

**Transcriber's Note:** Due to the structure of the return, the attribution of answers to question 15 to particular schools is uncertain.

One reply to question 15 has not been assigned to a school. It may relate to School 5 or 6. It reads:

'This school has been numerously attended these years past but has decreased since the new school opened, and particularly since the appointment of the Catholic assistant to said school.'

### 1. Coote Street, Mountrath

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| 1 | State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland                                                                                                                          | Coote Street, Mt. Rath.                                                                                                                            |
| 2 | State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held                                                             | Mary Fitzpatrick assisted by three enlightened females. Founded in May 1809; has continued from the above period without interruption.             |
| 3 | State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when                                                                                              | Roman Catholic; appointed by the late Right Revd. Doctor Delany 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                                              | Thirty-five years old; most excellent character; teaches reading, writing, arithmetic, plain and ornamental needle work; educated at Mt. Rath.     |
| 5 | State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return:<br>Male<br>Female<br>Protestants – of the Established Church;<br>Presbyterians; Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics | Males<br>Females – 85 average<br>Protestants<br>- Of the Established Church<br>- Presbyterians<br>- Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics - 85 |
| 6 | State the average number of pupils during the last winter                                                                                                                                                            | 40                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7 | State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823                                                                                                                                                        | 100                                                                                                                                                |
| 8 | State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read           | 40 in 85 can read; twelve months are required to teach a child to read.                                                                            |
| 9 | State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the                         | Annual income £6.0.0; the parents are for the most part paupers and the children taught gratis.                                                    |

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|    | scholars – and the rates of payment required from them                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 10 | Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The schoolrooms are commodious, lime and stone, slated. Probable cost to construct a similar ones [sic] £250; length 40 feet by 14. This house was built and endowed by the late Right Revd. Doctor Delany.     |
| 11 | State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | An Association or Confraternity of pious females [Brigidine Sisters] living under rules prescribed by the above mentioned Prelate formed by him at the period mentioned in No. 2 for the Education of the Poor. |
| 12 | State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | The Parish Priest and Curates of the Parish are the Patrons and occasional visitors.                                                                                                                            |
| 13 | State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | May 1809; the period of its being established.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 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 | Think Well On it; Introduction to a Devout Life; Letters of Madam du Maintenon; Scott's Lessons; One Hundred Charts; procured by the children's parents and Revd. Cornelius Dowling.                            |

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|    | 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. |  |

## 2. Coote Street, Mountrath

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| 1 | State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland                                                                                                                       | Coote Street, Mt. Rath.                                                                                                                    |
| 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 Woods; assisted by three religious men. Founded in May 1810; has continued since without interruption.                             |
| 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 Right Revd. Doctor Delany in 1810.                                                                        |
| 4 | State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where                                           | Fifty years old; an excellent character; well qualified to teach the Classics, reading, writing, Mathematics [&c]. Educated at Armagh.     |
| 5 | State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return:<br>Male<br>Female<br>Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics | Males – 80<br>Females<br>Protestants<br>- Of the Established Church<br>- Presbyterians<br>- Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics - 80 |
| 6 | State the average number of pupils during the last winter                                                                                                                                                         | 60                                                                                                                                         |

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| 7  | State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 80                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 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 in Eighty can read; twelve months are required to make them 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Annual income £30.0.0 per annum. Fifty children taught gratis in this school.                                                                                                                      |
| 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                                                                                                                                                      | Schoolrooms commodious; lime and stone. Probable cost to build similar ones £150. These Rooms were built under the Patronage of the late R[igh]t Revd. Dr. Delany and munificently endowed by him. |
| 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                                | A Confraternity of religious men [Patrician Brothers] associated for the Education of the poor of this Town and its vicinity.                                                                      |
| 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 | Patrons and visitors as above [see answer to question 12, School 1].                                                                                                                               |
| 13 | State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Established and superintended as above [see answer to question 13, School 1].                                                                                                                      |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Think Well on It, Natural History, Speaker, Reeves History of the Bible, Telemachus, Lives of Saints, Gobbinett's Instruction of Youth, Spelling Books, procured at the                            |

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|    | 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                                                                                                                                                                                        | parents' expense for the most part; others charitable donations. |
| 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. |                                                                  |

### 3. Main Street, Mountrath

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| 1 | State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland                                                              | Mountrath, Main St.                                                                                                                 |
| 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 | Henry Smith; Thomas English, assistant. Founded in June 1820; has continued without interruption.                                   |
| 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                                  | Master a Protestant; As[sistan]t a R[oman] Catholic; appointed by the Committee, the Master Feb[ruary] 1823, As[sistan]t July 1823. |
| 4 | State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or                                                                  | Master 30 years old; As[sistan]t 21 [years old]; good Characters; well qualified to                                                 |

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|    | she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | teach on the Lancasterian [sic] plan; Master trained at Kildare Place; Assistant at Mt. Rath.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5  | State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return:<br>Male<br>Female<br>Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Males – 90<br>Females<br>Protestants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Of the Established Church - 40</li> <li>- Presbyterians</li> <li>- Of other denominations</li> </ul> Roman Catholics - 40                                                                                                |
| 6  | State the average number of pupils during the last winter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 70                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7  | State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 74                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 8  | State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Forty three in ninety can read; fourteen months require to make children 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                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Annual income of the Master:<br>From Sir Erasmus Smith £30.0.0<br>Grant from E[ducation?] Society £15.0.0<br>From scholars about £10.0.0<br>Paid from 1d. to 2d. weekly<br>£55.0.0<br>From this sum, the Master pays a Mistress for the female school £5.0.0<br>As[sistan]t £10 per ann[um]<br>£50.0.0 |
| 10 | Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed                                                                                                                       | Schoolroom new and commodious; built of the best materials; probable cost to construct one of similar size about £500; 60 feet by 40; built from Government grants from Sir C. Coote and sundry subscribers.                                                                                           |
| 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 conjunction with Kildare Street Society from its commencement; rules strictly observed.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Committee of subscribers visit and superintend the school under the Patronage of Sir C.[A]. Coote, with the Parochial Clergy.                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|    | 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | June 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 | Vide, Catalogue of Education; Testaments E[stablished] Church, 12 copies; [Testaments] Douay, 20 [copies] with Lessons from the four Evangelists.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 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.                             | [See Transcriber's Note at the beginning of this document].<br><br>The system of Education pursued in this and the following schools under the Kildare, St. Association of making the Scriptures a reading book I cannot approve of under any circumstances. The danger of placing the sacred volumes in the hands of children, that require the strongest efforts of more matured minds to understand them is but too evident from the numerous sects to which the too familiar use of them has given birth. As government has appointed Commissioners to promote the Education of the poor of Ireland, I wish to direct their attention to three great obstacles, which have hitherto prevented the attainment of that desirable object: First, the indiscriminate use of the Scriptures; Secondly, the exclusion from |

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|  |  | schools of the Christian Doctrine and the other moral and religious tracts in which the morality of the Gospel, according to Catholic principles, is explained and inculcated; Thirdly, the appointment of Teachers to schools of a religious Creed different from that of the vast majority of those to be instructed by them. So long as these causes of loud and general complaint are allowed to exist they will prove insurmountable obstacles to the gracious designs of Government in bestowing upon the Irish any thing like a general and useful education. |
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#### 4. Main Street, Mountrath

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| 1 | State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland                                                                                                                       | Mountrath, [Main Street].                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 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                                                          | Margt. Wild, Mrs. [Mistress]; Jane Little, as[sistan]t; founded in June 1820; continues without interruption.                                                                                                                                                 |
| 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                                                                                           | Mrs. a Protestant; as[sistan]t R[oman] Catholic; appointed by a Committee, June 1824.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 4 | State the age, character, and qualifications of the Master or Mistress, and where he or she was educated, and whether trained in Kildare Place, or elsewhere, and where                                           | Mrs. 31 y[ea]rs; As[sistan]t 21 Do., good characters; well qualified; educated – Mrs. at Abbeyleix; as[sistan]t at Glenmalier, QC [Queen's County].                                                                                                           |
| 5 | State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return:<br>Male<br>Female<br>Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics | Males – 58 [It is possible that this figure should have been entered in terms of females rather than male pupils].<br>Females –<br>Protestants<br>- Of the Established Church - 29<br>- Presbyterians –<br>- Of other denominations -<br>Roman Catholics - 29 |
| 6 | State the average number of pupils during the last winter                                                                                                                                                         | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 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        | Twenty-two in fifty-eight can read; fourteen months required to read.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 9 | State the total annual income of the Master or Mistress – distinguishing salaries or annual gratuities, if any, and                                                                                               | Annual income of the Mrs:<br>From Lady Coote £10.0.0<br>From Master £5.0.0                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|    | from what sources they proceed – the income arising from payments by the scholars – and the rates of payment required from them                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Premium from ES [Education Society?] £7.10.0<br>[Total] £22.20.0<br><br>Assistant £10.0.0<br>From subscribers £6.10.0<br>From scholars £3.10.0                                                               |
| 10 | Describe the school-house – the nature of its accommodations – the materials of its construction – and the probable cost of constructing one of similar size and materials at present – State the length and breadth of the school-room – State also at whose expense, and out of what funds, the school-house was constructed                                                                                                                                                                              | Schoolroom excellent; built in the best manner; probable cost to build a similar one with apartments &c. £300.0.0. S[chool] room 40 feet by 20; spinning [room] 20 by 16. Part of above [that is, School 3]. |
| 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 conjunctions with the E[ducation] 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                         | Same as above [see question 12, School 3].                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 13 | State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | June 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 | Same as above [see question 14, School 3].                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|    | 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. | An evident encrease [sic] has taken place in this school of R[oman] Catholic children since the appointment of the Catholic assistant as the strong objection of Parents against committing [sic] the instruction of their children to a person of a different Religion was in some measure removed. |

### 5. Up Street, Mountrath

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| 1 | State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland                                                                             | Up Street, Mountrath.                                                                                                        |
| 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                | Patk. Galvin; Nov[ember] 1823; will continue for the year.                                                                   |
| 3 | State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when                                                 | R[oman] Catholic; app[oin]t[ed] by self.                                                                                     |
| 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 | 21 years old; good character; reading and writing, & arithmetic; at Mt. Rath [and 30].                                       |
| 5 | State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return:<br>Male<br>Female                                                            | Males – 18<br>Females – 12<br>Protestants<br>- Of the Established Church - 17<br>- Presbyterians<br>- Of other denominations |

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|    | Protestants – of the Established Church; Presbyterians; Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Roman Catholics - 13                                                                   |
| 6  | State the average number of pupils during the last winter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 00                                                                                     |
| 7  | State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 35                                                                                     |
| 8  | State the proportion of children in the school who can read – whether 2 in 20, 3 in 20, 4 in 20, or in what other proportion. State also the average time required in this school to teach a child to read                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 18 in 30 can read; [10] months required 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | £15 paid by the Parents.                                                               |
| 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                                                                                                                                                      | Lime & stone; good cabbin [sic]; rented from Serg[ean]t Wyrrell at 40s. [per] ann[um]. |
| 11 | State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when                                |                                                                                        |
| 12 | State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, - and the nature, extent, and occasions of their superintendence – and state in particular, the nature and extent of superintendence exercised over the school by the Protestant minister and curate, or by the Roman Catholic priest or coadjutor, or by any dissenting minister, and whether they have regular days for visiting the schools, and what days |                                                                                        |
| 13 | State the time at which the school was taken under the superintendence, as is referred to in the previous column                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                        |

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| 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 | Think Well On it; Testament – [1 of the English; 1 Douay Do.]; Christian Doctrine, spelling books. |
| 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. Down Street, Mountrath

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| 1 | State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland                                                              | Mountrath, Down Street.                                            |
| 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 | Cathr. Lalor; May 1794; continued ever since without interruption. |

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| 3  | State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | R[oman] Catholic; ap[poin]t[ed] by the late R.R. [Right Reverend] Dr Delany.                                                                        |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 50 years old; excellent character; teaches spelling, reading & writing; educated at Mt. Rath.                                                       |
| 5  | State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return:<br>Male<br>Female<br>Protestants – of the Established Church;<br>Presbyterians; Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Males – 14<br>Females – 16<br>Protestants<br>- Of the Established Church - 6<br>- Presbyterians<br>- Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics - 24 |
| 6  | State the average number of pupils during the last winter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 13                                                                                                                                                  |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 14 can read in 30; 12 months 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                                                                                                                                                                                                  | £6 paid by Parents.                                                                                                                                 |
| 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; good cabin; Mistresses [sic] property.                                                                                                    |
| 11 | State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions, confraternities, convents, or persons in any, and what religious orders, (if any) with which each school is in connexion – and at what time, and under what circumstances such connexion was formed – state also whether the rules prescribed by such associations &c. have been faithfully adhered to, or deviated from in any and what respects, and by whom, and when |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12 | State the names, ranks and situations in life, of local or other patrons, or superintendents, if any, of each school, -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                     |

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|    | 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 | Imitation of Christ, Sinners [sic] Guide, Gahan's Sermons, Christian Doctrine, Spelling Books. |
| 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                                                                                    |                                                                                                |

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## 7. Killeany

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| 1  | State the name of the place at which the school is held, and state the name of the townland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Killeany                                                                                                                                           |
| 2  | State the name of the Master or Mistress – at what time the school was first opened – and on what days, and what periods of the year, the school is held                                                                                                                                                                       | Michl. Phelan; May 1824.                                                                                                                           |
| 3  | State the religion of the Master or Mistress – and by whom (if any one) he or she was appointed to the school, and when                                                                                                                                                                                                        | R[oman] Catholic; self appointed.                                                                                                                  |
| 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                                                                                                                                                        | 49 years old; good character; arithmetic, mathematics [&c.]; at Durrow.                                                                            |
| 5  | State the number of pupils in attendance, on an average of 3 months preceding this return:<br>Male<br>Female<br>Protestants – of the Established Church;<br>Presbyterians; Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics                                                                                                           | Males – 27<br>Females – 8<br>Protestants<br>- Of the Established Church - 2<br>- Presbyterians<br>- Of other denominations<br>Roman Catholics - 33 |
| 6  | State the average number of pupils during the last winter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 25                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7  | State the average number of pupils, during the summer of 1823                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 54                                                                                                                                                 |
| 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 35 can read; 12 months 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                                                                            | £13 annual income paid by parents.                                                                                                                 |
| 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 | Lime & stone walls; master's property; cost 5; 18 feet by 12.                                                                                      |
| 11 | State the associations, societies, charitable foundations, or institutions,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Not connected with any society.                                                                                                                    |

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|    | 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Parish Priest & Curate.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 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 | Sermons, Christian Doctrine, spelling books.                                                                                                                                                              |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | [See Transcriber's Note at the beginning of this document].<br><br>This school was attended by children of the Established Church till the period the new school opened on the Lancasterian [sic] system. |

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| 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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There are 21 hedge schools in different parts of this Parish similar in every respect to the preceding ones and of which I returned giving a minute description of each as required under the respective heads.

I returned 1800 children attending the Sunday Schools instructed in the Christian doctrine and other moral and religious tracts in which the morality of the Gospel is inculcated according to Catholic principles.

M.P. Malone

Mt. Rath Aug[us]t. 28/[18]24