

Transcriber's Note: The return for Carlow parish seems to have been completed in sections, in two of which schools are numbered. For uniformity, the transcriber has applied a consecutive number in a single sequence to the schools, but the original number is available in the answer to question 1.

Information regarding Schools 1-6 is in one section of the return and is labelled 'Female Boarding Schools,' however, some of these schools also catered for day pupils and male pupils. Schools 4-6 were originally numbered 4th-6th Female Schools. On the verso of this item is an annotation that states that 1,100 Catholics and 230 Protestants are educated in Carlow.

Schools 9-14 were originally numbered 2nd-6th.

1. Rutland Place

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Rutland Place, Carlow
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	Mrs. Hofman; the school was open[e]d Jan[uar]y 14 th [18]23; held thro[ugh] the year; no vacation.
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	Of Established Church.
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	Mrs. Hofman is about 26 years of age; good character & capacity; she was educated partly at Mrs. Kelly's school, Easton House, Carlow, & partly on the Continent.
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	Total - 26 Males – Females – [26] Protestants - Of the Established Church - 25 - Presbyterians – 1 - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics -
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	18
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	12
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	All 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 Mistress has no compensation for teaching but what is derived from her Pupils, [each one] at the rate of 4s. 11d. per an[num].
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 is held in a private house rented by the Mistress; the school room is about 17 x 14.
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	None.
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 Rector of the Parish visits the school every other day and explains the Bible at about 2 o'clock. She explains it at the morning lecture.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Shortly after 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	Those books are used by the pupils which are generally used by and adapted for females at such schools. The Authorized Version of the New and Old Testaments are explained as in No. 12.

	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.	The school is increasing from the great attention of the Mistress.

2. Dublin Street

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Dublin Str[ee]t, Carlow.
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	Miss Eliza Scott; was open[e]d March 1 st [18]13; held thro[ugh] the 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	Miss Scott is of the Established Church.
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 about 29 years of age; was educated at Mrs. Fitzgerald's School, Carlow; this lady is of good character & eminently qualified to conduct a school.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female	Males – 6 Females – Protestants - Of the Established Church - 19 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations -

	Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	Roman Catholics – 8 Total - 27 Boarding 10 and [17] day sch[ool]
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	24
7	State the average number of 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	All can read; w[oul]d teach children to read in 12 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	She has no gratuity; her income is [...] her pupils each pay at the rate following: Boarders, £20 per an[num]; all under 6 y[ea]rs old pay £2.5.6 & all above that age £4.11.0.
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 is held in a private house rented by the Mistress; excellent accommodation.
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	None.
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	None.
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 are like those used in such schools for school exercise: Goldsmith's English History; Murray's Reader; Scott's Lessons; Edgeworth's Tales; Lady Morgan's Works; Exiles of Siberia; Vicar Wakefield; 20 copies of the New Testament & one of the entire S.S. [Sacred Scripture], all of the Authorized Version; 5 copies of the Douay Version. The Prot[estan]ts read a chap[ter] every day without com[men]t, the Cath[olics] read their own.
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.	In this school, the religion of the Catholics is not interfered with, being under the direction of a Catholic governess.

3. Easton House, Athy Road

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Easton House, Athy Road, Carlow.
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	Mrs. David Kelly; this school was open[e]d AD 1810; held thro[ugh] the 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	The Mistress is R[oman] 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	The Mistress is about 43 years of age; of excellent character & very eminent in her profession.
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 – Females – [30] Protestants - Of the Established Church - 3 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 27
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	24
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	Would teach a child to read in 12 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 Mistress has no compensation but from her pupils; terms 30 G[uinea]s per an[num].
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 is held in a private house rented by the Mistress; is happily situated; & gives the best accommodations.
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	None.
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, -	None.

	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	This school is likely to encrease [sic] in pupils.

	observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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4. Athy Street

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	4 th School for Females, Athy Street, Carlow.
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	Mrs. F. Redmond, Mistress; opened school about the 11 th of April 1822; held thro[ugh] the 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	A R[oman] 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	Mrs. Redmond is about 38 years of age; has an excellent character & being assisted by her daughter who was educated at Mrs. Kelly's School; is very competent to impart instruction to young females.
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	Total - 33 Males – 8 Females – 25 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 12 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 21
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	24
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	40
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 or 13 of the children can read; would teach a child to read in 12 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	She has no compensation for teaching but what she derives from her pupils who pay at the following rate: 1 Boarder at £12 per an[num]; day scholars at £2.5.6 per an[num] 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 is held in a private house rented by the Mistress.

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	None.
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	None.
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 in the school are such as are generally used in Classical Schools; no reading books, but such as are generally used in classical schools. No edition of the S[acred] Scriptures.
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	In this school, the religion of the Protestants was never interfered with.

	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. Dublin Street

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	The 5 th School for Females is held in Dublin St, Carlow.
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	Miss Costello open[ed] her school about the 1 st of March last; it will be held thro[ugh] the year on every day in the week, Sunday except[ed].
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 R[oman] 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	Miss Costello is about 22 years of age; of excellent character & well qualified to keep a school.
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	Total 12 Of other denominations – 4 Quakers Roman Catholics - 8
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	
7	State the average number of 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	All can read; w[oul]d teach a child to read in 9 months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what	She has no compensation for teaching but what is derived from the children who pay 10s. per quarter each.

	sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	
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 is held in private house rented by the Mistress; the school room is about 23 x 14 f[et].
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	None.
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	None.
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	For reading exercise, there are [...] read or Scott's Lessons & Spelling; Usher's Spelling Book; [...], some copies of Mrs. Trimmer's Lessons in the school.

	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.	The Protestant children are taught the Protestant Catechism. This religion is not non [sic] has not been interfered with.

6. Bridewell Lane

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	The 6 th school for females, Bridewell Lane, Carlow.
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	Mrs. McAulife; opened school about Aug[u]st [18]23; held thro[ugh] the year & thro[ugh] the week.
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	A Methodist.
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	Mrs. Mc was educated in the North of Ireland at various schools; is about 33 y[ea]rs of age.
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	Total – 26 [females] 5 Boarders & 5 daughters with 16 day sch[olars] Dissenters of var[ious persuasions?] - 24 Roman Catholics - 2
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	
7	State the average number of 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	All can read, 6 excepted. She w[oul]d teach a child to read in 12 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 comp[ensatio]n but what is derived from her pupils. Terms £50 per an[num], including all expenses; 11s. 4½d. for those who are not taught drawing; one G[uin]ea for those who are taught draw[ing].
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 is attached to her house & rented by her; its dimensions 18 f[eeet] x 14f[eeet] & thatched.
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	None.
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	None.
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	Books used: Goldsmith's Eng[lish] History; Scott's Lessons; Esop's [sic] Fables; [...]; one copy of the Douay T[estament?] and for some time [...].

	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.	There is no interference with the religion of the pupils.

7. Carlow

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Carlow.
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	John Garrett; opened Nov[ember] 1815; continued six days in the week & all 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	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	33 years; teaches English, the Mathematical Sciences; the practical [Arts] [or Arithmetic?]; and the Mathematical Branches of Natural Philosophy.

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	56 pupils, all Male. Catho[lics] 37 Pro[testants] 19
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	About 45.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	About 50.
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	50 pupils 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	Terms from 7s. 7d. to 3 Guineas; very few exceed 11s. 4½d.
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	Stone walls; roof slated; floor boarded 28 by 19 feet; rented and repaired by the teacher.
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	Murray's Spelling Book; Carpenter's Do.; Croxall's Aesop; Murray's Reader; Doctor Butler's Catechism; Goldsmith's History of Greece; do. of Rome; do. of England; Murray's E[nglish] Grammar; Blair's do.; Jones' Dictionary; Gough's Arithmetic; Joyce's do.; Thompson's do.; Malcolm's do.; Simpson's Euclid; Elrington's do.; Walker's do.; Leslie's do.; Barrow's do.; Leslie's Geometry; Creswell's Supplement; [Creswell's] Maxima & Minima; Simpson's Algebra; Sanderson's do.; Bonnycastle's do.; Lloyd's do.; Gibson's Surveying; Harding's do.; Croker's do.; Keith's On the Globes; [Keith's] Trigonometry; Woodhouse's do.; Moore's Navigation; Boditch's do.; Muller's Fortification; Starrett's Gunnery; Brinkley's Astronomy; Hilsham's Lectures; Walker's do.; Jackson's Bookkeeping; Morrison's do.; and several of less importance.
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.	I will make no complaint.

J. Garrett

8. Chapel Lane

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	School held at the College in Chapel Lane, Carlow.
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	President – The Very Revd. Andw. Fitzgerald; with 4 professors and 4 assistants; school held through the year except one vacation in Summer. The School was opened Oct[ober] 1 st 1793.
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	Roman Catholic; appointed by the B[ishop], 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	Dr Fitzgerald is aged about 60; was educated in the University of Louvaine [sic].
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	58 Ecclesiastical Stud[en]ts 53 Lay Students 111 All Roman Catholics and all boarders
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	61 Eccles[iastical students] 50 Lay st[udents]
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	65 Ecc[lesiastical students] 53 Lay [students]
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	All 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	Dr. Fitzgerald is legal proprietor of the College and does not feel disposed to account for his income. The rate of payment for Ecclesiastical Stud[en]ts is £25 p[e]r annum, for Lay Stud[en]ts 30 G[uinea]s p[e]r annum.
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 Ecclesiastical College contains A Chapel; Theology Hall; Philosophy Hall; Library; Refectory; Professors' Parlour; President's & Professors' Rooms; & nearly 40 private rooms. The Lay College contains a student 63 f[ee]t by 26; two dormitories of the same size as the study; 3 class rooms; Library; 2 Music Rooms; 2 Play Halls; a Refectory & also rooms for the assistant Teachers & some small rooms. In the Park are an Infirmary & offices of different kinds. The probable expence [sic] of erecting such an

		Establishment could not be under £14,000. It was first built by subscription & afterwards extended by the profits of the School.
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	Connected with no Association of any kind.
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	By the RC Bp [Roman Catholic Bishop]. No superintendent [sic] or Patron from the foundation of the House.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	No superintendence [sic].
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 the Ecclesiastical Establishment, Scripture; Church History of Reeves; Delahogue's Theology; Denn's Theology; The Trinity College Course of Natural Philosophy & Astronomy; Darre's Geometry; the Logic, Metaphysics & Ethics of Lyons; & Locke's Essay. The annexed Prospectus [not present] contains the names of the Books used in the Lay School. The Books are such as are generally used in Ecclesiastical, Sem[inar]y & Classical Schools.
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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9. Church Lane

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	2 nd . District School of Ossory & Leighlin, held at Church Lane, Carlow.
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 R.J. Jameson; cannot say when this school was first open[e]d; held on every day in the week, except Sunday, thro[ugh] the year, vacation excepted, which is 6 weeks in Summer & 14 days at Christmas.
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	Of the Established Religion; appointed by the L[or]d Lieuten[an]t at the recommendation of Doctor Jocilin, late B[isho]p of L[eighlin] & Ferns, AD 1810.
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	Aged 42 years; bears a good character; of middling or rather infirm capacity for conducting a classical school; he was educated at Trinity College, 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	Males – 66 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 59 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 7
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	The same as in No. 5.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	47
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.	All the pupils are supposed to know how to read before entrance.

	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 Master receives from the Clergy of Ossory £70 p[e]r an[num], and from the clergy of Leighlin £50 p[e]r an[num]. I cannot state exactly what is the total annual income of the Master. The rate of payment for boarders is 30 G[uinea]s p[e]r an[num] & for day scholars 6 G[uinea]s p[e]r an[num]. All the pupils are pensioners, three sons of the Master excepted. The no. of Boarders is 28.
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 with the house in which the Master lives is given to him free of rent; it affords good accommodation; is built of stone. To construct such a house and school would probably cost about £1500. The dimensions of the school attached to house are 42 x 21 feet. The G[rand] Juries, by an Act of Eliz[abe]th are (as I am told by the Master) bound to furnish the means of building & repairing such school.
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 School not connected with any Society or Association; has no Patron or superintendent [sic] unless the B[isho]p or L[or]d Lieutenant be such. The books used in the school are such as are generally used in classical schools. The Authoriz[e]d Version of the S[acred] Scriptures is used by the P[rotestan]t pupils. The religion of the Cath[olic]s is not interfered with, at least directly.
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	These questions are answered in No. 10 [11].
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	[See the answer to question 12].
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	[See the answer to question 12].

	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.	There has been an encrease [sic] of pupils in this School partly on ac[coun]t of the President of the College having excluded day scholars & partly on ac[coun]t of the other Classical teachers not having paid due attention to their Schools. There is a certain form of prayer used in the school in which [Roman Catholics] can't in conscience unite with the other boys, which circumstance may well prevent Cath[olics] from attending the school & cause those who do to withdraw from it.

10. Rutland Place

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	3 rd . School held at Rutland Place, Carlow.
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	Rev. John Caldwell, A.M.; open[ed] AD 1819 Feb[ruar]y 23 rd .
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 was of the Established Church; at present, he will not say what his religion may be.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or	Mr. Caldwell is about 35 y[ea]rs of age; he was educated in TC [Trinity College]

	she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	Dublin and of respectable attainments; has a good capacity for conducting a school.
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 – 10 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 7 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations – 3 Separatists Roman Catholics -
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	
7	State the average number of 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	All 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 Master has no Sallary [sic] or gratuity for teaching but what is derived from his pupils who (including every expence [sic] pay 50 G[uinea]s per an[num]; entrance 5 guineas.
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 is a private house rented by the Master. The school room about 25 [feet square].
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	Not connected with any Society or Association.
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	None &c.

	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	None.
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 the same as in other Classical Schools; they may be seen in his Syllabus; the Authorized Version of S[acred] Scriptures used; each boy having a complete copy or a Bible.
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 school not likely to encrease [sic] owing, I believe, to the unsettled state of the Master's mind respecting religion.

11. Tullow Street

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	4 th . School held in Tullow St, Carlow.
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	Mr. Jenkins; held thro[ugh] the entire year; vacation 1 month in summer & a fortnight in winter; open[e]d on the 16 th Feb[ruar]y 1824.
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 dissenter appointed by no one.
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	Mr. Jenkins is about 36 years of age; can't say where educated &c.
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 – 4 Females – Protestants - Of the Established Church - 2 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations – 2 Society of the Friends Roman Catholics -
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	
7	State the average number of 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	
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 has no gratuity; his income is derived from his pupils, who being day boys pay 6 G[uinea]s p[e]r an[num]; an extra charge for French of £2.5.6.
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	[There is an 'X' through the text below around which the main set of square brackets have been placed]. The School is a Private House built of Stone; [the best accommodation for boys; it might cost £1500 to erect such house & school; the school is about] [...] x 24 feet; rented by the Master.
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	Not connected with any. No edition of the Scriptures in the school. The books used are the same as in other Classical [...] Blair's [...] book, [Joh...] English [...] History [...].

	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	None &c.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	None.
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	See No. 11. The books such as in Classical Schools for school exercises; Goldsmith's Eng[lan]d & Rome; Murray's Reader & Scott's Lessons & Carpenter's Spelling. No copies of the Scripture read in the school nor is there any interference with the religion of the 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	This school will, it is likely, be given up, there being no Patronage for it, the Master being a stranger. No interference with the religion of the Pupils

	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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12. Montgomery Street

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	5 th . School held in Montgomery St, Carlow.
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	Mr. Scraggs, Master; open[ed] May [18]24 AD; held thro[ugh] the year; vacation in summer.
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 of the Established Church; ap[pointe]d by no one.
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	The Master is about 54 y[ea]rs of age; educated in Munster; he is a [sic] well behaved & has a good capacity for teaching.
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 – 11 Females – Protestants - Of the Established Church - 5 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 6
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	
7	State the average number of 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	
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 is paid by the pupils at the rate of £1.2.9 p[e]r q[uar]ter].
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	
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.	
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13. Tullow Street

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	6 th . School held in Tullow Str[reet], Carlow.
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. McAliffe; opened AD 1819; vacation in summer [one] month & a fortnight in winter.
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 R[oman] Catholic app[ointe]d by no one.
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	Mr. McAliffe is aged 40 years; he was educated at T.C. [Trinity College] Dublin; of an excellent capacity for teaching; and of good character.
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 – 31 Females – Protestants - Of the Established Church -3 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 28
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	38
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Ditto.
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	All 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 Master has no gratuity; his income is derived [from his pupils, each of whom pay...].
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	This School kept in a private house rented by the Master; it is built of stone & affords excellent accommodation to day scholars; it would cost at least £400 to erect such house & School.
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	Not connected with any.
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	None.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	None.
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.	

14. Chapel Lane

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Chapel Lane, Carlow.
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	Michl. Wholahan; open[ed] in 1813; teaches every day in the week thro[ugh] the year, Sundays excepted, vacation of 3 weeks excepted & a fortnight at Christmas.
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	Roman Catholic; appointed by the late Doctor Staunton, PP [parish priest] of Carlow & President of the College.
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	Mr. Wholahan is about 54 y[ea]rs of age; he was educated at Carlow & trained at Waterford at Mr. Rice's school.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female	Males – 180 All R[oman] Catholics. 200 at present in the school.

	Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	150
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	160
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	80 reading; the Master w[oul]d teach a child to read in 12 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 School is supported by subscription collected quarterly by 4 clergymen assisted by the same no. of laymen; it is governed by a President; 2 V[ice] P[residen]ts & a Committee of 24 taken from amongst the Parishioners; the Master has a salary of 30 G[uinea]s per an[num], with 3 G[uinea]s allow[e]d for House rent. The Assistant Master has £12 per an[num].
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 consists of 2 Rooms, one above [stairs], the other below. That above is 30 x 20; the room below is 23 f[feet] by 20 f[feet]; it is built of stone. The expences [sic] of building it exceeded £300 which same was raised by subscription amongst the Catholics.
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	It is not connected with any Association or Society, nor has it any special Patron but the Cath[olic] B[isho]p of the Diocese.
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 superintendence [sic] which the Cath[olic] B[isho]p exercises over it consists in presiding at the Quarterly and annual meetings of the Committee when the reports of the school are read & persons appointed to the various duties of visiting, collecting money &c. & of enquiring into the applications of the money raised for the support of the school. Of the weekly visitors, 2 are RC [Roman Catholic] clergy and 2 are laymen.

13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	[See the answer to question 12].
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 in the school are the New London & Carpenter's Spelling Books; History of the Old & New Testaments by Gahan; Spelling & reading in the Lancasterian [sic] system with the common course of Arithmetic & bookkeeping. The RC [Roman Catholic] Catechism is taught in the school and all the children are [oblig[e]d to prayer] daily in the RC [Roman Catholic] Chapel.
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.	Tho[ugh] from the rules by which the School is conducted, the School to open to every profession it is attended by R[oman] Cath[olics] solely & hence no attempt in the School to make proselytes. There w[oul]d [be] at least one hundred more educated in the School were it spacious enough.

15. Pollertown Road

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Pollertown road, Carlow.
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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. Neil opened in 1820; no appointment; held on every day in the week thro[ugh] the 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	R[oman] 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	Jas. Neil is about 45 years of age; he was educated at Brown's Hill; trained no where.
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	Total - 61 Males – 39 Females – 22 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 2 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 59
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	30
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	70
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	30 reading; the Master teaches to read in 12 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 has no emolument [sic] for teaching but from his pupils; the profits of his school am[oun]t to about £20 per an[num]; they [sic] children pay at the rate of 3s. 3d. per q[uar]ter.
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 is held in a house rented by the Master; the dimensions are 20 f[ee]t x 16; tables for writing, forms for seats; built of stone, thatched; expence [sic] £13.
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	None.

	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	None.
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 in the school are New London & Universal Spelling Books; Catholic Catechism & one copy of the Douay Test[amen]ts but not sued as a reading book; one copy of Doctor England's reading book.
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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16. Burn Street

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Burn Str[ee]t, Carlow.
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	Stephen Walsh; opened in 1811; held thro[ugh] the entire 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	R[oman] Catholic; no 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	Aged 34 years; educated in Carlow; trained at Ballitore; of good character.
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	Total - 41 Males – 32 Females – 9 All Catholics
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	40
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	50
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 in 41 read; he teaches to read in 18 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 by teaching £25 per an[num]; Pupils pay him at the rate of 3s. 9d. 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	The school is held in a private house rented by the Master; dimensions 18 x 13; tables for writing.

	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	None.
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	None.
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 in the school are the London & Universal Spelling books; no particular reading books; none of any immoral tendency.
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	No interference with the religion of the children.

	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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17. Centaur Street

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Centaur Str[eeet], Carlow.
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	Michl. Taylor; opened in 1819; time of attendance the same as above [see answer to question 2, School 16].
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	R[oman] Catholic; no 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	Michl. Taylor is aged 32 years; educated at Carlow; trained no where; of ordinary character & tolerable capacity for teaching.
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	Total - 48 Males – 40 Females – 8 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 2 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 46
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	30
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	40
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	15 read; teaches to read in 2 years.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing	The Master asserts that he receives £30 per an[num]; rates of payment nearly as

	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	above [see answer to question 9, School 16].
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 room is rented by the Master; is furnished with tables & forms; dimensions 25 f[et] by 16 f[et].
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	None.
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	None.
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	In Taylor's School: Scott's Lessons & Esop's [sic] Fables are reading both, with one copy of the Douay Bible, but not used as a reading book.

	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.	The same as above [see answer to question 15, School 16].

18. Potatoe [sic] Market

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Potatoe [sic] Market, Carlow.
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	McDonald's School; open[e]d on Monday April 16 th [18]24; the same as above [see answer to question 2, School 16].
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	R[oman] Catholic; none.
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	McDonald is about 37 or 38 years of age; educated Carlow; trained no where; of excellent character & very fit for teaching.
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 & females total – 18 Roman Catholics - 18

6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	
7	State the average number of 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	Could teach to read in 12 months; some of the pupils read, at least 1/4th.
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 ordinary terms as reported of the other schools.
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 room is very small & rented by the Master; a table for writing with forms.
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	None.
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	None [This following is written across columns 12 and 13]: McDonald is a writing master & has too many private tuitions to pay attention to his school.
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	Universal & London Spelling books; English Reader; Roman Catholic Catechism; 1 copy of the Testament but not used as a school book.

	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.	There can be no interference with the religion of the children. [See also the answer question 12, which contains information of the type usually supplied in response to question 15].

19. Water Lane

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Water Lane, Carlow.
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. Redmond open[ed] his school in 1820; every day in the week thro[ugh] the entire year; as above [see answer to question 2, School 16].
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	R[oman] Catholic; none.
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 24 years of age; was educated at Carlow; trained no where; of most excellent character; well qualified for teaching [...].

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 – 42 Females – 8 [Total – 50] Protestants - Of the Established Church - 2 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 48
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	36
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	48
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	38 can read; teaches to read in 12 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	Writing 5[d.] and Arithmetic 6[d.] p[e]r week; scientific branches per q[uarte]r 11s. 4½d.
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 room rented by the Master; well furnished with both desks & forms provided by the Master; the room is too small for the no.
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	None.
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 the same as above [see answer to question 14, School 18] . Usher's & Carpenter's Spelling Books [with] New London & Murray's Reader; Scott's Lessons; [...]; RC [Roman Catholic] Catechism; History of the Old & New Testament by Reeves.
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 interference with the religion of one Protestant who attends the school.

20. Pollertown Road

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Pollertown Road, Carlow.
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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	Daniel Molloy; open[ed] in 1824; every day in the week.
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	R[oman] 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 about 25 years of age; he was educated in Munster; he is here but a short time & course can have no character in it as yet, but professes to teach Bookkeeping, Mensuration, Algebra & in addition to the English course; he seems not to have a correct knowledge of any thing he teaches.
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 16 pupils, all Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	None.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	None.
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	None in the school can read; he says he will teach the pupils to read in 18 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 has no support but what he may obtain from his pupils who pay at the rate of 2d. per week. He has no book in his school but primers & spelling books. The school is an old malt house; forms for seats.
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	[See the answer to question 9].
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	[See the answer to question 9].
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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21. Potatoe [sic] Market, Carlow

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Potatoe [sic] Market, Carlow.
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	Michl. Lynch; open[e]d this summer.
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 of the Established [Church].
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 of 25 years; he was educated in Carlow; his father was a teacher.
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 10 pupils; 7 Catholics; 3 of the Established Church.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	None.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	None.
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	A few of them read; a little, can't say how many.
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 has no compensation for teaching but what is derived from his pupils who [pay?] at ordina[ry] rate. The school is a small room rented by the Master. There is one copy of the New Test[ament] in the school but not used as a school book. No interference with the religion of the children.
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	[See the answer to question 9].

	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	[See the answer to question 9].
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	[See the answer to question 9].

	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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22. Barrack Street

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Barrack St, Carlow.
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 Poor; open[e]d in 1801; held every day thro[ugh] the 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	R[oman] 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	She is about 60 years of age; teaches spelling & reading.
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	This no. in her school – 18 or 19, all Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	M[ales] - 9 F[emales] 9
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	20
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	4 in 18 read; the teaches to read in 18 months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or	She is paid by the pupils at the rate of [2½d.] per week. The school is a small

	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	room; forms for seats. She teaches the RC [Roman Catholic] Catechism.
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	[See the answer to question 9].
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	[See the answer to question 9].

	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.	

23. Chapel Lane

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Chapel Lane, Carlow.
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	Presentation Convent School; Miss Eliza McGrath; this school was open[e]d 12 Jan[uary] 1812; held thro[ugh] the year, vacation excepted, which is 5; x 3 weeks in Sum[me]r, & at Christmas & Easter, one w[ee]k each.
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	R[oman] Catholic; appointed by the B[isho]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	She is about 35 years of age; educated [with her family. Instructed in the Lancasterian [sic] system by a Lady brought down from Dublin for the express purpose].
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	At present, there are in the school 300 children, all females & R[oman] Catho[lic]; about 280 is the average attendance.

6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	280
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	290 or thereabouts.
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. They are instructed in reading, writing & figures, needlework - plain & fancy, spinning [...], knitting, & plaiting. The Mistress has 15 assistants who are members of the Convent. There are 2 school rooms, fitted up with desks & forms, one for beginners, the other for those who are more advanced. Their dimen[sion]s are 80 f[ee]t x 17. The other 56 x 16. Built of stone. The entire building cost, probably £2400. [There is a second remark regarding costs and it is unclear which is correct. The second remark states as follows: 'The probable expence [sic] of building the House the schools attached cost probably [about it] was 3000]. [The following text has been struck through]: It was founded by the late V[ery] Revd. Doctor Staunton, endowed by Doctor Cahil & a lay man of the same name.
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	[See answer to question 9].
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	These schools belong to the convent of the Presentation Order, which is subject only to the RC [Roman Catholic] Ordinary. [Written in the hand of Dr James Doyle, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin].
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, -	The C[atholic] Bishop superintends the schools and visits them occasionally. They are visited almost daily by the C[atholic]

	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	Parochial Clergy or by those of the College. [Written in the hand of Dr James Doyle, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin].
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	The superintendence [sic] referred to has been exercised since the foundation of the school. [Written in the hand of Dr James Doyle, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin].
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 in the school: spelling and reading lessons; Catechisms; Dialogues; add here the names of the books generally. [Written in the hand of Dr James Doyle, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin].
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	There can be no attempt at Proselytism in these schools.

	otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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Holograph note from Joseph Lynch, [Carlow, architect], to Revd. T. O'Connell, [Colledge Ville], Carlow:

Dimentions [sic] of Carlow free School

Male and female schooll [sic] rooms, principle [sic] and attick [sic] 50 feet by 16 f[et] 8 i[nches].

Teachers apartments, kitchen, bed chambers &c. &c.

Including stair case 25 f[et] 6 i[nches] by 16 f[et] 8 i[nches]

Ceilings 9 feet high; the probible [sic] expence [sic] might be four Hundred and fifty pound or upwards according to the Materials; might fluctuate.

Description of Sunday School, which is unsigned [but is in the hand of Dr James Doyle, Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin]:

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Sunday School held in the Chapel of Carlow on each Sunday from one to two o'clock, at which 508 females and 600 Males attend. They are taught by 59 females and 70 young men who, with a few exceptions, are members of a religious confraternity and well educated.

Of the Children, 482 can read and all are instructed in the truths and duties of religion. Besides Catechisms, there is a parochial library to which the teachers can have access, consisting of 280 volumes of religious books.

The above school has subsisted for the last thirty years but was reorganized in 1817.