

	Transcription of School Return, 1824 Kildare & Rathangan
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Extreme length of the Parish, nearly 10 miles. Extreme breadth of ditto, about 5 do.
Computed Number of Acres in the Parish, 14,064 acres.

1. Kildare Town

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Kildare Town.
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 McCrone; opened in 1817; held every day, Sunday excepted; short 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	Protestant.
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 32 years; moral character as far as I know of my own personal knowledge; has a good knowledge of Classics, Writing & Arithmetic. Educated at Tralee.
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 – 8 Females – 3 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 7 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 4
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	11
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	11
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	Nearly all read; can teach to read in 6 & 12 mo[nth]s.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Annual income arises out of the payments of the scholars at 7s. 6d. & 20s. a quarter; has a salary for being Clerk in the church and for a school, but where that school exists, I don't know. It is not that of wh[ich] this is a return.
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	A room forming part of his dwelling house; about 15 feet square; pays a yearly rent; slated house; desks & forms in the school; accommodations good.

	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	Not connected with any Association that I know of.
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 special or fixed inspector.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	Books of a literary & moral character; Speakers; Histories of Rome & England; spelling books; no Testaments, Old or New, of any version. Books procured by 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	Under this head is to be observed generally that I have never known any steps to have been taken in any of the schools of this Parish to induce Roman

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.	Catholics to become Protestants or Protestants to become Roman Catholics. As to the Schools now in existence in this Parish, whatever encrease [sic] or decrease of Pupils may have taken place in them, is only to be attributed to those causes that operate upon Country Schools in general, namely in Winter, bad clothing, in Spring and Summer, a supply or deficiency of many to pay for Education, and occasionally, the encrease [sic] or Relaxation of the Business of the Season. From the difference in the number of Children that attend the Sunday Schools and those that attend the daily schools, in which they are obliged to pay, it must appear to his Majesty's Commissioners that a great majority of the children of this Parish are disposed of the ordinary means of Education; and this not owing to an indifference in the children or their parents for education but from a want of means. Exertions have been made to erect a general Free School without any religious distinction; these exertions had been for a while successful, but for want of a fund or means, they again feel away, the neighbourhood of Kildare being perhaps one of the poorest in Leinster. It has often been a subject of keen regret with the writer of these observations that such a number of children and most of them gifted with fine talents, should be left in ignorance while the State under which they live professed a knowledge of that ignorance and to have the means of removing it, and yet placed the means of removing it beyond their reach. In order that the Grant given by Government for the education of the poor of Ireland may be available for its avowed purpose, the writer respectfully submits to his Majesty's Commissioners the following plan; let the Bible cease to be a School Book, for I think its Divine Author never intended it as such; let the religious instruction, necessarily forming a part of the daily School Business, be confided to the direction of the respective Pastors of the Children and to the Persons and times appointed by them; let the Teachers be of the Religion of the majority of the Children and approved by their respective Pastors and a lay Inspector; let the Teachers have regular fixed Salaries according to the
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		quantity of duty to be performed, and their conduct to be reported on quarterly by the two above named inspectors; and finally, let some of the Bishops [or] Clergy form part of the Committee for the Education of the Poor; if this were done our poor People w[oul]d feel an [interest in] the State which indeed they do not feel at present and the State too an equal interest in them. They w[oul]d learn to [cultivate] their Talents with which they may be gifted by nature, (and she is not illiberal to Irishmen), and thus be enabled to move in some of those departments which a powerful State never fails to hold open to the Man, the Citizen, and the Christian. But if this Plan, or some other like it, be not adopted then the Parish Priest of Kildare will have to lament that upwards of twelve hundred children under his spiritual jurisdiction have been rejected by the State as unworthy its care, and left to seek a precarious Education by means equally degrading to the State and to human nature, and which when so obtained, it will be hard to determine whether it be a Blessing or a Curse. N.B. From the Report of a School kept in Rathangan consisting of a small number of female children kept by a Lady in that Town, I applied at the School or that wh[ich] was reputed to be it, and c[oul]d find no Person in it.
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2. Kildare Town

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Kildare Town.
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 Cassidy; opened in 1810; held every day, Sunday and Holiday excepted.
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	Aged 36 years; educated in the neighbourhood; moral character; regular & competent to preside over this school; can teach some mathematics.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male	Males – 25 Females – 15 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 3

	Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	- Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 37
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	40
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 in 20 can read; can teach to read from 6 to 12 mo[nths].
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	No income but from the payments of the scholars; from 2s. 6d. to 5s. 5s. per quarter; and this paid irregularly and defectively.
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 Room in a rented dwelling house; about 15 feet square; accommodations rather good; mud walls & 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	Not connected with any 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 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 fixed superintendent.

13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	Books provided by the scholars of a literary & moral character, few & simple; Fenning's Spelling Book, Primers, 4 Archb[ishop]'s' Catechism; & taught to the Catholic children every day; no Bibles.
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 answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

3. Kildare Town

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Kildare Town.
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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	John Leeson; has held school in diff[eren]t Houses in the Parish since 1816; every day, Sundays & Holy days excepted.
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	Aged 33 years; good moral character; can teach the ordinary business of a school, also the entire course of mathematics.
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 – 21 Females – 9 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 1 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics – 29
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Not then held.
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Not then held.
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	12 in 20 can read; can teach in 6 & 12 mo[n]ths.
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 as above; from 2s. 2d. to 11s. 4½d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	House 15 feet long by 12 feet broad; mud walls & thatched; very middling accommodations; £10 w[oul]d build such a one.
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	Not connected with any Association.

	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	No fixed Inspector.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	Books as in the last school; no Bibles of any version.
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 answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

	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. Kildare Town

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Kildare Town.
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	Denis Murphy; is holding School in the Parish 20 years; present School since 1817; every day save Sundays & Holidays.
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	Aged 70 years; good moral character; can teach reading, writing & arithmetic; educated in Dublin.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	Males – 15 Females – 12 Protestants - Of the Established Church - - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 27
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	38
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 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	10 in 20 can read; can teach to read in 6 & 12 mo[nth]s.
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 payments of the scholars from 2s. 2d. to 5s. [5d?] per quarter; was paid a salary of 20 Gui[nea]s a year, but discontinued this 3 years.
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	House 27 feet long by 15 broad; given free of Rent by the Convent of this Town; accommodations good.

	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	Not connected with any 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 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 fixed Inspector.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	Books as in the last School; no Bibles of any version. Some spelling & reading lessons [hung] by the wall <u>bought</u> at Kildare Place but now in disuse.
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman	[The answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

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

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Kildare Town.
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. Ravenhill; holding school in different Houses in the Parish since 1813, Sundays & Holidays excepted.
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	Aged 60 years; good moral character; teaches only to spell and read; educated in Fethard, Tipperary.
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 – 25 Females – 15 Protestants - Of the Established Church - - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics – 40
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	50
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	56
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	12 in 20 can read; can teach to read in 6 & 12 mo[nth]s.

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 the payments of the children at 2 & 3 pence per week, & this paid irregularly & defectively.
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	House about 12 feet square; mud walls & thatched; Six Pounds w[oul]d build such a one; pays rent; very middling 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	Not connected with any 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 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 fixed Inspector.
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	Spelling Books; Primers; Catechism by the 4 Archb[ishop]s, taught every day; no Bibles.

	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 answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

6. Rathangan Town

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Rathangan Town.
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 Gaven; is teaching in the Parish in dif[feren]t Houses since 1816; every day save Sundays & Hol[iday]s.
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	Aged 42 years; good moral character; can teach reading, writing, arithmetic & some mathe[matic]s; educated at Baltinglass.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male Female	Males – 13 Females – 5 Protestants - Of the Established Church - - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations -

	Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	Roman Catholics – 18
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	32
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	10 in 20 can read; teaches to read in 6 & 12 mo[nth]s.
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 the precarious payments of the Scholars at 2s. 6d. & 6s. 8d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	House 13 feet by 11 – six pounds w[oul]d build as good; pays Rent; accommodations middling.
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 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 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 fixed Inspector.
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	Scott's Lessons; Spelling Books; 4 Archb[ishop]'s' Catechism, taught every day; no Bibles.
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 answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

7. Rathangan Town

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Rathangan Town.
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	Thomas Cronly; commenced in 1821; every day, Sunday & Holidays excepted.

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	Aged 40 years; good moral character; qualified for the ordinary business of a school; educated in this neighbourhood.
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 – 15 Females – 9 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 1 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics – 23
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	24
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	10 in 20 can read; teaches to read in 6 & 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 as in the last School; from 2s. 2d. to 3s. 9d. per quarter; not paid by some.
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	Room in his dwelling House 15 feet by 14; pays rent for the House; very poor 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	Not connected with any Association.
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, -	No certain visitor.

	and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	Books as in the last 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	[The answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

	observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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8. Rathangan Town

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Rathangan Town.
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 Powell; opened in 1820; every day; Sundays [].
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	Protestant.
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 30 years; good moral character; teaches only to spell & read.
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 – 7 Females – 11 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 13 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 5
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	18
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	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	One half read; can teach to read in 6 & 12 mo[nth]s.
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 the Payments of the children 11s. 4½d. per quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	Room about 12 feet square; part of his dwelling house; pays rent for it; decent accommodations.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions,	Not connected with any Association that I know of.

	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	No certain visitor.
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	Speakers; Imitation of Christ; Spelling Book; no Scripture of any version.
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 answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

	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. Rathangan Town

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Rathangan Town.
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 Keeffe; opened 1817; every day, Sundays & Holydays excepted.
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	Aged 30 years; good moral character; teaches only to spell & read.
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 – 5 Females – 12 Protestants - Of the Established Church - - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics – 17
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	14
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	17
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	One half read; taught to read in 6 & 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	Income from the payments of the children 2s. 2d. to 3s. 3d. per quarter; badly paid.

	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	House, part of it a dwelling; 10 feet by 12; £20 w[oul]d built it; rest as above [see answer to question 10, School 8].
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 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 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 certain visitor.
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	Scott's Lessons; Spelling Books; Catechism taught every day; no Bibles.

	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 answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

10. Mount Prospect

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Mount Prospect, Townsland Mt. Prospect.
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 Walsh; opened in 1812; every day, Sunday & [Holydays excepted].
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	Aged 27 years; good character; qualified to teach the ordinary business of a school; educated Co. Wexford.
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 – 39 Females – 26 Protestants - Of the Established Church - - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics - 65
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	65

7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	65
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	14 in 20 read; teach to read in 6 & 12 mo[nth]s.
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 payments of [the] scholars from 2s. 2d. to 11s. 4½d. per quarter; sometimes not paid all.
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	House 36 feet by 10; £12 w[oul]d build such a one; was built by the Farmers of the Neighbourhood; bad 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	Not connected with any 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 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 fixed visitor.
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	Speakers; Scott's Lessons; Spelling Books; Imitation of Christ; Think Well On't; Catechism taught every day, no Bibles.

	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.	[The answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

11. Coolelan

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Coolelan; Townsland same name.
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 Corcoran; opened in 1816; every day save Sunday & Holidays.
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	Aged 45 years; good character; teaches reading, writing and arithmetic; educated in the neighbourhood.

	she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and 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	Males – 40 Females – 30 Protestants - Of the Established Church - - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics – 70
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	47
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	14 in 20 read; teaches to read in 6 & 12 mo[nth]s.
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 the payments of the children, from 1s. 8d. to 5s. per quarter; paid irregularly & defectively.
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	House 18 feet long by 12 broad; Six Pounds w[oul]d build such a one; wretched 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	Not connected with any 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	No fixed visitor.

	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	Speakers; Murray's Reader; Spelling Books; Imitation of Christ; Catechism taught every day, no Bibles.
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 answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

12. Bo[n]ekill

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Bo[n]ekill, Townsland same name.
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 Martin; opened in 1820; every day save Sundays & Holidays.
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	Aged 70 years; good character; teaches reading, writing & arithmetic; not too well qualified, therefore, not approved of.
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 – 6 Females – 5 Protestants - Of the Established Church - - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics – 11
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	20
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	Half the no. 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 from 2d. to 3d. 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	Room, in a dwelling house, 13 feet by 11; £10 w[oul]d build such a one; poor 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	Not connected with any Association.

	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	No fixed visitor.
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	Spelling Books; Primers; Catechisms; no Bibles.
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	[The answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

	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. Glenaree

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Glenaree; Townsland same name.
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 Keenan; opened in 1819; every day save Sundays & Holidays.
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	Aged 21 years; good character; teaches reading, writing & arithmetic; educated at Nenagh.
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 – 12 Females – 8 Protestants - Of the Established Church - 2 - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics – 18
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	20
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	Half the no. 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 from 2s. 2d. to 5s. per quarter from the scholars; badly paid.
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	House about 12 feet square; £6 w[oul]d build such a one; accommodations wretched.

	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	Not connected with any 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 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 fixed visitor.
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	Spelling Books; Primers; Catechisms; no Bibles.

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 answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].
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14. Kildare Sunday School

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Kildare Sunday School.
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	On the Sundays & Holidays 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	Teachers are 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	Excellent moral 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 – 289 Females – 255 Protestants - Of the Established Church - - Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics – 544
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	500
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	686
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.	One half read.

	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	No Salaries or Gratuities.
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	Parish Chapel.
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	Teachers form a Society in themselves.
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	Under the superintendence [sic] of the P[arish] Priest and his Curate.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Always.
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	Four Archbishops' Catechism; Abridgment of the Xtian [Christian Doctrine].

	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.	[The answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

15. Rathangan Sunday School

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Rathangan Sunday School.
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	Sundays & Holidays 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	Teachers are 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	Excellent moral character.
5	State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return: Male	Males – 165 Females – 159 Protestants - Of the Established Church -

	Female Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations Roman Catholics	- Presbyterians – - Of other denominations - Roman Catholics – 324
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	300
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	450
8	State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read	One half 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	No Salaries or Gratuities.
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	Parish Chapel.
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	Teachers form a Society.
12	State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days	Under the superintendence [sic] of the PP [Parish Priest] & his Curate.

13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Always.
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	Four Archbishops' Catechism; Abridgment [of the Christian Doctrine].
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 answer to question 15, School 1, applies generally in this parish].

* In the Roman Catholic Church, Kildare & Rathangan form but one Parish.

Sworn by Patrick Brennan before John Cassidy, a Magistrate of the County of Kildare residing at Monasterevan on 28th August 1824.

Patrick Brennan, Roman Catholic Parish Priest

Michael Nowlan, Curate

30th August 1824