

	Transcription of School Return, 1824 Rhode and Edenderry
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Parish of Rhode

1. Trimleston School, Ballyheshal

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Trimlestown School, Ballyheshal
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	Michael and Mary Ann Killian, married. First opened 1821. Day in each week six, school open the whole year excepting a few 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	Both Roman Catholics. Both appointed by the Reverend J. Colgan – Master 1821, Mistress, 1822.
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	Master's age, about 35. Mistress about 28. Character of both excellent. Master teaches Arithmetic, English Grammar, Book-keeping, Geography, the various branches of the Mathematics. Master educated at Ballymore. Mistress near Edenderry. She teaches the girls plain work.
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	Average number of Pupils for the last 3 months, 124. Males 74. Females 50. All except 4 are Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Average number last Winter, 90.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Average Summer 1823, 110.

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	16 in 20 can read. Taught to read in from 4 to 7 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	Income of Master and Mistress about £25 per annum arising solely from payments made by the Scholars. Rates of quarterly payment from 1s. 8d. to 10s. Many of the children are taught gratis. The Master and Mistress received in March last a gratuity of £5 from the Kildare Street Association.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School-house, one story [sic] high, 48 feet long by 20 feet, lighted by 5 large windows, 4 in front, divided into two rooms, 13 feet in height, both ceiled. Boys' school-room 28 feet by 16½ feet. Furniture – a Book-case; 16 desks with forms to accommodate 160 children. Materials of the house, lime and stone. Roof covered with English slates. Probable expence [sic] £150. Built by Lord Trimbleston who also granted to it an acre of land rent free. £25 were given by the Kildare St. Association to this 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	This school has been in connexion with with the Kildare St. Association since Octber 1823. The Scriptures has not been read here March last, as we could not procure the Douay Testament sooner, that version of the New Testament has been read since by the more forward boys and girls. In every other instance the regulations of the Association have been adhered to
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	Patron, Lord Trimbleston. School superintended by Revd. James Colgan, parish Priest, merely in order to ascertain the improvement of the Scholars. He calls there frequently, but has assigned no particular days for that purpose. The school is often visited by the Roman

	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	Catholic Coadjutor, and only from similar motives.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Superintendence [sic] as above since 1821.
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 read here are: Voyages, Travels, Histories of Arts and Manufactures, of Animated Nature, Moral essays, Select Poems &c. 80 copies, Dublin reading book 36 copies, Scripture lessons 30 copies. All the above furnished by the Kildare St. Association, and are of the usual description they send to their schools. A few of the Scholars have copies of Goldsmith's History of England, Scott's lessons, and the usual Treatises on Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Mathematics &c &c. There are 10 copies of the Douay Testament. Old Testament not read.
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	There never has been any attempt made to change the Religion of any child in this School. No material change has taken place in the number of Pupils who frequent this School, and like that of all the others, with the exception of one, (Fahy School) its increase or diminution is regulated merely by the circumstances of the parents and the seasons of the year. To send their children to a School conducted on the principles of the Kildare St. Society, Roman Catholics in this parish are decidedly averse. And we are

	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.	free to declare to his Majesty's Commissioners that our own opinions, and those of every Roman Catholic Clergyman we know, are in strict conformity with the sentiments of the People. We cannot approve of the Holy Scripture being made a School-book. We deem it a measure fraught with danger to the Faith of the Children, to have them under the care of a Teacher, whose religious opinions differ from theirs and whose spirit is perhaps hostile to them. And we consider it fully as injurious to their morals that while they are in the acquirement of School Knowledge, religious instruction conformable to the principles of their profession should be with-held from them. When such are our principles, his Majesty's Commissioners may feel surprized [sic] that our principal school should be in connexion with the Kildare St. Association. We can assure them it was from no dereliction of those principles such connexion took place. The school is peculiarly circumstanced. A Roman Catholic Clergyman is the Director and constant visitant. He has the appointment of the Master and Mistress , who will, of course, always be Roman Catholics. He has the selection of the portions of the New Testament, which the children must read, and they are taught their Catechism out of school hours. The faith of the Children thus secured, and anxious to afford them every means of improvement that conscience could permit, the parish Priest applied for and obtained the assistance of the Kildare St. Society, but without these safeguards we
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		would never have asked or accepted the smallest aid. We beg leave, therefore, to state it as our opinion to his Majesty's Commissioners, that the Kildare St. Grant, as at present administered, can never be an effective means of educating the poor of Ireland. We would humbly submit that the adoption of the following regulations would render their ample funds a rich source of blessings to the People. To dispense altogether with the reading of the Scriptures in their Schools. To allow fixed and competitive salaries to Teachers this would inspire them with zeal, as it would give them an interest in the discharge of their duty. That Catholic teachers should alone preside over Catholic Children, and in mixed schools either the Master or an assistant should be a Catholic. That some of the Roman Catholic Bishops and Clergy should be on the committee for managing the grants. That local inspectors of both persuasions be appointed to visit each school.
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2. Fahy

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Fahy
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, Richard Hughes. First opened 1802. Days in each week 6. Whole 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	Established Church. Appointed by Revd. Wm. Wakely, Rector of Ballyburley.

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	Age 44. Character good. Teaches Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. Educated at Killucan, Co. Westmeath.
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	Average 3 months past 15; males 13; females 2; Protestants 6, Roman Catholics 9.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Average last winter: 12.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Average 1823: 30.
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	5 can read. Learn to read well in about 2 years.
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	Receives by subscription £12 15s. per annum. Rates of payment quarterly from the pupils from 2s. to 4s. 4d. per quarter. 4 taught gratis.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School-room 16 feet by 12. Lime and stone – thatched – built by Master – probable expence [sic] £10. Furniture – Tables and Forms sufficient for the numbers at 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 –	Not in connexion with any Association.

	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	Revd. Wm. Wakely visits occasionally.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	As above from the opening of the school.
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	Manson's primer – 4 copies Dublin spelling book – 6 ditto Universal ditto – 6 ditto These are the property of the pupils. Bible – 1 copy New Testament Established Church – 12 do. Tracts published by Tract Society – 6 do. These given by Revd. Wm. Wakely. Protestant children taught their Catechism thrice in the Week.
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what	No interference with the religious opinions of the children. Diminution of

	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.	children caused at this school by some being removed to the Trimleston school which is in the vicinity of Fahy. The parents were induced to transfer their children to the Trimleston school, in some instances on account of its superior accommodations and facilities of improvement; but in most on that of the Master and Mistress being Roman Catholics.
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3. Croghan, Coole

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Coole
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 Edward Hoey. Opened 22 nd February 1824. School taught 6 Days each week. Whole 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	Roman Catholic. Appointed by Revd. James Colgan.
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	35 years of Age. Character good. Teaches reading, writing and Arithmetic. Educated at Philipstown.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female	Average number last 3 months: 38. Boys: 22. Girls: 16. All Roman Catholics.

	Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No school kept.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	No school kept by Hoey. At a school kept in 1823 by Edward Lovely who since left the Neighbourhood, average number 60.
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 can read. Learn to read in from 8 to 10 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	Average income of Master £12 per annum from quarterly payment of the scholars. Rate per quarter 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School house thatched. One room 12 feet by 8 feet. Clay wall. Furniture – a Table, Seats of a bad description. Probably expence [sic] about £2. Rented by Master at 6s. per quarter.
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	With none.
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, -	No Superintendants [sic]. Visited occasionally by Parish Priest.

	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	About 4 months ago.
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 read here are Primers, Roman Catholic Catechisms, Universal Spelling books, 12 copies, Gough's Arithmetic 2 copies, Lawless's Hist[ory] of Ireland, 1 copy, London Letter Writer; property of the scholars. Scriptures not used.
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	No interference as to Religion.

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

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Tubberdally
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 James Morrin. Opened school 24 May 1824. Teaches 6 days in each week to continue the whole 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	Roman Catholic. Appointed by Mr. James McCabe, farmer.
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	Age 40. Teaches reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, English Grammar. Educated at Mountmelick [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	Average lately, 24. 15 males. 9 females. 2 Protestants. Remainder Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	No school kept.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	No school kept.

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	13 can read. Taught to read in from 5 to 7 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	Expected income from payments of scholars at, from 1s. 8d. to 2s. 6d. quarterly. About £8 per 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	School-room 12 feet long by 12; rented by Master; Mud wall; thatched; the room is part of a house that would probably cost 50 shillings.
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	Superintendence [sic] as in Croghan.

13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Superintendence [sic] as in Croghan.
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	Books. Manson's Primer – 10 Dublin spelling book – 2 Universal Ditto – 13 Scott's English reader – 1 Property of the Children. Scripture no read.
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.	None.

5. Clonmeen

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Clonmeen
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	Name of Master. Michael McKeogh. First opened, April 1823 (Hugh Foy, then Master). Taught 6 days each week. Whole 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	Roman Catholic. Appointed by Revd. James Colgan.
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	Age about 26. Character good. Teaches reading, writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, English Grammar, Geography, Geometry. Educated at Killaloe.
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	Average last 3 months: 45. Males Females All Roman Catholics with the exception of 1 of the Established Church.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Average last winter: 26.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Average 1823: 45.
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	Two-thirds of all can read. Learn to read in about 6 months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Income uncertain arising from quarterly payments from 1s. 8d. to 3s. 3.

10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School-house a poor cabin; clay wall; thatched. Room 16 feet by 12. Furniture only a few seats of a bad description. Probable [expence] 2 Guineas.
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	As in the two last.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	[Same answer as Q12].
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	Books. Primers Universal Spelling Books – 20 copies Goldsmith's History of England – 2 [copies] Moral Tracts – 8 copies

	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	Property of the pupils. Scripture not read.
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.	None.

Parish of Edenderry

1. Edenderry

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Town of Edenderry.
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 Taylor and Mrs. Taylor. School opened 1 st August 1801. 6 Days in each week. Taught the whole year, excepting a few weeks in winter and Summer.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he	Religion, Society of Friends.

	or she was appointed to the school, and when	
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	Age about 60. Character excellent. Well qualified to teach the English Classics &c. Mr. Taylor educated at Ballytore. Mrs Taylor in England.
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	Average number last 3 months. 18, of which 5 are females. Society of Friends – 4 Established Church – 12 Roman Catholic - 2
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Average last Winter 16.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Summer 1823. Average 18.
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 read excepting 1. Read in about 6 months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Income, payment from Pupils' quarterly rates 11s. 4½d. to £1.2.9. House in which school is kept and 3 Acres of Ground given rent free by the Marquess of Downshire.
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	Boys' school-room detached from the dwelling house. Dimensions, 24 feet by 16 feet. Well furnished with desks and forms. Materials, lime and stone; thatched; probable expence [sic] £30; built by Mr. Taylor. School-room for the females is in the dwelling house, and very neatly furnished.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in	With none.

	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	Late Marquess of Downshire. No Superintendence [sic], excepting that of Master and Mistress.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	From opening of School.
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	Books read here. Goldsmith's History of England. Voyages, Tracts of Kildare St. Association, Treatises on Arithmetic, Geography &c. The above books are the property of the Pupils. Scripture not read in 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.	Nothing ever done to induce the Children to change their religion.
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2. Downshire Parochial School

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Town of Edenderry
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 and a Mistress James and Eleanor Allen, married. School opened 1813. 6 days per week. Whole year excepting short vacation 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	Religion of both, Established Church. Appointed by Thos. Murray, Esqr. August 1823.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	Age of each about 28 years. Character very good. Master teaches reading, writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Book-keeping, Educated in Kilkenny.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male	Average number last 3 months, 72; Males 35; Females 17; from the town and Neighbourhood of which 16 Males, 9 females are Protestant. 19 Males, 8 females, Roman Catholic. 8 Males, 12

	Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	females belonging to the Foundling Hospital. Sunday School Average 50.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Average number last winter, 56. Sunday school.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Average 1823, 72. Sunday school.
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	Can read, 39. Taught to read in about 6 mo[nth]s. Sunday school.
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	Income of the School arises from an annual Subscription of the Marquess of Downshire, Revd. Jones and a few other amounts to £10.8.3 and payments by the scholars (1½ d. to 2½d. each week). There is nothing received for the foundling children. Master and Mistress have apartments in the rere [sic] of the school-house and attached to it, with about half a rood of a garden rent free.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The school house is one story [sic] high – one room – lighted by 4 large windows in front – room not ceiled – 50 feet by 16 feet, in the clear. Furniture twelve desks and forms to accommodate 120 Children. Materials Lime and Stone – covered with English slates. Built by the Marquess of Downshire – whom it cost £159. It is probable that it could be done at a much less expence [sic] at present.
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.	With Kildare St. Association. The regulations of that Association are adhered to, except the reading of the Scriptures. A Sunday School is kept here also, under the Regulations of the Sunday school society.

	have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when	[See Q15 also].
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	Patron, Marquess of Downshire, who visits the school sometimes. Revd. Mr. Jones and Thos. Murray Esqr. frequently inspect the school – it is also visited by the Revd. J. Colgan, Parish Priest. The object of the above Gentlemen's visits as far as we can ascertain is merely to inquire into the progress of the Children.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	About August 1823.
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 week day school. Dublin reading book – 18 copies [Dublin] spelling [book], 3 parts of each part – 18 [copies] Small books, tablets &c. Furnished by the Kildare St. Society. No other books but the above are used in the school except Treatises on Arithmetic &c. such as are in general use. In the Sunday school. Testaments – version of the Established Church – 24 copies Spelling books No. 1 – 32 [copies] [Spelling books] No. 2 – 32 [copies] These books were given by the Sunday-school society, and are in use only in the Sunday-school. Scripture not read in the Day-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.	Religion of the pupils not tampered with in either week-day or Sunday-school. Very few, if any, Roman Catholics have attended the Sunday school for some months past, on account of their being obliged to attend Catechism in the Chapel of Killane, at the same or nearly the the same hour, at which the Sunday-school is taught in Edenderry. The Roman Catholics send their children to the Downshire school, only because their Religion is not interfered with. The following Statement is under No. 11 in the Edenderry sheet. It it with pain we have to inform his Majesty's Commissioners that the number of Children who frequent those schools bears but a small proportion to those who cannot attend. The poverty of the parents of the great majority is such that they are not only able to pay the trifling stipend of the Teacher, and to procure school requisites, but even to afford their Children the Cloathing [sic], which decency would require, in order to their admittance into a public school. We can only deplore this wretched state of our parishioners and of the Country, in general, being unable from the slenderness of our means to apply almost any temporal remedy. To alleviate, as much as possible, this great evil, and to afford all the light in our power to dispense to the youth of those parishes, Catechism schools are held on the mornings and evenings of Sundays and Holidays at our Chapels, and on the evenings of those days in the remote parts of the Country. The Catechism of the four Roman Catholic Archbishops is the Class book, a book that conveys to the youthful mind a very considerable portion of Moral and Religious instructions, together with an adequate knowledge of the principles and tenets of the Catholic faith. The priests attend at the Chapels and promote the word and example of this useful work as often as their other
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		avocations permit. In the country places the sexes are taught in separate houses by pious persons who in general belong to the Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine. Upwards of 700 Children are instructed in this way, but we are convinced they would amount to or exceed 1,000 but for the poverty of the parents already stated.
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3. Town of Edenderry

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Town of Edenderry
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	James Philan – commenced 10 th May last. 6 days per week. Intends to teach the whole year, except a few 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	Roman Catholic. Appointed by Revd. James Colgan – date of Appointment as above.
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	Age about 26 years. Character very good. Teaches reading, writing, English Grammar, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Geography, Use of the Globes, Mensuration, Latin Classics. Educated at Kilbeggan.
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	Average last 3 mo[nths], 29; 6 Protestants, remainder Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	School not kept.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	School not kept.

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	Can read []. Unable to answer as to time required for learning to read, not long enough teaching.
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	Income only from payments of Scholars, from 2s. To 5s. 5d. quarterly.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School-room apartment in a private house, 14 feet by 15 feet; one large window. Furniture – 3 Tables, a few chairs, 2 small Forms. Rent of school-room paid by Master £4 per Annum.
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	No superintendence [sic], excepting an occasional visit from the Parish Priest to Coadjutor to ascertain the progress of the Scholars.

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	Books Manson's primers – 6 copies Dublin spelling book – 3 Universal [spelling book] - 9 Murray's Eng[lish] Gram[mar] – 5 Goldsmith's Geography Jackson's Book-keeping Dowling's [Book-keeping] Property of the scholars. Some Latin Classics used by the Master. Scripture not read.
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 attempt to alter the Religion of the pupils.

4. Town of Edenderry

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Town of Edenderry
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	Edward Elliott. Opened in May 1823. 6 days – thro' 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	Roman Catholic. Appointed by Revd. James Colgan.
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	Age 30 years. Character good. Teaches Reading &c., Arithmetic, Book-keeping, English Grammar, Geography. Taught in or about Edenderry.
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	Average last 3 mo[nths], 40; Protestants, 14; remainder Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Average, last winter 60.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Average, summer 1823, 100.
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	Can read 214. Read in about 7 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	Income from payment of Scholars alone, £8 per annum. Rates from 1½ c. to 2½d. per week.

10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School-house, one room – 24 feet by 12 feet. Clay wall, thatched. Furniture 3 desks, 3 Forms, with some small scale of a bad description. Built by Master at a probable expence [sic] of £6.
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	Wlth 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	Same as in the last [Q11].
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Same as in the last [Q11].
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	Books, Primers &c., Universal Spelling-books about 20 copies, Voyages, Natural History &c. such as published by the Kildare St. Association, Testaments, Established Church – 18 copies. The above books the property of the scholars. The above number of Testaments read in the school.

	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.	Religion not tampered with.

5. Kinnefadd

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Kinnefadd
2	State the name of the Mater 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 O'Neill. Opened 1808. 6 days per week, whole year.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he	Roman Catholic. Appointed in 1823 by Revd. James Colgan.

	or she was appointed to the school, and when	
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	Age about 50. Character good. Teaches reading &c., Arithmetic.
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	Average last 3 mo[nths], 40. All Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Average last Winter, 25.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Average 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	Can read out of the 40, 13; from 6 to 9 months learning 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	Income solely from Stipend paid to Mater. Rate per quarter, 1s. 6d. To 2s. 8½ d.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School-house, one room 18 feet by 13 feet. Clay wall, thatched. Furniture, 2 desks sufficiently long, seats of a bad description. Built by Mr. Thos. Clarke; Furniture at a probable expence [sic] of £4. Given rent free.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in	None.

	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	As in the former two schools.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	As in the former two schools.
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	Books are, Primers &c. for Children; Universal Spelling Books; some moral tracts; Roman Catholic Catechisms; Treatises in general use on Arithmetic.

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.	Religion never interfered with.
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6. Ballinatum

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Ballinatum
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	Patrick Davy. First opened in 1817. 6 days per week. All 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	Roman Catholic. Appointed by Thomas Lenan, farmer, June 1823.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	Upwards of 60. Teaches reading &c., Arithmetic and Book-keeping. Educated at Rhode, Kings Co.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male	Average last 3 months, 21. All Roman Catholics.

	Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Average last winter, no scholars, owing to sickness of Master.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Avery Summer 1823, 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	7 can read. Taught to read in from 5 to 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	Income about £3 per annum, from payments of the scholars. Rate per quarter 1s. 8d.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School-house, one Room 21 feet by 10 feet. Furniture a few bad seats – clay wall – Thatched – probable expence [sic] £4. Built by Messrs. James O'Brien and Thomas Lenan, Farmers.
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	With 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	None.

	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	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	Books – Primers &c. Universal spelling book – Gough's Arithmetic, Dowlings's Book-keeping, Roman Catholic Catechisms; No Scripture.
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	None.

	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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7. Fan

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Fan
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	Patrick Brennan. First opened 1824. January 5 th . 7 Days per week – to be continued the whole 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	Roman Catholic. Appointed by Revd. James Colgan.
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	Age about 40. Character good – teaches reading &c., Arithmetic and Book-keeping. Educated at Athboy, Co. Meath.
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	Average 3 mo[nths] past, 20. All Roman Catholics.
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Average last Winter, 20.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Average Summer 1823. P. Brennan taught 60 near his present school, but in the Townland of Drimcooley.

8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	10 can read – learn to read in 6 to 9 months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Income about £3 per annum and from the scholars alone. Rate per quarter 1s. 8d.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School-house – one Room – 20 feet by 12 feet. Furniture a few seats of a very bad description. Clay wall – thatched. Probable expence [sic] of building it about £4. Rented by 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 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	With 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	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	Primers – spelling-books, Robinson Crusoe, Death of Abel, a small Natural History of Birds.
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.	None.

8. Drimcooley

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Drimcooley
2	State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	Michael Somers. Opened 1818. 6 Days. Whole 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	Roman Catholic. Appointed by James Delaney, farmer, in May last.
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	Age 26. Teaches Reading &c., Arithmetic and Book-keeping. Educated at Eglis, King's Co.
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	Average numbers 3 mo[nths] past, 15. 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	12 can read – learn to read from 6 to 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	Income from Stipend paid to Master, about £6. Quarterly 1s. 8d. to 3s. 3d.

10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	School-house – one room – 13 feet by 12 feet. Furniture – a Table and a few seats of a bad description – clay wall – thatched – probable cost £2.10. Built by James Delany.
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	With 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	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	Spelling-books – Scott's and Enfield's Speaker, Life of Jacob, History of Joseph and Roman Catholic Catechisms (Scripture not read), Murray's Grammar, Anson's Voyages.

	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.	No interference in Religion.