

	Transcription of School Return, 1824 Doonane
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Rathaspic Parish

1. Doonane

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Doonane, Townland of Doonane.
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	Anthony Dooley opened school the 6 th day of March 1820; is held from April to November.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	A Roman Catholic appointed by the Revd. Michl. Graham.
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's age, 16 years; a Moral Character; teaches Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, &c. Educated at Doonane at his parents' expence [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	The average Number of pupils 3 months preceding this return were 68; the numbers of males were 51 and 39 females; 3 Protestants and 87 Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No school in winter.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	The average number of of pupils during the summer of 1823 were 58.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	Forty four can read out of the above Number; the time required to teach a child to read, 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 annual income of the Master is about £12, paid by the Parents of the children p[er] quarter; spelling 2s. 2d., writing 3s. 3d. and Arithmetic 5s. 0d.
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	A clay wall and thatched roof, no accommodations for pupils. The Master pays yearly rent for the house; length 18 feet and breadth 11; cost about £4.

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. No answer to this number, No. 12, No. 13 or No. 15 as they do not concern this School.
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	1 Commodore Anson's Voyage; 1 The Discovery of the French in America; 2 History of Wonderful Animals; 1 Pamela; 1 Elisabeth; 1 Sir Isaac Jenkins; 1 Think Well, On It; 1 Troy's Destruction; 1 History of the Old and New Testament; 1 The Imitation of Jesus Christ; 1 Murry's Grammar; 43 Universal Spelling Books; 2 Child's New Play Things; 14 Reading Made Easy; and 20 Primers.
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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2. Doonane

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Doonane, Townland of Doonane.
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	Mary Woodward opened school the 1 st day of February 1816; the school is held throughout 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 a Roman Catholic.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	She is 60 years of age; a moral character; teaches spelling & Reading. Educated at her parents' expence [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	The average number of pupils last 3 months preceding this return were 44; the number of males were 21 and females 29. No. of Protestants 3 and 47 Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	The average last winter were 4.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	The average number during the Summer of 1823 were 35.
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	There can 12 read out of the above number; 20 months required 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	The annual income about £2; paid by the pupils at 1d. p[er] week.

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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	No answers to Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 15 as they do not concern this School.
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