

An acct. of Children receiving Moral and Religious Instruction
in the Church of Abbeyleix

St. George's

1 Abbeyleix Church - 20

2 Open'd about 10 Years ago held
on Sundays only. Conducted by
17 Teachers KI/JKL/00910

3 Of the E. Church -

4 I cannot ascertain the Age &c.
of so many Teachers, they all belong
to the higher classes in life

5 53 of the E. Church -
53 Males 45 Females

6 In Winter 90

7 In 1823 - 100

8 16 in 20 -

9 100 in 1823 - 100

10 Church affords accommodation

11 With the Sunday School
Society, whose Rules are attended
to

12 Viscount and Viscountess De Vesci
Hon.ble Miss Vesci
Hon.ble & Rev. A. Vesci
Mrs Vesci

13 In 1814

14
Sunday School Spelling Book. v. 1-2
Bible, New Testament - with an
extensive library attached to the
Sunday School

15 No steps have been taken

1 No Abbeyleigh Chapel

2 From time immemorial

3 R. Catholics

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315 Males
256 Females
571

6 In last winter 300

7 In 1823 - 480

8 - 5 in 20

9 Taught gratis

10 Chapel affords accommodation

11 Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine

12 Rev. M. Kehoe S. P.

13 From his appointment to the Parish in April 1824

14 The Abridgement of the Christian Doctrine, Butler's Catechism, Douay Testament, with many other Religious Books

15 As this School is visited by Catholic Clergy only, no System of Proselytism of course is carried on - Sunday Evening Schools are Established in the Remote parts of the Parish, where nearly 600 Children receive Moral and Religious Instruction,

No 1 Abbeyleix Townland D^o

No 2 Joseph Dobbs Open School in 1814
held through the Year -

3 Methodist appointed by Lord De Vere at the Commencement -

4 Age 53, Honest, and Sober, Teaches the general Course of Arithmetic, Educated principally in Abbeyleix

5 64 Males
21 Females
of the E. Church - 45
R. Catholics - 40

6 - 112 in Winter

7 - 115 in 1823

8 - 15 in 20 can Read
learn to Read in 18 Months

9, Income £57 - 7 - 6 L s d
Paid by Viscount De Vesci 11 - 7 - 6
Do by Rev. A. Vesci - 2 - 0 - 0
Do from the Association for
Discountenancing Vice - } 12 - 0 - 0
from Scholars @ 1/6 p qⁿ - 32 - 0 - 0

10, Good House, accommodations
good, built with lime and Stone, Cost
280 L 50 feet by 20, Built at the
expense of Lord De Vesci -

11 Connected with the Association
for discountenancing Vice, from
nearly the commencement. The only
rule the Association required of
Mr. Dobbs, was to keep a regular
acct. of the Childrens attendance,
this he has done

12 Lord and Lady De Vesci, Superin-
-tended by the Hon^{ble} and Rev. A.
Vesci, To watch over the improvement
of the Children, The Teacher says that
the Minister of the E. Church or the R.
Catholic Clergy do not interfere with
the Religion of the Scholars -

13 At the Commencement in 1814

14 Books used (See the other Side)

15 In this School the Scriptures have been Read and explained to the Roman
Catholic Children, by Mr. Dobbs, who is I have heard and believe a Methodist
Teacher, without the knowledge of the Catholic Clergy, since my appointment
to the Parish in April 1824 finding this practice to prevail, I made applica-
-tion to Lord De Vesci, to have this man prevented Reading and explaining the
Scriptures to the R. Catholic Children, To the present, his Lordship has not done so,
and refused my repeated applications, to prevent such interference with the Children
However, I am determined if this line of conduct be pursued, to use my endeavours
to withdraw the Children from the School, and from all Schools in the Parish
where such practice prevails, There have been no steps taken whatever on our part
to induce the Children of the E. Church to become R. Catholics, The Catholics
heretofore, were well disposed to send their Children to this School, At present
I think their dispositions to be materially changed

A Catalogue of M. Joseph Dobbs.

Books
 2 Dozen Testaments, new of the Protestant daily read, with little exception, no Douay
 Bible or Testament read, 6 Dozen of Dublin Spelling Books 3 Goughs 1 Joyce's
 Arithmetic 3 Dozen of Parables from the Scripture 1 Jackson 1 Morripon's
 Book-Keeping, Bong Castles, Algebra, 1 Dozen Histories of the Creation
 from Scripture - 1 Murray's English Grammar - Books attached to
 the library of this school, and lent to the Children weekly, distributed
 on Saturdays, gratis

Sailors Monitor	Adams, flowers of History
History of little Jack	Lessons in Humble Life
Pictures of the Seasons	Timmers England
Lucy Clare	Cortes
Birth Day present	Dialogues
Instinct displayed	Views of Creation
Isaac Jenkins	Scripture Help
Ansons Voyage	Elizabeth
The Brothers	Natural History of Birds
Ayah a Lady	Miscellany
Parents Assistant	Byrons Narrative
Sandford & Merton	Wonderful Escapes
True Stories	History of Robins
Fabulous History	Esops Fables
Susan Gray	Natural H. of Animals
Prince Leeboo	De of Insects
Columbus	Instinct displayed
Moral Amusement	Useful Arts
History of Domestic Animals	Natural H. of Trees
Ellen the Teacher	Poems
History of Joseph	Tim Higgins
Useful Arts	Robinson Crusoe
Book of Trades	Entertaining Medley
Travels in North America	H. of Wonderful Animals
Animal Sagacity	Reflections on the
Travels in Africa	Wisdom of God
Ansons Voyage	Cottage fire side
Old World	Travels in Africa
Pity and Perseverence	Life of Captain Cooke
Village School	History of Beasts
Travels in South Eastern Asia	2 Vol. Parents Assistant
2 Vol Sabbath among Indians	Mongo
Short Stories	Dangerous Voyage
History of Cyprus	New Robinson Crusoe
Georgiana	Travels in South America
History of Reptiles	Shipwreck of Alcete
Selection from Psalms	Moral Essays
Cabinet of Useful Arts	Travels in South West Asia
	Scrap Book.

NB The present number of Books is the greatest
 that have been in the School from its
 commencement.

No 1 Abbeysley - - - Do

2 Rev^d Mr. Eaton Open^d 1st of
Jan'y 1824 Continues through
the course of the year

3 of the E. Church

4 Age 45, good Character,
Educated in Trinity College

5 Pupils 18

6 - 18 in Winter

7 Rev^d Mr. Eaton did not then
own the School

8 All Read -

9 Income 60 Guineas p Year
for each of the Elder pupils.
50 G^s p Year for the Younger pupils

10 - Very good, the accommodations
good, lime and stone, slated
£500 - 23 feet by 18

11 . Unconnected

12 no Patrons

13

14 All books necessary for young
Gentlemen preparing for College
with a Range of an extensive Library
for Amusement

No 1 Abbeyfeix Do

2 Mr and Mrs Nolan, Open^d Feby
3rd 1823 held during the year

3 Both R. Catholics not appointed by
any person

4, About 40 Yrs Honest, sober and
well conducted, Mr Nolan teaches the
Classics and the general Course of Arithme-
tic, Mathematics &c, Mrs Nolan teaches
females Needle Work, Mr Nolan Educa-
ted in Kilkenny and his Wife in
Dublin

5 15 Males 12 Females
of the C. Church
9 Males 1 Female
of the R. Catholic
6 Males 11 Females

6 - 27 Mrs Nolan 6 in Winter 7 - 27 in 1823

8 All Read but one

9 Some 50 Lp Year Males
11/4^p of quarter

10. School House good, accommodations good
Time ago Stone, Slated, Cost about £300
each School Room 16 feet by 15 Rented by
Mr. Nolan at 25 £ per year

11 Unconnected

12 Not Patronized

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14 Books 1 Testament Protestant Version 1 Do
Catechism taught to Children of the E Church above
1 Catholic Do Marsons primer, Universal
Spelling Books, Murays English Grammar, Shar-
mans Geography, Do Atlas, Scotts lessons, Gold-
smiths History of England, Do of Rome, Young
Mays companion, British poets Rollands, Bellats
Shakespears works, Robinsons H. of Scotland, Latin
Dictionary, Etons Grammar Swains Sentences

Juvenal Greek Grammar, Clarks Homer,
Lexicon, Borneys French Grammar Do
Exercise, Champauds fables, Gibbles, French
Dictionary Robinson Crusoe The Miscellany or
Evening occupation. The Books are for the
most part supplied by the Parents of the
Children. Books now and for 6 months back
are the same

15 No Steps taken to Change the Religion of any Child, The Parents seem pleased
with the Manner in which the School is conducted

N^o 1 Rnapton — Do

2 Kildaw Dobbs Open^d 9th of March
1824 Kept through the Year

3 Of the E. Church appointed By
Lord De Vesci in 1824

4 Age 23 yrs Sober and well conducted teacher
the General Course of Arithmetic, educated
at Abbeyfeix, trained at John Synge Esq.
Roundwood County Wicklow,

5 Pupils 1407
of the C Church
15 Males & Females
R. C - 79 - 20 38 D^o

6 School not held

7 No School -

8 - 5 in 20
learn in 18 Months

9 Teacher to be paid by scholars
rates not yet fixed

10 A good House, the accommodations good,
Built with lime, and stone, slated, Cost
280 £ 50 feet by 20, Lord De Vesci
gave £150 - 2 - 2 1/2 R^o from a Government
fund 100 £ cannot say from what fund -

11 Unconnected

12 Lord De Vesci

13 March 9th 1824

14 - 2 1/2 Doz - of Dublin Reading Books
2 Doz of D^o Spelling Book, 1st part
2 Do D^o - 2nd part
1 1/2 D^o - D^o - 3rd D^o
2 D^o of Esop's fables
1 D^o H. of Birds
1 D^o of Beasts
3 D^o Miracles of our Saviour
3 D^o Parables of our Saviour

15 No Steps have been taken to Change the Religion of any Child to my Knowledge
The people seem well inclined to send their Children to this School

No 1. Abbeyleigh	Do	2	Mrs Mowlds open'd in 1819 Kept through the Year—
3	Of the E. Church not appointed by any person	4	Age 45, good Character, Teaches Reading Writing, Arithmetic and Needle Work Educated in Dublin
5	Of the E. Church 3 Males 5 Females Of the R. Catholic 4 Do 13 Do	6	10 pupils in Winter
7	30 pupils in 1823	8	8 in 20 can read learn to read in genl in 9 Months
9	Income 5 L 2/6 Week from Scholars	10	House of Inferior description accom= modations bad, Lime, and Stone, slated, £40— 10 feet by 12 Rented by Mrs Mowlds
11	Unconnected	12	No Patrons

14 1 Testament Protestant Version
 1 Do Do Do
 Universal Spelling Books
 Munays Speake, Scots Do
 Protestant Catechisms taught to Balone
 Catholic Do to Calone
 Story books for Amusement
 all - Testament Read to the children
 of C. Church only

15 The Parents seem pleased with the attention paid the Children by
 the Mrs. No steps taken to change the Religion of any Child

N^o 1 Old Abbeylix - - Do

2 Wm and Anne Kennedy - 1817
 during the Year

3 Roman Catholic appointed
 By Rev^d Mr. Malony B. D.

4 Age 34 good Character teaches
 Reading Writing and Arithmetic
 Educated in Abbeylix

5 Pupils 24
 of the C. Church 2 Males 2 Females
 R. C - 13. Do 7 Do

6 - 12 in Winter

7 - 24 in 1823

8 - 9 in 20
 learn to read in 9 Months

9 Income of Mater from 2/2 to 2/6
P quarter paid by Parents

10 - Small thatched House, bad
accommodations - Cost 5£ 13 feet
by 12 - Built at their own expense

11 Unconnected

12 Patronized by Rev. Mr. Malony
(Deceased) and at present by the Rev.
Mr. Kehoe B. D.

13 From its Commencement

14 Mansons Primer, Reading Made easy's
Byrons Narrative
Principles of elocution
Spelling Books
Esops Fables
Sunday School Books
Dublin Reading Books
Butlers Catechism taught to R. C. alone
Testament Protestant Version to B. alone

15 No Steps taken to change the Religious principles of any Child - The
Parents seem pleased with Master and Mistress's attention
Moral and Religious Instruction daily given

No 1 Old Abbeyley - Do

2 Mary Thompson Feby 1824
through the Year

3 Of the E. Church
not appointed by any person

4 Age 26 good Character, Reading
Writing and Needle work, educated
at Abbeyley

5 Pupils 6
of the C. C. Church 1 Male 4 Females
R. C. — 0 — 4

6 School not held

7 no school

8 2 can read

9 About 4th from 2¹/₆ to 5¹/₆
p quarter p^d by Parents

10. Tolerable House, accommodations
the same, Lime and Stone, thatched
Cost 5⁴ 14 feet by 10 Rented

11 Unconnected

12 no Patrons

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14 Books 4 Primers 2 Spelling
Books

15 The Parents seem pleased with the attendance

No 1 Brandon —

Do

2 Philip Dowling Opened in 1823
Kept during the Year —

3 R. Catholic not appointed
by any one

4 Age 54, Sober and well conducted
Teaches Reading Writing and course
of Arithmetic educated at Waterford

5 Pupils
of the C. C. — 3 Males 0 Females
R. C. — 30 D^o 12 D^o

6 — 45 in Winter

7 — 53 in 1823

8 — 10 in 20,
learn to Read in 12 Months

9 Income 27/- Rates from
2/2 to 4/4 P^{er} p^{er}

10 House bad, Accommodations bad
Built with Clay and Stone Cost
£4 — 15 feet by 10. Tentid by the
Teachers —

11 Unconnected

12 No Patrons

20 Spelling Books

3 Grimms

Scotts Lessons

Euclid's elements

Hawneys Menzuration

Butleys Catechisms

15 No steps taken to change Any Childs Faith, The parents seem pleased with the attention of the Master, a great number not going to School, Parents being unable to pay

Moral and Religious Instruction daily given in the Abridgement and Butleys Catechism

No 1 Ballymaddock — D^o

2 Leonard and Mrs Satliff open^d in 1818 held during the Year

3 Both of E. Church not appointed by any person

Age 44 Mrs 42 quiet, inoffensive, teaches the gen^l Course of Arithmetic, educated in Abbeyleigh

5 20 pupils
of the E Church 4 Males 3 females
R. C — 9 D^o 4 D^o

6 ~~£~~ 20, in Winter
~~learn to Read in 12 months~~

7 Income 10 £ paid by Parents
~~from 2/6 to 4/4~~

20 In 1823

8 13 in 20 —
learn to Read in 12 Months

9 Income £10 p^{er} by the Parents
Rates from 2/8^p to 4/4^p p^{er}

10. Tolerable - pretty good accommo-
-dations, lime and stone. Cost
£15 - 14 feet square Built by the
Masters father -

11 Unconnected

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14 Books

Manson Primmer
Universal Spelling book
Pennsylvania L^o D^o
Sunday School - L^o
English Grammar
Enough

3 Bibles 4 Testaments Read by B alone
Butler Catechism taught to R. Catholics

15 No Steps taken to change the Religious principles of any Child against
Many in this neighbourhood not going to school poverty the Cause
The Parents sentiments are good

N^o 1 Clonking -

D^o

2 Mary Kennedy May 1824
Kept during the Year

3 R. Catholic appointed by no person

4 Age 30, good Character teaches
Reading and Writing educated
in the Convent of Tullow

5 2 Males 3 females
All R Catholics

6

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8 None Read -

9 - Income 3£ Rate 2½ paid
by the Parents

10 Housebad. accommodations bad
Lime and Stone Cost 4£ 15 feet
by 12 Built at her own expense

11 Unconnected

12 None

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14 Books Primmes

15 A great number of Children in this neighbourhood not going to School
in consequence of their poverty

N^o 1 Bart Bawn ————— D^o	2 Mich^l Durney open^d in 1818 Kept during the Year —
3 N. Catholic not appointed by any person —	4 Age 56 good Character teaches Reading, educated at Carrickensuir
5 — 7 Males & Females All N. Catholic	6 — 8 in Winter
7 — 15 in 1823	8 — 1 to 15 learn to Read in 18 Months
9 Income 4£ Rates 2/6 p^r gr^e p^d By the Parents	10 Bad House, Bad accommodations clay and stone Cost 3£ 15 feet by 12 Built by himself and some assistance from his Neighbours
11 Unconnected	12 None

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14 - Books & Primers
 12 Universal, Instinct of Animals
 Butler's Catechisms
 Moral and Religious Instruction
 daily given

15 No steps taken to change the Religious principles of any Child
 a great many Children not going to School in consequence of poverty
 The Parents seem well disposed (if means w^d allow)

Ballyroan Church - no Sunday School, however I may safely state
 that there are not more than 20 Children of the E-Church capable
 of receiving Instruction

~~Ballyroan Church, no School~~
~~There are not more than 20 Children of the E-Church capable of receiving Instruction~~

No 1 Ballyroan Chapel

2 Held from time
 Immemorial

3 All R. Catholics

4 Taught by Members Selected from
 the Confraternity of the Christian
 Doctrine

5 300 Males
 280 Females

Total 580

6 In Winter 325

7 In 1823

446

8 6 in 20 can Read

9 Taught gratis

10 Chapel affords accommodation

11 Confraternity of the
Christian Doctrine

12 Rev^d M. Kehoe S. B.

13 From his Appointment to
the Parish in Apr 1824

14 Books
The Abridgement of the Christian
Doctrine Butler's Catechisms
Douay Testament with many other
Religious Books

15 As this School is visited by Catholic Clergy only, no system of
Proselytism of course is carried on, Sunday Evening Schools are established
in the remote parts of the Parish, where between 6 and 700 Children
receive Moral and Religious Instruction

No 1 Ballyroan — Do

2 Arthur Hutchins, founded by
Alderman John Custow 140 Yrs
Kept during the Year

3 Of the E. Church
By the Late Lord Tara
in 1814

4 Age 36. Sober and Well conducted
Teachers Classics educated in
Tipperary

5 Of E. Church 5 Males
R. Catholics 10 Do

6 In winter 12

7 In 1823 — 16 —

8 All Read —
learn to Read in 18 Months

9. Income £122-15-0⁰
£75 as Endowment from Preston family
25 from Commissioners since 1814
22-15 paid for 10 Scholars each 11/4²
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10 House, almost gone to ruin, bad
accommodations, lime and stone slated,
£500- 18 feet by 15- Built by Wm
Mitchell and taken by an order of the
Court of Chancery

11 Established by Alderman
John Preston in 1684
for the purpose of educating
children of the E. Church gratis
not knowing the Rules that were
prescribed, I cannot say whether
they have been deviated from or
not-

12 Mr^r Joseph Preston, as far as
I can learn

13 Cannot tell

14 Books- Wittenhale and Wrights Greek Grammar
Greek Testament Walkers Lucian, Brinstons Extracts
20 Books of Homer, 4 Volumes of Demosthenes, Lincolns
Pulpy and Eton, Corderys Caesar, Selectae
Virgil, Sallust, Horace, Select Satyr of Juvenal
Persius, Select Orations of Cicero, Two plays
of Terence, Roman and Grecian Histories
Geography Histories for amusement
The Bible and Testament read in this
School Protestant Version There are
2 Bibles and 4 Testaments

15 At present I know of no steps taken, to change the Religious principles of any Boy. The Teacher says the school has declined these few years back in consequence of the pressure of the times. The Parents seem pleased with the attention paid their children

N^o 1 Ballyroan ——— D^o

2 Charles Duffy opened in 1812, kept every day, (Sundays and Holy days excepted), One Week's Vacation at Christmas 3 days at Easter

3 R. Catholic appointed by Hon^{ble} and Rev^d M. Pakenham and Rev^d Doctor Cahill in 1812.

4 Age 30. Sober and well conducted, Reading Writing, Arithmetic, Surveying &c educated at Ballyroan, trained at Wilsons Hospital by Rev^d Mr. Browne

5 Pupils, 34 Males 19 Females
Of the E. Church 8
R. Catholics 45

6 In winter 35

7 In 1823. 84

8- 12 in 20
learn to Read in 12 Months

9 - Income - 16 £ Notes from
2/0 to 3/9 p^r Paid by the
Parents

10 Tolerable House, accommodations
tolerable, Lime, Stone, Thatched, Cost
£25 - 40 feet by 13 - Built at his
own expense

11 Unconnected

12 no Patrons

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14 Books - Primmer, Reading made easy's
Spelling Books, Universal and Dublin Scott's
Lepont, Gough, Nostie and Bony Castles, Arith-
metic 2 Testaments, protestant Version (read
By Protestants alone) 2 History's of the Bible
Small edition 1 Reeves D^r 40 Catechisms
taught to Catholics Alone.
Moral and Religious Instruction daily
given to the pupils.

15 No attempt to change the Religion of any Child, The Parents Sentiments
are good, But poverty obliges numbers from attending

N^o 1 Ballyroan — Do —

2 John Duffy Open School 20th of
April 1824, to continue during
the Year

3 R. Catholic, appointed by
Rev^d M. Kehoe 20th Apr. 1824

4 Age 34 well Conducted, teaches the
general Course of Arithmetic
Educated at Ballyroan, trained at
Ballyroan by Charles Duffy

5 - 36 pupils

Males 19

Females 17

All Catholics

6 No school held

7 No School

8 - 12 in 20
learn to read in 12 months

9 Income 10 £ Rates from 1/8
to 3/3d q^r.

10. House pretty good, accommodations
D^o lime and stone, Probable Cost
£6 - 17 feet by 13 Built by
Charles Duffy

11 Unconnected

12 none

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14 Books - 5 primmers 10
Reading Made easy's 13 Universal
Spelling Books 1 Scott's lessons
Borrowing from each other often
no Bible or Testament, All
supplied by the Parents
Moral and Religious Instruction
daily given, with Catechism tasks

15, There has been no Effort made to change any Childs Religion. Much decried
since he kept School here in 1820 - Poverty the Cause - Many in Town and
Neighbourhood cannot send their Children to School, for want of means.
The Parents seem well pleased with the attention paid their Children
by the Teacher -

N^o 1. Crubbin — D^o —

2 William Shortill open^d in May
1824 Kept during the year

3 R. Catholic, appointed in May
1824, By Rev^d Mr. Kehoe

4 Age 50, good Character, Reading
Writing and general Course of
Arithmetic Educated at Ballyroan
by Owen Duffey

5 - 34 pupils
of the P. Church - 1 Male
R. Catholics 17 D^o 16 females

6 No School

7 No School

8 - 6 in 20
learn to Read in 9 Months

9 - Income 10 £. no Salary, Rates
from 2/2 to 3/3 p^{er} gp

10 - House Tolerable - accommodations bad,
lime and Stone - Cost 10 £ - 10 feet
by 11 - Rented by Master -

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14 Books, Primers, Reading Made
easy's 2 Imitations of Christ 20
Catechisms all supplied by the
Parents

The Children receive Moral and
Religious Instruction daily

15 No steps taken to change the Religion of any Child, a great number of
Children, who cannot go to school, from the poverty of the Parents. The
attention paid to the Children has been satisfactory -

N^o 1 - Cullinagh - Do

2 - Martin Hyland Open'd in
1816 Kept during the Year

3. R. Catholic appointed by Rev^d
Mr. Malony in 1816 -

4 Age 36, good Character, teaches
Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic
Educated at Bonrips in Essex

5 Pupils 65
Males 40
Females 25
All R. Catholics

6 In Winter 50

7 In 1823
70 -

8 - 10 in 20 can read
learn to read in 15 months

9 Income 30 £ Rates $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{5}$ pqr
Paid by the Parents -

10 - House Tolerable, accommodations
Tolerable, Lime, Stone - Cost 8 £
20 feet by 12 - Rented by the Teacher.

11 Unconnected

12 None

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14 Books - 8 primers 12 Reading
Made easy 20 Spelling Books
40 Catechisms 4 Goughs, all supplied
by their Parents

The Children receive Moral and
Religious Instruction daily

15 The School has decreased of late from the Poverty of the Parents
The People seem well pleased with the Manner in which the Teacher
has instructed their Children