

	Transcription of School Return, 1824 Monasterevan
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1. Monasterevan

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Hanly, Monasterevan Townland, Monasterevan
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 Hanly opened in February 1816; is held on six days in each week throughout the year, with one week's vacation at Easter and two 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	A Protestant of the Established Church; was appointed by the Revd. Charles Moore in November 1815.
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 is 31 years of age; is an English and Mercantile scholar; of good character; was educated in Limerick; spent some time in the Seminary at Kildymond in said County for the purpose of being trained.
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 33 Females 15 Protest[ant]s 38 Catholics 10
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	44
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	49
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	Twelve in 20 can read; the time generally taken to teach a child to read is about 12 months.

	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	Income for year ending 31 st March, £38.18.1 paid as follows. Revd. Charles Moore, £3; Association for Discountenancing Vice, £6; private subscription, £7 10s. The balance was paid by the Children varying from 11s. 4½d. to 2s. 2d. per Quarter for each.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	The School is held in an upper room of the Market house conveniently fitted up with Desks and forms for Scholars, Master's Desk, and Lockup Drawer. It is built with lime and stone; well lighted and slated in; can't ascertain the cost of building; the schoolroom is 41 feet long by 18 in breadth. The late Marquis of Drogheda built the Market house. The schoolroom is given gratis.
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 the Association for Discountenancing Vice &c since its establishment, the rules of which have been adhered to, namely, "that the Scriptures shall be read by the Scholars without Note or Comment."
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	The only regular visitor is the Patron, the Revd. C. Moore, who has not any regular days for visiting. He requires all the children who are capable to read the Testament. I have interfered no further than as stated in the preceding column but am determined to have the RC [Roman Catholic] children withdrawn from the School should the reading of the Scripture be enforced.

	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	Ever since its establishment.
14	Enumerate every book and printed paper, of every description, which is or has been read, taught, or in any way used, either for amusement or instruction, within the school, at the time of making this return, or within 6 months previous to it, so far as you can learn – and state – from what sources, and in what manner, and at whose expense they have been supplied. In case the Scriptures are used, state whether it is the Bible at large, or the New Testament alone – whether the translation used to be that of the Established Church, or the Douay Version – how many copies of each are used in the school at the period of making the return – what was the greatest number of each at any period within the 6 months next preceding, (as far as you can learn) - and state any causes which may have led to the increased or diminished use of them within the school	
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the	

	people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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2. Monasterevan Townland, Monasterevan

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Monasterevan Townland, Monasterevan
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 Costigan. School opened in April 1820; continues throughout the year with vacation at Easter & Christmas; observes 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	A Roman Catholic, appointed by Robert Cassidy, Esq., in January 1820.
4	State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where	The Master is 25 years of age, of good character, teaches Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Mensuration &c; was educated in the Parish, and has been trained in the Model School of the Kildare St Society.
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 17 Protest[ants] 9 R[oman] Catholics 48
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	44
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	82

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	Fourteen in 20 can read; a child of ordinary capacity can read by attending regularly for nine 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 for 1823 £49.12.6 paid as follows viz. subscription £34.2.6; gratuity from Kildare St Society £7 10s.; Children's payment, £8. The rate of payment varying from 3d. to one penny per week which was the current charge, and where the parents could not afford this same, the children are 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	The School house had been formerly a Granary; it is conveniently filled up with writing desks and forms for Scholars, Desk for Master, Book Shelves and Lockup Press. It is built with Lime and Stone, and slated in. It is 62 feet long by 15 f[ee]t 6 i[nc]hes in breadth. Can't ascertain the expense of building a similar House. The School is held on the loft. The Kildare St. Society gave £5 towards fitting up. Revd. Mr Murphy is an annual subscriber.
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 the Education Society in Kildare St. connexion [sic] was formed in 1820. The system of instruction recommended by them has been faithfully observed by the Master. The Testament was not read in the manner the Society require and it is contrary to the discipline of the Catholic Church and prohibited by the Roman Catholic Prelate of his Diocese, but a selection from the Scripture published by the Society has been in general use among the children.
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	Robert Cassidy Esq., a gentleman of respectability in this neighbourhood is Patron. The Visitors are numerous and highly respectable. The school is open for the inspection of persons of all ranks and persuasions having no stated days or times. I have

	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	allowed the Master on certain occasions to have the Douay version of the New Testament read by the senior class under his inspection.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Since 1820.
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	Selection from the Scriptures, Arithmetic, Spelling, Reading and lending Library Books, Marks and Merit tickets as published and supplied by the Kildare St. Society. Dowling's, Jackson's & Jennings' Bookkeeping, Gough's, Voster's, Walkingame's and Whyte's Arithmetic, Gibson's Surveying, Scott's Lessons, Old English Baron, Topography of Ireland, Carpenter's Spelling Book, Entick's Dictionary, and RC [Roman Catholic] & Church of England Catechisms supplied by the Master and the parents of the children. There are six copies of the Douay Version of the New Testament <u>always</u> in the School. They are only used in order to entitle the Master to the Gratuity awarded by said Society to those Teachers when they consider worthy.
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general	

	observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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3. Derryaghta

Patron, Revd. John Bagot.

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Derryaghta, Townland Derryaghta.
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	Martin Dowling, opened 1 st March 1819; continues throughout the year on six days of the week, occasional holidays excepted; 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	Roman Catholic appointed by the Revd. John Bagot in 1819.
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	Is 31 years of age, of good Character, teaches Writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping & the lower branches of Mathematics; was educated in the Parish of Suncroft, Co. Kildare, and trained in Kildare Place.
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 54 Females 23 Protest[ants] 3 R[oman] Cath[olics] 74
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	60
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	72
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	Fifty two in 77 can read dissyllables perfectly; teaches to read in 12 months.

9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Income for 1823 £22.12.2 Rev. J. Bagot £2.5.6 Gratuity from Kildare St[reet] Society £10.0.0 Children's payment £10.6.8 [Total] £22.12.2 Charge from 2s. to 1s. 3d. 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	A plain House of lime & stone well lighted and thatches, about 37 feet long, 13 broad. It is built on a Cutaway Bog conveniently fitted up with Desks and forms, Bookshelves to accommodate 70 Scholars. The expense of building on <u>this site</u> amounts to <u>£51.11.5½</u> paid as follows: Kildare St. Society £30.0.0 Rev. P. Murphy £1.0.0 Rev. J. Bagot £0.10.0 Martin Dowling (Master) £19.3.0 Local Subscriptions <u>£0.18.5½</u> £51.11.5½ Built in 1823 the Desks &c belonged to a former School in this neighbourhood and were supplied at the expense of the Kildare Street Society.
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	With the Kildare St Society as before stated; the rules are adhered to, with the exception of the reading of the Scriptures, which are only occasionally read by the Senior Class under the inspection of the Master in order to entitle him to the Gratuity awarded by the Kildare St Society to those Teachers whom they consider worthy.

	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	Rev. J. Bagot, Patron, Revd. P. Murphy & Rev. P. Morris, RC [Roman Catholic] Pastors; no superintendence exercised by the Priests farther than as stated above in (11). Rev. J. Bagot latterly has insisted upon the Reading of the Scriptures; no regular days for visitors.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Since its establishment in 1819.
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	Selection from the Scriptures, Spelling, Reading & Library books as published & supplied by the Kildare St. Society. Six Treatises on Arithmetic and 2 on Bookkeeping supplied by the Children. There are four copies of the Douay Testament always in the School. Six was the greatest number at any former period. The express disapprobation of the Revd. P. Murphy to the use of the Sacred Scriptures as a Class Book will account for the diminished use of them.
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or	

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

Patron, Rev. John Bagot

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Borbawn, Townland Harristown
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 Kelly; opened 15 March 1821, is held on six days of the week throughout the year, with a few days' vacation at Easter & Christmas.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	Roman Catholic; appointed by the Rev. J. Bagot in June 1820.
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	About 25 years of age, of good character, teaches Writing, Arithmetic & Bookkeeping, was educated formerly near Rathangan, and since at Monasterevan in Co. Kildar, and trained in Kildare Place.
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	Males 18 Females 14 Protest[ants] [0] R[oman] Cath[olics] 32

	Roman Catholics	
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	24
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	36
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	Eight in 20 <u>can read</u> ; teaches to read in 12 Months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Total <u>income</u> for 1823, £14. The Incumbent of Harristown pays £4 annually; Gratuity from the Kildare St Society £5; Children's pay[men]ts £5. Charges from 2s. 6d. to 1s. 3d. Per Quarter. In addition, he has 2¼ Acres of Moorland & Turbary from Rev. J. Bagot value £3.7.6 per year, on an average.
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 plan Mud Wall thatched building well lighted, 35 feet long, 13 broad, with Desks and forms for Scholars. The Archdeacon of Kildare, the Kildare St Society, and a few local subscribers were at the charge of building; £30 might build such a House with like materials.
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 the Kildare St Society since its establishment. The Rules are not deviated from, except with regard to the reading of the Testament, which is regulated in the same manner and for the same purpose as stated above for Derryaghta.
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	Revd. John Bagot (the Patron) & Col. Bagot sometimes visit; they exercise no prerogative.

	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	Since its opening.
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	Lending Library, Spelling & Reading Books, Scripture Lessons, Arithmetic, Tablets &c as supplied by the Kildare St Society; Gough & Voster's Arithmetic by the children; one Bible and one Testament of the English version by Rev. J. Bagot.
15	State whether any steps have been taken in the school, by whom, at what time, and in what manner to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants, or Protestants to become Roman Catholics - state fully your observations as to any increase, diminution, or secession of pupils, which has taken place, either within the present year, or at any period, during the last few years – the causes to which such are to be attributed – the mode in which they have been effected – your opinion as to the probability of their being permanent – the sentiments and dispositions of the people as to the attendance of their children at the school – the extent and	

	degree to which any endeavours to induce such increase or diminution have been successful or otherwise – and any further general observations which you may deem it expedient to offer.	
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5. Ballynague

[Patron], Rev. J. Bagot

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Ballynague, Townland Ballynague.
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	Charles Fanning; opened 31 March 1822; held throughout the year (except Sundays & Holidays) with a few Days' vacation at Easter & 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	A Roman Catholic appointed by the Revd. Jno. Bagot in Nov[embe]r 1821.
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	About 26 years; of moral character; was educated in Naas, Co. Kildare; teaches Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic; was trained in Kildare Place.
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 20 Females 16 Protest[ants] 4 Cath[olics] 32
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Winter 42
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Summer 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.	One half the attendants can read, teaches to read <u>well</u> in 15 months.

	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	Income for 1823, £19.10.0. A Gratuity of £7.10 from Kildare St Society; children's payment £12; charges varying from 2s. 6. to 1s. 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	Mud Wall, thatched building, 47 feet by 14 furnished with Desks and forms for Scholars & Master. Cost about £56 to bring it to its present state, built from the funds of Kildare St Society, with a trifling local sub[scriptio]n.
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 the Kildare St Society, the rules of which are strictly adhered to, as stated <u>by the Master</u> .
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. John Bagot (Patron) and Revd. P. Murphy occasionally visit; Mr Bagot requires the Scriptures to be read, which the R[oman] Catholic Clergyman prohibits.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Mr Bagot latterly enforced the reading of the Scriptures.

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 Scripture lessons, Spelling, Reading and lending Library Books are supplied by the Kildare St Society; Gough & Voster's Arithmetic and copies of the English Version of the New Testament.
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.	

6. Ballykelly

Patron, Revd. John Bagot

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Ballykelly, Townland Ballykelly.
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 Horton opened in May 1822; continues throughout the year on six days of the week; two weeks' vacation at Christmas and one at Easter.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	A Protestant; appointed by Revd. Joshua D'Arcy, Rector of the Parish of Lacka in which the School is situate, in January 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	Aged 36 years; of good Character; is an English scholar; was educated in Mountmellick, Queens Co.; and trained in Kildare Place.
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 7 Protest[ants] 9 R[oman] Cath[olics] 4
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Winter 35
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Summer 44
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	Four in total (13) can read; teaches to read in 12 months.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	Income for 1823, £18.0.0. Revd. Joshua D'Arcy pays £10 annually; Mrs. Stephens, one acre of land, value one pound free; Gratuity from Kildare St Society £3; Children's pay[men]t £4. Charge 1s. 1d. per Quarter.
10	Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of	A plain little Stone house, thatched, with Desks & forms for Scholars, Master's

	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	Desk and lock up Press &c; 39 feet by 14, the expense of building at present might be £50. Kildare St. Society gave £36.15.0, local subscribers the remainder. The Rector built a dwelling house for the Master.
11	State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was 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	In connexion [sic] with the Kildare St Society since it opened. I cannot say whether the rules of this Society have been complied with. The Master at my request has instructed the RC [Roman Catholic] children in the Catechism.
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	Rev. John Bagot (Patron); Revd. Joshua D'Arcy and Revd. P. Murphy occasionally visit having no stated days. There has been no interference on my part further than prohibiting the use of the Scriptures by the RC [Roman Catholic] children as a School book.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Since its establishment.
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	Scripture lessons, Dublin Spelling & Reading Books, Library books as published & supplied by the Kildare St Society; there are 4 Testaments of E[nglish] Version.

	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 decrease in this school I ascribe to the objection the Roman Catholic poor have of placing their children under the Tuition of a teacher of a different religion added to the reported inattention of the Master.

General answer to Query 15th for Ballynague, Derryaghta, Borbawn & Ballybracken

The decrease in these Schools I ascribe to the general depression of the times, and the usual hurry of business at this Season, and as the Rev. J. Bagot, the Patron, has latterly insisted upon the Sacred Scriptures being read by the Childre, the consquence will be that in future no Catholic Children will attend, of whom almost exclusively the Schools are composed.

Answer to Query 15th for (Costigan's School), No. 2, Monasterevan

The decrease in this School I attributed to the falling off of the Subscribers, which enabled the Master to teach the Children generally for one penny per Week. He was in consequence obliged to raise the Charge for Tuition; and I consider that there will be no great increase if any till the Master is enabled by a Salary to teach the Children of the poor upon the former terms.

Answer to Query 15th for Monasterevan School, No. 1

Together with the general remarks, as returned to the Commissioners of Inquiry -

I am not aware that any direct steps have been taken to induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants or Protestants to become Catholics. The decrease in R[oman] Catholic Pupils in this School I attributed in a great measure to the interference of the Parish Clergyman of the Established Church, who about two years past endeavoured to oblige the Roman Catholic Scholars to read the Sacred Scriptures without note or comment under a Protestant Master and his assistant, also a Protestant. He asserted & still asserts, that this was and is, a material regulation of the Society with which this School is in connexion [sic] and must be complied with.

I am of opinion that while such influence is exercised, the parents of the RC [Roman Catholic] children will never permit them to attend such Schools, nor do I think the RC [Roman Catholic] Clergymen consistent with the discipline of their Church can allow it. I am further of opinion that tho[ugh] anxious, the RC [Roman Catholic] Clergy, and parents of the Children may be for their education, they still look on interference of this nature with distrust and as an attempt at Proselytism, or at least that it tends to make bad Roman Catholics of the Children; and of course, neither can suffer the children to attend where such attempts are made. I also consider that as long as the Kildare St Society perseveres in their determination of having the Sacred Scriptures used as a School book and withhold assistance from those Schools in which they are not read: so long will a vast number of the poor of these parishes (in consequence of their great distress) remain in ignorance, which I will have to deplore while their Pastor, as it will be the cause of much additional anxiety and labour to me and to my assistants. If the Children of the Roman Catholic poor were placed under the Tuition of Catholic Masters paid out of the Public Funds granted for their Education the poor of Ireland in as short time would in my opinion be a well-informed people. The conveying of Religious instruction to the RC [Roman Catholic] Children should be regulated by their Pastors, and the Roman Catholic teachers under their direction, and the Protestant children by theirs in the following manner.

Where the majority of the Children may be R[oman] Catholics let the Master be a Roman C[atholic] and the assistant a Protestant; and when the Protestant children are most numerous let the Master be a Protestant and the assistant a Catholic. If circumstances permit, let there be separate apartments for the Religious instruction of both after School-hours, by their respective Teachers. If the above accommodations cannot be procured, let them have the School room alternately, that is to say, let the RC [Roman Catholics] have it one evening in the absence of the Protestants and vice versa.

7. Nurney

Patron, R[igh]t Rev. Doctor Doyle

1	State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland	Nurney, townland Nurney
2	State the name of the Mater or Mistress – at what time the school was first	Martin Moore commenced 10 th June 1823; is held on six days of the Week throughout the year; observes Holidays;

	opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held	gives vacation of a few days at Easter and Christmas.
3	State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when	Roman Catholic; appointed by the Rev. P. Murphy, PP [parish priest], Monasterevan, with the approbation of Doctor Doyle at the above period.
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 41 years, of good Character, was educated in Kilkenny and Tipperary, teaches reading, writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, English Grammar and Mensuration. Mrs. Moore teaches fancy needlework.
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 27 Females 25 Protest[ants] 1 Catholics 51
6	State the average number of pupils during the last winter	Winter 27
7	State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823	Summer 14
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	Fourteen in 20 can read; teaches to read in 9 months generally.
9	State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them	The total annual income is about £26, £20 of which is paid by the Children. The Master has a house and land value about £6, the rent of which is paid by subscription. Doctor Doyle is an annual subscriber; Rev. P. Murphy also subscribes; the Children pay from 6s. 8d. to 2s. 2 d. 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	A thatched House built with Stone, 27 feet long, 13 broad. It was built b the late Revd. John Robinson, then PP [parish priest]. Doctor Doyle subscribed £20 towards purchasing suitable Desks, forms &c and the Revd. P. Murphy, £2.

	also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed	There was a local subscription to a trifling amount for same purpose. The cost of building might be £40.
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	In connexion [sic] with no Society &c &c.
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, Right Revd. Doctor Doyle; visitors Revd. P. Murphy, Revd. P. Morrin & Colonel Bagot occasionally. There is no interference on their part, further than to see that the Master discharges his duty towards the Children under his care.
13	State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column	Since its establishment.
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	Primer, Reading Made Easy, Universal Spelling Book, Gough & Voster's Arithmetic & Roman Catholic Catechism, all supplied by the Children.

	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.	

I consider it unnecessary to enter into details of the Holy Schools in these parishes or of the Schools not connected with any of the Public Institutions; there being no information of any importance contained in the statement. The most prominent feature in these Schools is the miserable accommodation they afford the Pupils (the Schools being all conducted in the Teachers' dwelling Houses) and the trifling remuneration the Teachers receive for their trouble. No improper, or Book of immoral tendency was discovered in any of them. The teachers all (with the exception of James Dunne of Lacka) are persons of good Character. There were some reports prejudicial to his, in consequence of which he has since left the parish by order of Revd. P. Murphy.

John Costigan
Acting Sec[retary]

October 1824

NB The increase in some of these schools is to be ascribed to the influence of the respective Pastors and Patrons, and to the qualifications of the different teachers.

Schools which receive no assistance from any National Society that are wholly supported by the payment of Children

School	Teacher	Religion	Scholars				Income £ s d
			Male	Fem[ale]	Prot[estant]	Cath[olic]	
Gurteenooona	Patrick Brien	Catholic	36	17	3	50	34.2.6
New Row	Thomas McKiernan	Catholic	20	10	3	27	14.0.0
Monasterevan	Miss Flanagan	Catholic	2	23	5	20	32.11.18
Fasagh	Eleanor Lynch	Catholic	16	9	2	23	10.16.8
Ballykelly	James Murphy	Catholic	18	12	2	28	20.0.0
Grange-beg	Anne Mason	Catholic	2	7	3	6	1.2.9
Doneany	Mrs. Boyce	Catholic	6	10	0	16	3.0.0
Watterstown	William Halpin	Catholic	20	10	0	30	15.0.0
Nurney	Martin Moore	Catholic	27	24	1	50	26.0.0
Oghill	Bridget McEvoy	Catholic	7	3	0	10	2.10.0
Derrylea	Patrick Walsh	Catholic	8	4	0	12	4.10.0
Coolaferna	Mrs. Macnamara	Catholic	0	4	2	4	3.8.3
Harristown	Mrs. Nowlan	Catholic	2	6	1	5	1.14.1½
Lacka	James Dunne	Catholic	26	9	4	31	14.0.0
Monasterevan Classical	Chr[istopher] Hughes	Catholic	8	0	0	8	20.7.8
Monasterevan	Eliza Howe*	Protestant	7	23	21	9	10.6.8
Monasterevan Ladies Boarding	Mrs. Tourelle	Protestant	0	30	23	7	1200.0.0

For teaching 24 children * Mrs. Howe has a Salary of £6 per annum, £3 paid by Revd. C. Moore and £3 a bequest of one of the Loftus family who formerly resided at Monasterevan.

Abstract of Schools in these Parishes under the Patronage of Education Societies

School	Teacher	Religion	Scholars				Income £ s d	Societies
			Male	Fem[ale]	Prot[estant]	Cath[olic]		
Charter	Henry Moorhouse	Protestant	0	142	142	0	100.0.0	Incorporated Society
Market-House	John Hanly	Do.	33	15	38	10	38.18.1	Society for Dis[countenancing] Vice &c
Monasterevan	John Costigan	Catholic	40	17	9	48	49.12.6	Kildare St Society

Ballykelly	John Horton	Protestant	6	7	9	4	18.0.0	Do. Do.
Ballynague	Cha[le]s Fanning	Catholic	20	16	4	32	19.10.0	Do. Do.
Derryaghta	Martin Dowling	Do. Do.	54	23	3	74	22.12.2	Do. Do.
Borbawn	Michael Kelly	Do.	18	14	0	32	17.7.6	Do. Do.
Ballybracke n	Sutloffe Kelly	Protestant						Do. Do.
Monasterev an Female	Mary Morgan*	Do. D[o].	0	8	4	4	15.5.8 for 1823	Society for Disc[oun]ten ancin]g Vice

* This School is not returned in the Report made to the "Commissioners" as it was closed at that period waiting the appointment of a Mistress. It was formerly under the Patronage of Miss Bagot – Mrs. Charles Moore is now Patroness.

Sunday Schools

Schools	Patrons	Principal Teachers	Scholars			
			Males	Fem[ale s]	Prote[estant s]	Cath[oli c]
Market House	Revd. C. Moore	John Hanly	54	64	118	0
Monas[tereva]n Chapel	Rev. P. Murphy	John Costigan	260	240	0	500
Kildangan [Chapel]	Do. Do.	Martin Dowling	160	120	0	280
Nurney [Chapel]	Do. Do.	Martin Moore	120	80	0	200

NB The teachers are all Gratuitous.

Extreme length of the Parishes of Monasterevan & Kildangan, 11 miles.

Extreme length of [the Parishes of Monasterevan & Kildangan], 5 1/8 miles

Computed No. of Acres in both, 13,038.

Recapitulation

Day Schools under the Patronage of "Education Societies"	9
[Schools] under the immediate control of their respective Teachers	17
Sunday Schools	4

Total

30

Protestant Parishes included in the above two. Ballybracken – Lacka – Doneany – Harristown – Monasterevan – and Nurney.

	Males	Females	Total
R[oman] Catholic Teachers	12	7	19
Protestant [Teachers]	4	3	7
	16	10	26

Roman Catholic Day Scholars as returned to "Commissioners of Inquiry" - for last 3 months (May, June & July) 540

Protestants	Day Scholars	137	279
	Charter School (Foundlings)	142	

There are 91 Foundlings (not including Charter School Children) at Nurse, and 19 Apprentices entered on Protestant "Sunday School" Returns for this Parish (Monasterevan).

Transcribed for Revd. Pat[ric]k. Murphy

by John Costigan

October 1824

An account of the Number Baptized in the following years in the united Parishes of Monasterevan and Kildangan

In the year 1810	236
In the [year] 1811	244
In the [year] 1812	245
[In the year] 1813	305
In the year 1820	236
[In the year] 1821	240
[In the year] 1822	242
[In the year] 1823	269

Number of marriages as follows

In the year 1810	48
In the [year] 1811	33
In the [year] 1812	37
[In the year] 1813	51

In the year 1820	35
[In the year] 1821	29
[In the year] 1822	44
[In the year] 1823	43

Deaths for the year 1823 about 80.