Killshanroe 1817; Castle Carberry May 31 st 1824. Margaret Cooly & Ann Nyte have no fixed schoolhouse; Ann Nyte lives with her brother at Ticknevin in whose bog hut she teaches. Margaret Cooly lives in an out office at Killheaskin where she teaches. Another woman has had taught a few children in the bog of Dunfort last winter. School is held all days of the week, Sundays & Holydays excepted, and all periods of the year except a short Vacation at Christmas & Easter. At all times, there were schools at different places of this parish, at Dernturn, Killshanroe, Castle Carberry & the names of the Mistresses are Margaret Cooly, Ann Nyte. Margaret Cooly opened school May 1 st , 1824. Ann Nyte succeeded to her mother.
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 Masters are Roman Catholics. James Canavan was appointed to Dernturn school, July 24 th , 1815 by the then Parish Priest; Patrick Farrell to Killshanroe, 1817, by the then Parish Priest. Patrick Moore opened school himself at Castle Carberry, May 31 st , 1824. Margaret Cooly is a Roman Catholic. Ann Nyte is a Protestant. They opened school themselves.
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	James Canavan is about sixty years. Patrick Farrel is perhaps fifty or more. Patrick Moore is fifty or more. I cannot tell exactly. I know nothing of them contrary to morality. James Canavan can teach reading, Writing, Arithmetic, also Latin & Greek. He was taught at New Castle, County

		Meath, & finally in Arch-Bolds Court, Dublin. Patrick Farrell was taught at Drogheda; teaches Reading, Writing & Arithmetic. Patrick Moore was taught at Thomastown in the barony of Carberry & trained in Newtown & Balyna schools in the New System of education; teaches Reading, Writing & Arithmetic. Margret Cooly is eighty years or more; Anne Nyte is not twenty. I know nothing of them contrary to morality. Margret Cooly teaches Reading & Sewing; was taught in Dublin. Ann Nyte teaches Reading; was taught by her mother at Ticknevin.
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	Males 66 Females 61 Protestants 28 Presbyterians 000 Of Other Denominations 000 Roman Catholics 99 The preceding Numbers on an Average before this return.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	During the winter, on an Average, one hundred Pupils.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	During the summer of 1823, one hundred and forty pupils on an average.
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	Forty four out of eighty seven can Read, one year is required in three of the schools. In the Mistresses' school two out of ten can 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 total Annual Income of James Canavan is Eleven pounds one shilling. A gratuity of a hosue and garden, three pounds from Lord Harhernton, £4.11.0 from the Chapel collection, £1.10.0 from the scholars who pay £2.00.0. The Rates of payment are from 1s. 8d. To 2s. 6d. p[er] quarter. The total income of Patrick Moore if paid will be £20.00.0. His rates of payment are from 2s. 2d.

		to 2s. 8 ½d. p[er] q[uarte]r. The annual Income of Patrick Farrell is about six pounds. The Parish Priest pays one pound yearly. Charles Burke Esq[uir]e one pound yearly; one pound yearly from the Chapel collection; £1.00.0 yearly from scholars; his rates are 1s. 8d. p[er] quarter; the two mistresses' salaries about £3.00.0 p[er] year; their rates of payment 1s. 8d. p[er] quarter each.
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 of Dernturn is 52 feet some inches in length from out to out. It is divided by a parting wall. The South End is the school-room. The North end is for the master to dwell in. The school room is 27 feet some inches in length in the clear, 14 feet in breadth in the clear, the wall is 8 feet in height. It is built of mud & thatched with straw. Expen[ce] [sic] about £20.00.0 from the Chapel funds. The seats of the school are the Chapel forms. Castle-Carberry school-room is built of lime and stone & thatched with straw. The seats belong to the Church school-room. It is part of a waste house 14 feet in length & breadth, and will be pulled down. Killshanroe school house is built of mud & thatched with straw. The seats are the Chapel forms. The Extreme length from out to out 40 feet. The school room in length 20 feet, in breadth 13 feet. It is divided by a wall built by the Parish. Expen[ce] [sic] from £12.00.0 to £15.00.0.
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	There are some Moral & well disposed persons scattered here & there in the Parish, both Male & female who teach Catechism in the Chapels, Sundays & Holydays, in the Mornings & the Evenings at convenient places for the Children to Assemble in different parts of the Parish. The Masters attend on Sunday & Holy day evenings in the Chapels for the Children who are convenient. The numbers taught in the Chapels in the morning are about three hundred or more, in the evening one hundred and twenty or more. In the Evenings at different schools about one hundred & eighty.
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature,	Patron, Lord Viscount Harberton, for Dernturn school. The Protestant curate visited the school of this parish once since the third of August and

	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	not before. The Minister never visited the Catholic schools of this Parish. The Roman Catholic Priest has no regular days for visiting the schools. The Priest has occasionally examined the children. Patrons for Killshanroe school, the parish Priest and Charles Burke, Esq.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	The Priest visited the school of Dernturn the seven or eight years past.
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	In Dernturn school, Mannor's Primer, Reading Made Easy, Universal Spelling Book, Winter Evening Tales, the Catholic School-Book, the Lives of the Fathers, Martyrs and Other Principal Saints, Butler's Catechism, The Principles of Politeness, Think Well On't, Gough's & Voster's Arithmetic, Robinson Crusoe, Captain Bligh's Expedition to the South Sea. These books were supplied at the expence [sic] of their parents, as are the books in the others. Castle Carberry school: primer, Reading Made Easy, Child's New Play Thing, Universal Spelling Book, The Deserted Child, Travels at Home, Gough's & Voster's Arithmetic, four Protestant Testaments, one Douay Testament, all New Testaments, Butler's Catechism, the Church Catechism. Killshanroe school: primer, Reading Made Easy, Universal Spelling Book, Butler's Catechism given from the Chapel. In Castle Carberry school, the master said he brought the Douay Testament to compare it with the Protestant Testament. I told him to send it home; he did so. The Protestant Testaments were all given originally by the Protestant Ministers. The Protestants use what books they please. In Margret Cooly's school, Reading Made Easy, spelling book, Butler's Catechism. In Ann Nyte's, primer, Reading Made Easy, spelling book, The History of Sir Charles Grandison, Youth's Instructions, Vicar of Wakefield, Butler's Catechism, given from the Chapel, as also to Killshanroe 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.	There has been no steps taken in the schools to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants or Protestants to become Roman Catholics. The encrease or dimunition [sic] of pupils at all times is partly owing to the circumstances of their parents & the want of school-houses & school masters. Within this year and last, three masters left this parish from the want of school-houses and the Necessaries of human support. Pupils go from one to another from private mischief. The people in this parish are for the greater part so poor & their children so naked that it is not easy to know their sentiments in this particular. They are generally of an independent spirit & if in more easy circumstances, our school would be more numerous and better attended. I have spoken to the people more than once in public to give me the names of their children to have them taught gratis. Still they are not increasing in number but diminishing. They are proud and naked and distressed, laborious and industrious to excess, their endurance is great, but their fortitude and public spirit is greater. They neither murmur nor complain though often reduced to nearly the last extremity for the necessaries of poor human nature. His Majesty's Commissioners in their wisdom and prudence will devise the ways and means of benefitting this people for which I trust they will be always grateful.
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Extreme lenth [sic; of parish] from 8 to 9 miles. Extreme Breadth 3 miles in some parts not one. Computed acres 9157 of which about 5256 acres are occupied by Protestants in the farm way.

To The Right Revd. Doctor Doyle

Edwd. Earl

Castle Carberry

October 1824