

Return of Schools in the Parishes of Dunleckney
& Balleenakilleen, made to the Commissioners of the Edu-
cation inquiry A.D. 1824

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X Parish of Dunleckney.
Dunleckney Parish School.

- 1- Bagenalstown, in the Townland of Moneybeg.
- 2 Name of the Master, Michael Brophy; of the Mistress Elizabeth Brophy. This Schoolhouse was first opened in July 1823. And is held ~~continuously~~ throughout the year. A Parish School was held for many years before that period in another House.
- 3 The Master & Mistress both Protestants of the Established Church: were appointed by the Rev. Meldon J. Molony, Rector of the Parish in July 1823. The Master taught the Parish School mentioned in the foregoing answer.
- 4 Age of the Master 48. of the Mistress 17. Character of both good. The Master teaches reading, writing, arithmetic and acct. was educated partly in this town, & partly in the Co. Kilkenny. he has been trained lately at Kildare Place - The Mistress teaches Spelling, reading knitting, spinning & sewing - has not been trained at Kildare place.
- 5 N^o of Pupils on the 1st 82, Average 56
Male, 32 Female, 24, estab. Church 47. R.C. 9
- 6 About 60
- 7 - about 60
- 8 The proportion of readers is 10 in 20 - a child will read in about 6 months. of the mistress, 6 £
- 9 The total annual income of the Master is £20, raised by the subscription of some neighbouring gentlemen; the Scholars pay nothing.
- 10 The Schoolhouse is a neat building, one story high, the front & ends of cut Stone, with 2 proportionate Columns at the entrance. it is lighted by 4 windows and has a Hall 11 feet 8 1/2 feet by 4 - the floor is boarded; there are

each 11 feet long

fourteen desks & seats, raised on Metal Supporters, capable of accommodating about 120 children. The length of the room is 45-4⁹ the Breadth 18 feet, height of the Ceiling 11-6. There is an apartment at the rear of the School house for the master - One Room 16 feet by 16 & two of 10¹/₂ by 7-9⁹ each - One hundred pounds have been given by the Lord Lieutenant towards building this house - The Education Society have given £50 and the remaining £150 have been raised by subscription, - the total cost of building being £300.

11 This School is in connexion with the Kilbuck place Society, from which it has received 50£ worth books, paper &c &c, altho' some of the fundamental rules of the School (viz that the master be a Protestant, & the Protestant version of the Testament alone be read) seem not to correspond with the regulations of the Society - The regulations of the "Society for discountenancing vice" are posted up in the Schoolroom but I cannot learn that any thing has been received from this Society. The connexion with the Kilbuck Place Soc: was formed at the time of building the Schoolhouse; any other circumstances I cannot learn - The rules of that Society I believe have since been adhered to.

12 This being a Parochial School, the Rev. W. J. Molyneux, Rector of the Parish, & his curate Rev. J. Alexander, must have considerable authority over it - what the limits of their authority are, I cannot define - Philip Newton Esq. of Dunbeek, & Walter Newton Esq. of Bagenhall are the principal patrons, they have sometimes visited the School; I do not know what authority they may have over it. The Protestant Curate visits it every week, without any fixed days - The R.C: Priest claims no right in the regulation of the School, except to prevent the R.C: children from frequenting it - ^{personal} subscribers to the School are B. Newton £9-2 - Rev W. Molyneux 6-16-6 Richd. Wals 4-11 Math Wals 4-11 Mrs A. Weldon 1-2-9

13 In July 1823.

I am not conscious of any direct and open means of inducing B.C. to become Protestants, if recommending the B.C. Children to attend this School contrary to the admonition of their Pastor be not considered as a step leading thereto. There has been a diminution and suspension of Scholars during the present year, on account of the B.C. expressing their disapprobation of ^{the B.C.} children resorting to this School, and the Pastor being unwilling to send their children to any school without his permission, a general, growing and permanent cause of disapprobation in all such like instances. The dispositions and sentiments of the B.C. people correspond with those of their Clergy, as it is a fundamental principle of their religion to be guided by Authority. About 7 years ago when this School was held in another quarter, the B.C. Children were in a Mass withdrawn from it on account of reports made to the B.C. of children being enrolled on the score of their Religion, it was at that time and on that occasion that the B.C. was rected by me for that accommodation, at the same time to be open to every other Religion without meddling with their Religious tenets. After some time however some B.C. Children did attend the Parochial School, but not with my free consent & approbation. When the present Ministry was contemplated, and during its erection and establishment, there was no communication made to me of its Design or regulations, and the B.C. Children were called ^{imprudently} upon to go there contrary to my express wishes and instructions, and Examinations were held without any notice given to me. On other occasions not immediately connected with this Subject I have been informed that some of the Pastors of this School have taken under their protection, and made Protectors of some of the most degraded and scandalous members of ^{the B.C.} some Churches, and who would be a disgrace to any Society. Under these circumstances I could not allow the Children committed to my care to frequent ^{the School} ~~this~~ ^{Moreover} ~~this~~ School is a Parochial one and at the same time connected with the B.C. Society. How it appears to me that the rules of both are incompatible. The Parochial establishment requires the Master & Misses to be exclusively Protestant, the Protestant version of the Bible to be exclusively read and used by the children of all denominations, and the Protestant Education Children to be taught the Church Catechism, no provision being made for the instruction of the Catholics. The B.C. Pastors ^{on the other hand} equally admit both as well as Protestant Markers and Catechisms, authorize the Douay version of the Bible, and countenance instructions in the Catholic Catechism after school hours. In conclusion I beg leave to observe that, the some frequent circumstances might engage me to direct in some instances ~~from the following Rules, they are the only ones I would countenance in the present occasion 1st That the Testament or Bible be excluded from the Schools. as reading book. 2^d That religious, moral and catechetical instruction be common~~

14 The books used in this School are the Dublin Spelling Book
the Dublin Reading book, Spelling & reading Tablets, Select
- ions from the New Testament - The New Testament - The Small
Books published by the Hildane place Society, histories, &c.
New Testament & Gough's Arithmetic - The Books have been given
by the Hildane place Society, (I believe gratis) - The Protest-
- ant version of the New Testament alone is used. There are
13 Copies of it, not more nor less, within the last six months.

Bagenalstown Free School (Male)

- 1 Bagenalstown, in the Downland of Kilkenny
- 2 Edward Brennan - was first opened in the year 1807 is held daily throughout the year, Sundays & Holiday, excepted.
- 3 Roman Catholic - was appointed by the Rev M. Greaney B.D. at the time of its opening
- 4 Age 76, Character good, teaches reading, writing, arithmetic, acct. was educated in Rathlee, was not trained in Kildare Place.
- 5 Total ~~was on the list 107~~ Average of daily attendance about 50 Protest. 0 - R.C. 50 ~~on 107~~
- 6 - Average of daily attendance 25
D^o - - - - - D^o - - - - - 40
- 7 4 in 20 Can read, will teach a child to read in about Six Months -
- 8 No fixed income; receives about £2-0-0 per annum from a few of the Scholars - And has received some charitable donations from the Parish Priest which enable him to live. When this School was first established a salary of £20 was fixed for the Master & £12 for the Mistress in the female school, raised by subscription ^{of the Catholics} - but owing to the poverty of the people & the pressure of the times it has been discontinued - the rate of payment is now 2-2 per quarter for reading, 3-3 for writing & arithmetic -
- 10 The Schoolhouse is built of best Materials, Slates; looks to the East, is lighted by 3 windows, has a fire place - the floor is earthen - has 6 desks & seats raised on lion supporters. The upper story consists of one room of the same dimensions viz (20 feet long 16 broad) and is appropriated to the use of the Master. The female School which adjoins this is of the same dimensions - the entire would cost about £200 - It was built by the subscription of the Catholics of the town & neighbourhood - Mr. Greaney B.D. gave £15
- 11 A connexion has been formed between this School & the Kildare Place Soc. within the last 12 months. The circumstances that led to this connexion was a total inability to procure the necessary fixtures & School requisites from

any other quarter: they have made a grant of £6-10-2
for the internal repairs & improvement of both Schools, I have
given a supply of books & the other School requisites - The
rules of the Society have been adhered to, since this grant
has been made -

12 The Parish Priest & his coadjutors Rev. Michl. Brennan, &
Rev. Andrew O'Sullivan are the only persons whose duty it is
to visit & superintend these Schools, the nature of this superin-
tendence is nothing more than to see that the Master & Min-
isters discharge their duty to the Scholars, that order & regu-
larity be observed, and that the rules of the School be faith-
fully adhered to. There are no fixed days for visiting them.

13 In the year 1807

14 The Books used in this School are the Dublin reading book
the Dublin Spelling Books, the Universal & National Spelling
Books, Scripture Lessons, the Douay Testament, some
of the Small Books published by the Kildare Street Society
works on Arithmetic - Before the Connexion was formed
with the Kildare Place Soc. the R. C. Catechism was taught
but since that time it has not been introduced in School
hours - The Douay New Testament alone is read -
there is but one copy of it, never any more -

15 There have been no steps taken to make proselytes in this School
since its commencement. Any increase, diminution, or Scission
that may have taken place, may be attributed to ordinary
causes, Poverty, Neglect, &c. but to no religious motive.
The Parents of the children who frequent this School, are dis-
posed to send them, on account of its being under the im-
mediate inspection of the C. C. & Curate, who may pre-
vent abuses that otherwise might follow from the reading
the S. Scripture without note or comment. The resting
on this obvious arrangement, the pregnant source of
disunion on religious subjects, & a method of reading the
Sacred volumes directly opposed to the Spirit of the R. C.
Church, forms the principal, but not the only objec-
tion I have to the system of education adopted by
the R. S. Society, and I hereby declare, that were
I proposed of any other means of building, repairing &
furnishing the numerous Schools in my Parish, I
would never form any Connexion with it, or any
other Association on such conditions.

X Bagenalstown Female Free School

- 1 Bagenalstown in the Townland of Kileanig
- 2 Sarah Cortellee - The School was first opened in 1807 and is held on every day throughout the year, except Sunday & Holidays
- 3 Roman Catholic: was appointed by the Rev M. Brendey B.D. in the year 1807
- 4 Age about 55 Character excellent, - teaches Spelling, Reading, Sewing, the females are taught to write by the Master
- 5 Total number on the List ~~70~~ average of daily attendance 60
6 Males - 54 females all Roman Caths
- 6 Average of daily attendance about 30
Do Do Do 50
- 7
- 8 proportion of readers - 3 in 7 - will teach a child to read in 7 or 8 Months -
- 9 No Salary, She receives Scarcely any thing from the Scholars, the rates of payment w^d be 2-2 per quarter -
- 10 The Schoolroom is similar to that of the Master, there are no desks, but seats for the Children - the upper story is given to the Mistress - (See the Male School)
- 11 (Answer the same as for the Male School)
- 12 - Answer the same as for the Male School)
- 13 See Male School
- 14 The Books are the same as in the Male School -

X Serkin Ryan School

- 1 Serkin Ryan -
- 2 Patrick Byrne - This School was first opened in January 1822 is held on every day throughout the year, Sundays & holidays excepted (He taught School in the same neighbourhood for some years before the present house was built -
- 3 Roman Catholic - was appointed at the opening of the School by Mr William O'neil of Gantire
- 4 Age 27. Character excellent, teaches reading, writing Arithmetic &c &c Some branches of the Mathematics - was educated in this neighbourhood - was afterwards trained at Kildare place
- 5 Total Number of ~~pupils on the list~~ Average - 80
Males 56 females 24 Protest 10 - R. C. - 70
- 6 Average during last Winter 60
- 7 During Summer 1823 - 75
- 8 18 in 20 Can read - A child will read in about 3 months
- 9 The Annual income uncertain - has received in the year 1822 £7-10-0 & in the year 1823 £5-0-0. gratuities from the Education Society - Annual income from the Scholars about £8-0-0 rates of payment are 1-1 per quarter from the poor, 2-2 from those in better Circumstances about 2 thirds of the Children pay nothing
- 10 The Schoolhouse is commodious, looks to the East & is lighted by 3 windows - the walls are built with Stone & Mortar, the roof is thatched - the length of the house is 28 feet the breadth 14 - there are 7 Convenient desks & seats - the number of Children that might be accommodated in it 120. The Cost of building & furnishing this School is abt £30 - the Education Society have given £20 the remainder was raised by Subscription -
- 11 This School is in connexion with the Kildare place Society - they have contributed to the building of the house, have given a supply of Books, Stationary &c; have sent their Inspectors to visit it - have given gratuities to the Master - The rules have been complied with -

12 William Duell Esq^r of Gaithie has been the Patron of the School. - he has lately resigned his office to the Rev. Mr. Brennan of Bagenalstown. - The nature of his Superintendence is to visit the School, examine into the progress of the Scholars - to see that order & regularity be observed both by the Master & pupils. - The Protestant Minister or his curate may visit the School for the like purpose. - And also the P. C. Priest, without any authority but that which he holds over his flock - to withdraw them from this School should he see any thing in it, contrary to faith or morals. - There are no regular days for visiting this School -

13 January 1822 -

14 The Books are the Dublin Spelling & Reading Book: Scripture Lessons: the New Testament - Arithmetic - the small books published by the Education Society. - These books have been given gratis by the Kildare Place Society. - The Scholars have not brought any books with them to the School, except their Arithmetic. - There are 10 Copies at present of the B. Test. - and version of the New Testament. There were 12 here before but 2 have been lost or obtained by the Scholars. - There are 10 Copies of the Douay Testament -

15 I cannot learn that any steps have been taken for the purpose of making proselytes in this School: - There has been no increase or diminution of Scholars, arising from any but ordinary cause. - The Parents of the Children are disposed to send them to this School the Master being a Catholic. & the School being always subjected to the inspection of the Priest; As to my sentiments regarding the Testament as a School Book. I beg to refer to my general, lower free School n^o 15 -

X Gaithie School

- 1 Gaithie in the Townland of Gaithie
- 2 Bryan Shiel: the School was first opened in 1817. is held on every day in the year except Sunday, & Holidays
- 3 Religious Roman Catholic, - was appointed by Mr. W^m O'Neill in March 1823
- 4 Age 25. Character excellent, teacher reading writing Arithmetic Acc^t Geometry Algebra - was educated in Mullow classical Summary - was afterwards trained in Kildare Place -
- 5 Average 11: of pupils 63 - Males 32 females 31
Est. Church 20 R.C. 43 Before the Master went to Dublin
- 6 Average — 65
- 7 Average — 100
- 8 the proportion of readers is about 7 in 20 a child will read well in this School in 12 months -
- 9 Annual income of the Master is 16£ received from the Baptist Society thro' Mr. O'Neill - he has received a gratuity of 5£ from the Education Society for the year 1823, the Scholars are not called on to pay any thing, some few have offered a gratuity -
- 10 The School house is built of the best materials, ~~stone~~ stone, slated & ceiled - has two windows & a fireplace - has six desks & seats, the floor is earthen - the room is 23 feet long & 17 broad - This house was not at first intended for a School house, it was built as a meeting house I believe by subscription, for some religious sect - Mr. O'Neill afterwards converted it to a School house - About 70 Pounds have been given by the Kildare Place Society, for the purpose of enlarging & fitting it up, there have been some subscriptions made for the same purpose - the total cost is about £150 - The apartment belonging to the females, is 17 feet by 17, contains some desks & seats, has 2 windows & a fireplace - there is also an apartment for the use of the Master & Mistress 15 feet by 11½ it is not yet entirely finished
- 11 This School is in connexion with the Baptist Society, & also with the Kildare Place Society, these connexions have been formed I believe, about the time the School was first opened -

The rules & regulations of these Societies have been known
so far as to entitle the School to a continuance of their sup-
-port.

12 William O'neil Esq^r is Chief Patron of the School - The Com-
-mittee are Hon. & Rev. E. Wingfield, Rev S. Downing,
- Fran. Dillon & Wm O'Neill Esq^r. They have the appoint-
-ing of Teachers, & making any private rules & regulations
that may be necessary provided these rules are not con-
-trary to the rules of the Society with which the School
is connected - there is no regular time for visiting the
School. The Protestant Minister of the Parish has with-
-drawn himself from this School - & will have nothing
to do with it - The Rom. Cath. Priest frequently visits
it but his authority over it is purely negative -

12 I believe at its first commencement -

14 The books used in this School, as far as I can learn are,
the Dublin Spelling & Reading Books, Spelling & Reading
Tablets, a supply of the small books printed by the Edu-
-cation Soc. - Scripture Lessons - 18 copies of the Protest-
-version of the New Testament - 12 Copies of the Douay
Testament - The books have been granted by the Edu-
-cation Society,

I know of no direct steps taken in this School to induce R.C. to become Protestants or vice versa, as the Master was always, except during a short interval, a B.C. and approved of by his Parish C. who being upon and living at a great distance did not visit it ^{in person} ^{but} received accounts of its proceedings, both from ^{the Master} ^{and} ^{the} ^{Parish C.} ^{and} gave his directions accordingly, at this School was ^{placed under the superintendence} frequently attended by Protestants and other denominations, who zealously distributed tracts thro the Country, for the most part hostile to the R.C. Religion, the C. was the more cautious on that account of submitting to regulations, at which perhaps he might connive in other circumstances tho not immediately in accordance with his own sentiments. In January 1823. Patrick Butler the R.C. Master was dismissed from this School by the Parish, I suppose, and Committee the principal charge against him was that the Scriptures were not read as often and as strictly as required; in this point he followed the directions of the C. for the reasons above cited. a Protestant or New Light Master was then brought down from Dublin to succeed him, and the Catholics deserted the School. He resided in about one month, and a R.C. Teacher was appointed in his place, the School was then attended as usual; ~~this~~ Mr. Bond a Protestant was Master in 1822. Mr. O'Hail wife to the C. of the School is said to have rebuked ^{him} on account of some sacred characters worked over the Sarcophagi of the R.C. Girls on which occasion she is reported to have used some expressions in contempt of the Catholics in the hearing of the R.C. Children, on which Mr. Bond quitted the School, and it remained deserted from October 1822 until July 1824. These circumstances sufficiently manifest the dispositions of the R.C. with respect to such institutions, and the effect will continue as long as the Cause exists.

According to the answers given to queries No. 5. & 7. there appears to be a decrease of Scholars since the summer of 1823. The chief cause to which this is to be attributed is, that the Master went to Kildare place some time in the summer of 1824 in order to be trained - in his absence the children engaged with other masters & have not as yet returned to his School.

X Bagenalstown Academy

- 1 Bagenalstown Townland of Moneybeg.
- 2 Joseph W. Thomas, the School was first opened in Jan^r 1823 is held daily throughout the year.
- 3 Religion of the Established Church = No appointment
- 4 Age 23. Character excellent, - teaches the Classics, the Ancient & Modern Languages = Was Educated in Trinity College Dublin -
- 5 No. of Pupils 14 = 9 Protest- 2 Walkerites, 1 Quaker 2 Cath.
- 6 During last Winter 14
- 7 During Summer 1823 - 14
- 8 All the pupils can read = they learn to read before they enter this School -
- 9 The income depends on the number of Pupils - they pay 12 guineas each per Annum, therefore the present income should be 168 guineas = there is no gratuity &c.
- 10 The present Schoolroom is a Meeting House belonging to some Denomination of Christians. The Scholars are provided with every necessary accommodation
- 11 This School is not in connexion with any Society =
- 12 This School has no patron or Superintendent but the Master. There is no controul used over it by the Clergy either Catholic or Protestant -
- 13 -----
- 14 It is impossible to state the names of all the books used in this School - There are none read in it but those to be found in every Classical Seminary - The Bible or Testament is not read except the Greek or Hebrew -

X Michael Murphy's School

- 1 Bagenalstown in the Townland of Moneybeg
- 2 Michael Murphy - Opened his present School in May 1824, has taught School for about six years heretofore in the Town - the School is held throughout the year, except on Sundays & holidays.
- 3 Roman Catholic. Opened School with the approbation of the Parish Priest in May 1824.
- 4 Age 26 - Character good - teaches reading, writing, ^{Arithmetic} Acc'ts English Grammar; was educated principally at Gorebridge Co. Wick, was never trained at Kildare place.
- 5 Total N^o 22 - Average of daily attendance 18
21 Males 1 Female 3 Protest - 19 R:C.
- 6 No School
- 7 No School
- 8 proportion of readers 14 in 22, will teach a child to read in about 6 Months.
- 9 No fixed Salary, No gratuity, expects about £14 per An - from the Scholars, Rates of payment are 3-3 per Quarter for Spelling & reading, 4-4 writing 5-5 Arithmetic 7-7 Acc'ts 11-4 1/2 Mathematics.
- 10 The Schoolhouse is badly thatched - is built of Mortar & Stone has two windows, and a fire place - is 21 feet by 14 1/2 contains one desk, no forms, but planks for the children to sit on; would cost about 20 £. was built by a private person for a dwelling house -
- 11 has no connexion with any Society -
- 12 has no Patron or Superintendent except the Master - the Protest. Minister does not interfere with the School - The Priest has a right to watch over it, to visit it occasionally to have order observed &c.
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- 14 The Books used are primers & Spelling Books, Murray's Reader - English Grammar Goldsmith's Poems, History of Art & Manufactures, Gough & Porter's Arithmetic Hawney's Mensuration - The General Catechism, - No Testament or Bible
- 15 there is no fund for procuring Books - the children procure them at their own expence Johnson's Idler, history of Quadrupeds Scott's Lepus Simpson's Geometry - Algebra -

X Mathew Butler's School

- 1 Baginbun in the Townland of Moneybeg.
- 2 Mathew Butler - the School was opened in March 1824 will teach during the summer Cannot say whether he will continue during the winter
- 3 Roman Catholic - opened School in March 1824 with the approbation of the Parish Priest.
- 4 Age 23 - Character good - teaches reading, writing Arithmetic Accts Mathematics - was educated principally by his father who is a Schoolmaster, was not trained in his own place -
- 5 Total N^o 30 all attend daily - 21 Males - 9 females
63 Protest - 24 R.C.
- 6 No School
- 7 No School
- 8 Proportion of readers about 15 in 20 - will teach a child to read in about 6 Months -
- 9 No fixed Salary or gratuity - expects to receive about 10^s per An - from the Scholars - Rates of payment are 2^s - 2^d half for small children - 3-4 spelling & reading - 5-5^d writing & Arithmetic - 11-4^d Mathematics -
- 10 The Schoolroom is the upper story of a slated house has one window. one small table for the children to write on - some low seats round the walls - is 15 feet by 14 -
- 11 This School has no connexion with any Society -
- 12 Has no Patron or Superintendent except the Master - The Protest. Minister does not seem to interfere with it - the Cath. Priest reserves to himself the power to visit & inspect.
- 13 -
- 14 The books are Primer & Spelling books, Cottage dialogues, Captain Blyth's voyage Gough & Vorters arithmetic, Leslie's Geometry - the General Catechism, - No Testament or Bible
- 15 The books are procured by the Scholars -

X Edward Byrne's School

- 1 Curacut in the Townland of Curacut.
- 2 Edward Byrne - School opened in April 1824, will be held daily throughout the summer.
- 3 Roman Catholic - opened School with the approbation of the Priest - in April 1824,
- 4 Age 28 - Character good - Teaches reading, writing, arithmetic, Geometry, Mensuration, was educated in the Co. Tipperary - was not trained at Kilsare place -
- 5 No. of Children 46 Males 25 Females 21 R.C. 46
- 6 No. School
- 7 No. School
- 8 proportion of readers 7 in 20 Does not think a child will read in less than 18 months -
- 9 income uncertain, has no fixed salary or gratuity, expects about £2 for this season from the Scholars - rates of payment are 2-2 per quarter for spelling 2-6 for reading & writing - 4-6 for arithmetic
- 10 The Schoolhouse is a barn hired by him for the season. It has one small Table -
- 11 This School has no connexion with any Association -
- 12 It has no patron except the Master - The Priest has the right of visiting it like the foregoing schools -
- 13 - - - - -
- 14 The Books used in the School are Primer, Spelling Book, History of Herodotus - Principles of Botany, Dublin reading books. Discovery of America by Columbus, Jackson's Book-keeping. Porter's Arithmetic - the General Catechism - the New Testament was introduced & read over - the Books are procured by the children -
- 15 The Death of Abel -

Maurice Conolly's School

- 1 Seshin Ryan in the Townland of Seshin Ryan
- 2 Maurice Conolly - opened School in 1820 is held daily this summer - on Sunday Teacher Catechism
- 3 Roman Catholic - opened School with the approbation of the Parish Priest -
- 4 Age 25 - of good character, teaches reading, writing & Arithmetic, was educated in the neighbourhood ^{was not} trained at Kildare place
- 5 The number of Scholars about 40 Males 28 Fem 12
Prot. 0 R. C. 40
- 6 - - - - - No School
- 7 - - - - - about 28
- 8 proportion of readers 10 in 20 - will teach a child to read in about 12 months -
- 9 Income uncertain - receives nothing except from the Scholars - expects about £3 for this present season - rates of payment are 1-8 per quarter from Scholars - 2 readers 2-6 & 3-0 writers -
- 10 The Schoolhouse is a miserable Hut. about 9 feet by 12 one side of the roof is thatched, the other covered with a sod & admits the rain - there is a board placed on stone for feet, which serves as a Table - the seats for the children are stones covered with sods -
- 11 There is no Communion with any Society
- 12 No Patron except the Master - The Priests authority the same as mentioned above -
- 13 - - - - -
- 14 The books used here are Brinsley - Universal & Rational Spelling Books, the Dublin Spelling Book - Gough & Vorters Arithmetic, the virtuous Scholar, Life of Christ a Selection of Moral Pieces - the farmer's daughter, the Battle of Aughrim, Valentine & Orson - entertaining Medley Gil Blas - the general Catechism - No Bible or Testament - the books are procured by the children -

M^r Cox's School

- 1 Baginbston in the Township of Monmouth.
- 2 Ellen Cox - opened School June 1st 1824 - intends to hold it daily thro' the year
- 3 Religion of the Established Church, has received no appointment
- 4 age 29 - Character unknown I suppose 'good' Teacher English in all its branches, French, reading, writing drawing & music, was educated at Bortolington, was not trained at Kildare Place
- 5 Number of Children since the School opened is 5.
1 Male 4 females, 2 Protestants - 3 R. C.
- 6 - no School
- 7 - no School
- 8 3 can read - will teach a child to read in 2 months.
- 9 Cannot say what her income may be during the year
Rotes are 5-5 to 11-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ per quarter -
- 10 The Schoolroom is her own Parlour - 11 feet by 10
- 11 Is not in connexion with any Society -
- 12 The School has no patron -
- 13 - - - - -
- 14 The Books used are Primer, & Spelling Books - Goldsmith's
Rome, the Seven wonders of the world, ^{Moral tales} & other little books, of
amusement & instruction have been read from time to
time by the children, whose titles cannot be conveniently
ascertained. The New Testament & Protestant version, (not
read by the Catholics, The General & Church Catechism
are taught -

Miss Judd's School

- 1 Baginbun town in the Townland of Moneybeg.
- 2 Hanna Judd. opened School in Feb 1823, has continued it daily thro' the year.
- 3 Roman Catholic - Opened School under the patronage & Sanction of the B: B: in Feb. 1823
- 4 Age 27 - of excellent Character, teaches reading writing, plain & fancy Needle-work. was educated at the Convent in Carlow - was not trained at Kil. dare Place
- 5 No. of Pupils 14 - Males 2 - Females 12 - Prot 1 K: C 13
- 6 During winter 6
- 7 Summer 1823 - 21
- 8 the proportion of readers 2 in 7 - will teach a child to read in about 9 Months.
- 9 The annual income uncertain - expects to receive about £6 from the Scholars - the rates of payment are 2-2 per quarter to 4-4 -
- 10 the Schoolroom is her own private parlour 11 feet by 9
- 11 Is not connected with any Association -
- 12 Has no Patron or Superintendent - The Parish priests right & authority over it is the same as mentioned above -
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- 14 The books are Primers & Spelling Books, life of St. Theresa, Gode withs, England, Scots Legends, Amusement Hall Cottage picnic, Enticks English Dictionary, Spiritual Combat, Imitation of Christ, Spiritual Directors the Dewey Bible has been sometimes read, the General Catechism -

7 Mr Byrne's School

- 1 Baginabatoon in the Townland of Kilcarig
- 2 Catharine Byrne: opened ^{her pupil} School in April 1824
has ~~been~~ the School in this Town for 7 or 8 years - holds
it thro' the year
- 3 Roman Catholic - has no other appointment than the
approbation of the Parish Priest.
- 4 Age 56 - Character good, teaches Spelling, reading & plain
needle work, was educated at Mass - was not trained at
Kilcarig place
- 5 the no of Children for the last 3 months 8 4 Males, 4 Fem
8 R: Caths.
- 6 During Winter 0
- 7 During Summer 1823 - 20
- 8 Proportion of readers, 1 in 2 does not teach a child to
read in less than 12 months.
- 9 Annual income uncertain - expects ~~about~~ between
3 & 4 pounds from the Scholars - rates 2 - 2 per quarter
- 10 the School is a small bedroom in a thatched house about
15 feet by 10.
- 11 Is not in connexion with any Society.
- 12 Has no Patron - The right of the Parish Priest to visit
this School the same as already mentioned
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- 14 the Books used here are Manton's Primer Universal, Shel-
ling Book - the General Catechism, Pleading Lamp
Think well on't Imitation of Christ, the Brothers -
No Bible or Testament.
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Bagenalstown Sunday School

1 Bagenalstown is the Town land of

2 Walter Newton Esq. & Mr. Newton preside over the School. This School commenced ⁱⁿ about 5 Months since & will be continued on every Sunday ^{this} the year

3 Religion of the Established Church.

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5 From 25 to 40 - Males 20 fem. 20. Protest 1 R.C.

6 - 0

7 - 0

8 - The proportion of readers is 3 in 4 -

9 -

10 - The School is held in Mr. Newton's office -

11 It is connected with the Sunday School Society since its commencement. The rules of the Society have been adhered to except when the children present are all Protestants, - then the Scriptures are expounded &c.

12 Mr. & Mrs. Newton are the Patrons of the School. The Minister Curate or the Priest have nothing to do with it

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14 The Books are the Sunday School Spelling Book ^{Dublin Reading Book} the New Testament Protestant version of which there are 18 Copies. The books have been supplied by the Sunday School Society.

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Ganhi Sunday School 11^o 15

It seems evident both from the principles & the practice of some of the Superintendents of this School that a poor Cath. Child could not frequent it with out manifest danger of perdition - & I must say the same thing of a Protestant of the established Church - And indeed this School was opposed in its first establishment by the Protestant Minister of the Parish the Rev W. J. Melony - Wherefore I never have consented that the Children of my Communion should resort to it - In the Summer of 1822. Some of the Cath Children of that neighbourhood, were induced to frequent it, but as soon as this came to my knowledge they were immediately ~~ordered~~ commanded to withdraw from it, and have not gone to it since that time, if I except one or two that might be occasionally induced by promises to appear at it - And I hope they never will seek instruction from such ~~masters~~ teachers.

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Gowries -

1. Gowries School. Gowries. Parish of Laruen.
2. Week Pension. first opened A.D. 1819. Term 6 Months
3. R. Catholic. Open School with the approbation of the B. P.
4. Twenty seven years of Age, Excellent vocal Characters. teaches Reading - Writing. Arithmetic. English grammar Bookkeeping & Measurement & other Branches educated in Glasgow & Barrow.
5. Average N^o of children 92. Males 52. Females 40. all Roman Catholics.
7. Average N^o of Pupils - 106 in 1823
8. Proficiency of Readers 3 to 2. from 6 to 9 Months to make a child read
9. Emoluments solely from the children about 10 per annum Rates. 15 p Quarter. Pymment. Readers & Writers beginning 1-8. Arithmetic 2-6. English grammar. Book-keeping & Measurement 4-6.
10. School house. built of stone & yellow clay thatched. Bay Planks for seats, one writing Table. Cost of Building a similar one about £5. Length 21 feet. Breadth 11½. Built at the Master's Expense. Henry Butkins Esquire gave the ground. No less
14. Books. the Universal Spelling book - Reading made - easy Manners Pymment. Pymment Character of a Shipwright

X~~L~~ Anihil Sunday School

This School has been conducted by William O'Neill Esq. & his 3 sons & 3 daughters 2 Misses Bradley - 2 Misses Cooke all Protest-
of Established Church or Newlights - The children have been
taught to read & write - the Scripture has been explained by
Mr. O'Neill & family who are Newlights - the No. of children
are 65 - 5 of them R. Cath. who have been sent there a few
times, contrary to the prohibition of the Priest - the books
put into the hands of the children are - History of theophilus
Country Sabbath Schoolboy - Christ is all, Johanna Dickford -
Highland Girl, Baptist Spelling book, Anecdotes of George III
vocabulary of religious terms - two sister. Teachers offering, Anec-
dotes & short stories - Teachers daughter, six interesting dialogues
Sabbath evening walk, Memoirs of Mary Huntingdon, Fifty
Questions, Sunday School Magazine, and a number of other
tracts whose titles I cannot ascertain - Cards with quotations
from the Scripture & explanation, Spelling books & Testaments -
These books I believe have been given by the Sunday School
Society, the Baptist Society, & the Tract Society -
2 males & 1 female now Cath. 1823 Sam. No. 18 in 20 can read -
This School has met opposition from the Minister of the Parish
against whose will it was established

X Baginbald Sunday School (Chapel)

On the Chapel of Baginbald a Catechetical School is held
on every Sunday & Holiday throughout the year, under the im-
mediate inspection of the Parish Priest & his coadjutors -
Twelve young men & sixteen young women of the neigh-
bourhood, of moral & religious habits assist in instructing
the pupils in the Principles of faith & Morality - The hours
of attendance are from 10 o'clock a.m. to 12 - & from 3 o'clock
to 5 - The General Catechism alone is used, & the No.
of pupils are 461 - Males 237 Fem. 224 all
Rom. Catholics - Many of the pupils cannot read -
& not expecting to have at any time an opportunity of
learning, they resort to the Chapel for religious instruction

+ Parish of Aughrim
+ Newtown School

- 1 Newtown in the Townland of Newtown
- 2 Moses Walsh. opened School in April 1819 - Teacher for about 9 Months. in the year.
- 3 Roman Catholic, opened School with the approbation of the Parish Priest in 1819.
- 4 age about 40 - Character excellent, Teacher, reading writing arithmetic English Grammar, acct. & some of the Mathematics - was educated in the Co. Wicklow was afterwards trained at Kilsare place
- 5 Total n^o 121 average of daily attendance 79
Male 53 fem. 26 - Protest 5 M.C. 74
- 6 no School
- 7 Total n^o 116 average 69
- 8 Proportion of readers about 10 in 20 - will teach a child to read in about 6 months.
- 9 There is no fixed Salary - £5 were given him as a gratuity by the Education Society for the year 1823 - he is to expect nothing from them this year - he has received £8 from the pupils - rates of payment are from 1s to 2-6 per quarter from readers according to their circumstances - Arithmetic from 2-6 to 3-9. About 30 of the Children are taught gratis.
- 10 There is no Schoolhouse - the School is held in the M.C. Chapel - It would cost about £150 to build & maintain a Schoolhouse with accommodation for the Master, sufficiently large to contain the Children of this neighbourhood.
- 11 The Education Society have given grants of School requisites - Books &c. and gratuities to the Master since the year 1822 - necessity & inability to provide otherwise for the education of the poor were the cause of their being solicited or accepted - Altho' the rules of the Education Society seem to have been fulfilled to the letter, yet the last inspector reported unsatisfactory.

comably of the ^{School} ~~Master~~, & the gratuity ^{to the master} was desired -

- 12 William Evans Fitzherry Esq. of Ballywilliamroe is the Patron of the School - ^{So far as regards its connexion with the K.C. Society} The Protestant Minister does not seem to interfere with it the Cath. Priest has it immediately under his inspection, so far as regards his inquiries into the improvement of the Children both in letters & Morality -
- 13 Mr. Evans became Patron in 1822 -
- 14 The books used in the School are the Dublin Spelling & Reading Books - The small Books published by the Education Soc. Scripture Lessons - The Douay Testament alone is used there are 16 Copies of it, never more - The books have been supplied by the Education Society - except the Testaments -
- 15 Gough & Vosters Arithmetic -

No means whatever of proselytizing have been resorted to in this School any increase or diminution of pupils, must be ascribed to ordinary causes, the Parents rest satisfied that the faith of their children will not be corrupted when they are placed under the eye of the priest, who regulates the reading of the Scripture without note or comment, a regulation which nothing but impious necessity obliges me reluctantly to adopt, & which I never in any case could sanction, unless where the Master, as in the present instance, is a hon. Cath. and of prudent & discreet habits - My anxiety to have the children of my parish educated, has also induced me to permit the Chapel to be used as a Schoolhouse, until the divine bounty will enable me to build one - A circumstance which is quite unbecoming the respect due to the Temple of the living God -

X Newtown Sunday School (Chapel)

In Newtown Chapel a catechetical School is held on every Sunday & Holiday throughout the year from 9 o'clock to 10 am & from 11/2 to 1 p.m. under the immediate inspection of the K.C. Priest assisted by 13 young men & 13 young women of religious & moral character - The no of Pupils at present are 301 Males & 192 Females - total 493, they are taught the Catechism & instructed in the principles of Faith & Morality - The number of pupils varies according to the season of the year there being sometimes more & sometimes less than the no above stated - A great many of the pupils do not read - nor will they ever have an opportunity of learning

* Rathaden School.

- 1 Rathaden in the Town Land of Rathaden.
- 2 John Murphy (and assistant Peter Corcoran for the last 4 months) opened School in the year 1819 School is held throughout the year -
- 3 Roman Catholic - opened School with the approbation of the Parish Priest
- 4 Age 24. Character good, Teacher, reading, writing, arithmetic acct. And has a general knowledge of the Mathematics
- 5 Number of Pupils 50 Male, 30 Female, 20 P.C. 50
- 6 Average - 10
- 7 Average - 60
- 8 Proportion of Readers 4 in 5 thinks a child will read in 6 or 7 Months under his care -
- 9 has no fixed salary, or gratuity, except from the Scholars expects about 3 £ for this present year - Rates of payment are 2-6 Reading 3-3 writing, 5-0 Arithmetic & 11-6 per quarter for Mathematics - Many of the Scholars pay nothing
- 10 The Schoolhouse is his father's dwelling - walls of Clay, thatched - has 2 small windows, is 19 feet by 10 has one small table, a few planks or kind of forms -
- 11 This School is not in connexion with any Society -
- 12 No Patron - the right & authority of the Parish Priest over this School is the same as over the others in his parish
- 13 ---
- 14 The Books used in this School are Primer, reading made easy, Universal Spelling Book, Works of Pope, Works well out of Death of Abel, Almorani & Hamet, Jackson's book-keeping, Porter's Arithmetic, Simpson's Fluxions, the General Catechism - No Testament - The children provide their own Books - History of Isaac Jenkins, Robinson Crusoe

British of Murrey -
X Murrey Parochial School

- 1 Murrey in the Townland of Murrey -
- 2 John Tragers: This School was first opened in April 1821:
is held on every day throughout the year Sundays excepted
- 3 Religion of the established Church; was appointed in April 1821 by the Rev. Mr. Warham, then rector of the Parish.
- 4 Age 24 years; Character I ^{believe} suppose good; Teaches reading, writing, Arithmetic, Geometry & accts received his education both in England & Ireland, particularly at Dublin, Kilkenny, Carlow & Fallow. has not been trained at Kildare place.
- 5 The average n^o of pupils for the last 3 Months about 30.

Males	19	Protst.	16	R.C.	3
Fem.	11		10		1

No dissenters
- 6 During last winter about 20
- 7 During summer 1823 — 34
- 8 About 16 can read, making a proportion ^{about} of 10 in 20
a child will begin to read in about 6 months -
- 9 The Annual income is £ 7.10-0 of which £ 5-0-0 are given as a gratuity by Colonel Broun M.C. £ 2-10-0 by the Rev. Mr. Colly, the present Rector - Nothing has been received from the Scholars during the last 3 months - Sometimes a few of the children pay a trifling sum, so small as not considered by the master to be worth naming: he is authorized however to require from the Scholar, if able to pay, the following rates, 2-0 per quarter for Spellers & readers, 5-0 per q^r for writing & arithmetic, & 10-0 for the higher branches.
- 10 The Schoolhouse is commodious, 2 stories high, looks to the South East, is built with mortar & stone, and slated - It contains a Hall 5-8 wide, one room to the right, with earthen floor intended for the Boys School, another to the left with boarded floor, intended for the females, the dimensions of each room are 18 1/2 feet by about 15 ^{width 9 feet} - there are two windows on the front of each room, the rooms are also provided with fireplaces. There are at present no fixtures in the Schoolrooms, - the upper story is intended for

the accommodation of the Master & Mistress. The probable cost of building a house of the same size & with the same materials, w^d be about \$400-0-0. It was not at first intended for a Schoolhouse, but it is now given by Colonel Bowen gratis for that purpose. He also pays the present expense of repairing the House.

11 This School has no Connection with any Society or Association. The rules of the School, inasmuch as the Protestant version of the Scriptures are required to be read by all the Scholars, (this being a Danish School) have not, with regard to the M^r. Catholics been adhered to, from the conviction of the Master, that in such case the Cath. Children w^d be withdrawn by their parents.

12 Colonel Bowen seems to be the principal & only Patron.

The Minister of the Danish the principal Superintendent, the latter visits the School every week, & enquires into the progress of the Children - the nature & extent of his authority, he can best explain - The Cath. Priest claims no authority, over the School, more than the withdrawing of the Cath. Children from it, in case anything sh^d be introduced into the School contrary to their faith or morals.

13 The School has been directed as just mentioned since the opening of it in the year 1821.

14 The Books used in this School are the Protestant version of the New Testament, Trimmer's History of the Bible, Mann's Catechism, the Catechism broken in to short questions (these are introduced during school hours) Esop's Fables, Gorton's English, universal Spelling Book, Primer, Arithmetic &c. The Testaments & Catechism ^{& Books} have been procured by the Rector - the other ~~smaller~~ books are procured by the Scholars. The Protestant Testament alone has been used - there have been 11 Copies of it heretofore, at present there are but 4 - the decline owing to their being ^{taken} removed from the School by the Scholars, some of them are expected to be returned.

15 There have been no steps whatever taken in this School to M^r. Catholics become M^r. Cath^s. Neither can I say that any

steps have been taken to induce R: Caths to become Protestants
if we consider the introduction of the Protest. Testament
into the hands of the Cath. Children, as a step leading to that
object - in the year 1821 there were upwards of 90 children
at this School, the greater part of them were R: Caths. In
1822 some regulations were introduced by the then rector,
whereby the R: C. Children were not permitted to learn their
Catechism, the reading of the Protest. Test. was ^{insisted on} required, and
there were some reports circulated to the disadvantage of the
Master, (which reports, however, I believe to be false) in
consequence the Cath. Children were withdrawn, and
have not since that time frequented the School, if I except
a few - That this secession of the Cath. Children will be perman-
ent, I have no doubt as long as any apprehension may
be apprehended of their religious principles being tampered with.
The School is conducted according to its present regulations -
there must be an alteration effected in the system, similar
to that mentioned under the head of "Dunelm Parish
School". before any accession of Cath. Children can be
expected -

Munsey Church

About 25 children are taught the Church
Catechism on Sunday by the Minister &
Choir -

Anna Nolan John
John Nolan 20

Francis McConnon

John Henry

Francis Redington

Biddy Moran

Biddy Redington

Mary Redden

Mary Redington

John Redden

John Redden

X Ballytarna School

- 1 Ballytarna is the Townland of Ballytarna
- 2 James O'Leahaw, opened School July, 1824, will continue during the remainder of the Summer.
- 3 Roman Catholic, opened School with the consent of the Priest
- 4 Age 32. Character good, Teaches reading, writing Arithmetic English Grammar, was educated in the Co. of Carlow & Apperany, was not trained at Kildare place
- 5 Number of Pupils 40 - Males 26 Fem 14 - Prot. & R.C. 40
- 6 - No School
- 7 No School
- 8 proportion of readers 4 in 20 - Will teach a child to read in 12 months -
- 9 Has no fixed Salary or gratuity, - does not expect more than 4 pounds or guineas for his attention during the Summer - Rate of payment - 1-8 from Speller, 2-6 readers, 4-4 Arithmetic
- 10 The House is built of Stone & Clay, badly thatched, admits the rain, not plastered, length 27 feet, breadth 12, has 2 unglazed windows - No accommodation for the children
- 11 has no connexion with any Society
- 12 has no Bation -
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- 14 The Books used are Primer, reading made easy, miscellaneous Spelling book, Walker's Arithmetic, Meditations for every day in the Month, Moral Essays, Picture of the Seasons, General Catechism - No Testament or Bible - The children provide their own Books.
- 15 No attempts whatever have been made to make proselytes in this School, the Master & children being all Rom. Cath. - Any increase or diminution of Scholars that may have taken place must be attributed to ordinary causes - the people are anxious to have their children educated, & they would prefer sending them to this wretched cabin for instruction, than to the most filthy building, where there w^d be the least danger of their per-
-dition -

Barish of Loumo

+ Loumo Parish School

- 1 Loumo in the Townland of Loumo.
- 2 Edward O'Connor - This School was opened
which daily throughout the year -
- 3 Religion of the established Church - was appointed by Dr.
Robert rector of Loumo in 1809
- 4 Age about 60, of good character, Teacher reading writing
& arithmetic, was educated in Cork & Waterford was
not trained at Kildare place -
- 5 Number of Pupils 45 Average of the daily attendance 35
Males 29 Fem. 16 Prot. 10 M.C. 35 { If any more come
- 6 - Average 33
- 7 - Average 44
- 8 proportion of readers about 10 in 20 will teach a child to
read in about 6 Months -
- 9 His Annual income is 15 £ received from the Society for
discouraging vice £10 of which is a fixed Salary £8 5
a gratuity - has received about £2.0.0 from the Scholars
rates of payment are 2-2 from Sellers, 2-8 1/2 writing
3-9 arithmetic -
- 10 The School ~~house~~^{room} is very inconvenient - Situate in the Church
yard - has one window, neither ceiled nor plastered but
dashed with mortar inside - the floor is extremely damp
& sunk somewhat under the level of the ground - dimen-
sions of the room 18 feet by 12 Contains six desks & seats
there is one apartment for the use of the Master 10 feet by 12
there is another room intended for a female School 13 feet
by 12 - the present Schoolroom has been built partly by
Subscription & partly by Parish cess - I think a better
house would be built for £100 -
- 11 This School is in Connection with the Association for discour-
tenancing vice. I cannot learn the time or circumstan-
ces under which the Connection has been formed - The rules
of the Association have in general been adhered to, but
that one which requires that the Protestant Testament
be read, has not been enforced with regard to some
Roman Cath. Children - whose Parents w^d not permit
them to obey the injunctions of the Master in this respect

Lorum School N^o 15. I do not know of any direct attempt at
 forcibly turning in this School, unless the established mode of reading the
 Protestant Bible be considered as having a tendency that way. There has
 been occasionally a number of scholars, to be attributed, beside the evidence
 of the to the ^{to the} disapprobation of the Priest and the unwillingness of
 the Parents of the P. C. children, to have the Protestant Bible put into the
 hands of the P. C. children, and the unwillingness of their Parents to
 comply with that regulation. In general I have the same objection
 to this School as to the other Protestant Schools in my Parish.
 For further observations I beg leave to refer to Dunblough Parochial
 School, N^o 15, and Trough School under the same head.

Committee-Room, 4, Lower Abbey-Street, Dublin,
April 20th, 1822.

SIR,

We are directed by the Committee of the Irish National Society, to request of you to acquaint them whether any School or Schools have been established in your Parish by "The Society for promoting the Education of the Poor of Ireland," *Kildare-Place*.—Whether such School or Schools are resorted to by Catholic children, and also particularly to inform the Committee whether you approve or disapprove of the system of making the Scriptures without note or comment a school-book for the children of your flock?

May we request further to learn from you, whether the obligation of introducing the Scriptures without note or comment prevents the Catholic children from attending such Schools? The Committee have been induced to make this application in consequence of a statement lately published by the above-mentioned Society, in which it is asserted "that the Roman Catholic poor have both cheerfully and generally availed themselves of the advantages of Education afforded by the Society, and also, that the system of Education recommended by this Institution, has, in many instances, met with the cordial support and approbation of Roman Catholic Clergy.

We have the honor to remain,

Your obedient humble Servants,

JOHN FINLAY, }
ROGER TERRY, } *Secretaries.*

An early answer is most earnestly requested, which you will please to direct to the Secretaries open, under Cover to

*Sir E. Lees,
Post-Office,*

*Irish National Society,
4, Lower Abbey-St.*

Dublin.

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- 12 The Protestant Minister of the Parish Superintends this School, He visits it frequently, without having any fixed days - I suppose, the Nature & extent of his Superintendence is the same as that of all Ministers generally over Parish Schools - the R.C. Priest or Coadjutor, claims no Control over it, more than the right of withdrawing the R.C. Children from it, when their danger of their faith or morals being corrupted -
- 13 at the time of its first opening in -
- 14 The Books used in this School are The New Testament - Scripture Lessons Dublin & Sunday School Spelling book - Universal Spelling book, Reading made easy, Primer, Gough's Arithmetic, Church Catechism, Murray's English Grammar, Travels in Africa, Byron's Narrative - of Wager - The Robin Miscellany, Wonderful escapes - The Protestant version of the new Testament alone is read - of which there are 3 copies, there have been 6 or 8 belonging to the children who have since remained at home - those belonging to the School have been supplied by the Minister, who has also procured some of the other books, some of the children have hitherto provided books for themselves -

Louran Catechism School

About 12 children 8 males, 4 fem. are taught the Church Catechism by the Curate on Sunday Morning,

Ballentullen Chapel

432 children 272 males & 160 Fem. are taught the Catechism &c. by 17 Masters & 19 Mistresses

X/Ballenhill School

- 1 Ballenhill in the Township of Ballenhill
- 2 John Brennan, the School was first opened in the year 1810 is held on every day throughout the year Sunday, & Holidays, excepted -
- 3 Roman Catholic, was appointed by Rev. M. Brendegast B.P. in 1816
- 4 Age 39 - Character good, Teaches reading writing arithmetic acct. Mensuration Surveying &c. was educated in the Co. Tipperary - was not trained at Kildare place -
- 5 No. of pupils on the list 59 average of daily attendance 36 Males 28 Fem. - 31 Cath. - 59
- 6 During last winter about 24
- 7 During the summer of 1823 71
- 8 proportion of readers about 7 in 20 - will teach a child to read in about 6 or 7 Months -
- 9 There is no fixed Salary for the School; the Master receives 10£ Annually, for his attention both to the School & the Chapel adjoining ^{raised by subscription} ~~of which he is the~~ has received about £2-10-0 from the children - rates of payment are 2-2 Spelling 3-3 writing 5-5 per quarter without.
- 10 The Schoolhouse is two stories high, looks to the South, is built of the best materials & slated - the Schoolroom has 3 windows & fireplace. is not lofted nor plastered is 20 feet by 15. Has one table & planks on which the children sit - The other end of the house is of the same dimensions, & lofted. it is appropriated to the use of the Master - This Schoolhouse was built in the year 1810 by the subscription of the Catholics the B. Priest Mr. Brendegast contributed £50. A lease of the ground has been given for ever by the late Colonel Latouche, to trustees for the use of the public. The probable cost of building & finishing it w. be about £200
- 11 This School is not at present, nor has been in connexion with any Association - A connexion was sought to be formed with the Kildare place Society during the present summer - A sum of money was solicited for the purpose

of procuring the necessary fixtures for the School, & for building a second floor for the purpose of a female school. This grant was at first promised by the Committee, but they afterwards declined giving the money, unless on condition that a lease ^{of the ground} w^d. be made to trustees for certain purposes. These conditions could not be accepted - first they appeared unnecessary inasmuch as the house was already public property, built by the public & held in trust for the public - secondly - The sum required was only \$30 - which was too small to purchase a house such as the present Schoolhouse is - wherefore the correspondence closed - (The grant has since been confirmed M.B.)

12 The Visitors & Superintendents of this School are the Parish Priest & his Cadutors - who have it immediately under their controul & inspection - During the Summer of 1823 the School was regularly visited by the neighboring farmers who made reports of the State of the School - they have discontinued their visits for the present - but I expect they will again resume them -

13 From the beginning -

14 The Books that have been used in the School are the Scripture Lessons, the Sunday School, National & Universal Spelling books, Esop's Fables, Edinstown Light house, the exiles of Siberia, the old English Baron, seven wise Masters & Mistresses of Rome the Hare, Maritimon, Wanderings of Warwick, Robinson Crusoe, description of Beasts, virtuous Scholar, Minks and out - Fairy Tales, Childs new play thing, reading made easy - Grimmers - No Bible or Testament - Some few books have been given by the Parishioners - the rest have been procured by the Scholars -

15 The spirit of Proslavery has not appeared in this School - The decrease of pupils since 1823 is to be attributed to various causes - 1st the children frequenting this School are for the most part paupers & in consequence of the dearth of food this last summer, many of them have been obliged to beg - 2^d in the years 22 & 23 the School was regularly visited by some of the neighboring farmers, who had the list of the children called over. This had the effect of making them more attentive - their visits to the School were discontinued this year, on account of the application that was made to the Kildare place Society & which it was expected w^d. have been brought to a conclusion before this - however whether this Society grant the required aid or not, these gentlemen will it is hoped resume their visit

X Corries School.

- 1 Corries in the Township of Corries -
- 2 Michael Barron, first opened in 1819 - teaches during the Summer 6 Months -
- 3 Roman Catholic, opened School with the approbation of the Parish Priest - in 1819
- 4 Age 27 - of good character - teaches reading, writing, arithmetic, accts English Grammar & Mensuration was educated at Gaebridge St Bonis - was not trained at Kildare place
- 5 Average No. of Children 92 Males 52 Fem 40 N.C. 92
- 6 No School
- 7 Average 106
- 8 proportion of readers 12 in 20, will teach a child to read in from 6 to 9 Months
- 9 has no salary or gratuity except from the children, gets about £10 yearly, rates of payment are 15 per quarter for beginners - reading & writing 1-8 - arithmetic 2-6 English grammar 4s 7-6
- 10 The Schoolhouse is built of Stone & yellow Clay, thatched by Planks for seats, has one ^{counting} ~~small~~ table, cost of building a similar one about £5 - was built at his own expense - 21 feet by 11 1/2
- 11 Against in connexion with any Society
- 12 Has no patron or Superintendent -
- 13
- 14 The Books are Masons Primer, Reading made easy, Universal & Dublin Spelling books. Byrons narrative of a Shipwreck, Robinson Crusoe, Principles of Politeness, the Imitation of Christ, Think well out, History of Little Jack, life of St. Joseph, Anna St. Ives, Mrs. Mason, Confessions of St. Austin, Remarks on Animals, Animal Sagacity, Homer's Iliad - Don Bellianis, Valentine & Orson, Touch Stone of the new religion, Exiles of Siberia, Dublin Reading book. Well opened to learners: the General Catechism - No Bible or Testament - the books have been provided by the children -

Parish of Sliguf.

James Murphy's School

- 1 Sliguf in the Township of Sliguf.
- 2 James Murphy: This School was opened in May 1824 & continues open during the Summer Season.
- 3 Roman Catholic; opened School with the permission of the Parish Priest
- 4 Age about 20: of good character, can teach reading, writing, arithmetic acc^t English grammar, Measuration, was educated at Goresbridge, was not trained at Kildare Place.
- 5 Number of Pupils in attendance about 40 - Male, 27 Fem. 13 Protest. 3 R. C. 37
- 6 no School
- 7 no School
- 8 proportion of Readers 8 in 20 - thinks he w^d teach a child to read in about 5 Months.
- 9 His total annual income is derived from the payments of the Children, if paid as he expects, he will receive about 4 £ for this Season. the rates of payment are, from Spellers & readers 2-2 per quarter, writers 3-4 more advanced 4-4
- 10 The Schoolhouse is a small hut without any accommodation peculiar to a Schoolhouse, there are a few seats procured by the Scholars, about 3 £ might be the cost of building a similar one - the Master pays 15 for the use of it during the present Season.
- 11 Is not in connexion with any Society
- 12 has patron &c.
- 13
- 14 Books used in the School as far as I can learn are -
Brimes, Reading made easy, Dublin & Universal Spelling Book, Seven wise Masters & Mistresses of Rome, Down Belianis, Voyage of Capt. Bligh, Seven Champions of Christen
2 Protestant Testaments read by the Protestant Children
1 Scripture Lesson brought sometimes by one of the pupils

Batrach Kunis School

- 1 Slaves in the Township of Sliguf
- 2 Batrach Kunis, opened School in May 1821, - is held daily during the Summer Season
- 3 Roman Catholic, opened School with the approbation of the Parish Priest.
- 4 Age about 40, of good Character, Can teach reading writing, arithmetic acct. - was educated in the neighborhood, was not trained at his own place.
- 5 Number of Scholars 36 Males 21 Fem 15 Protest 3 R. Cath. 33
- 6 No School
- 7 No School
- 8 Proportion of readers about 8 in 20, thinks 9 months the average time to teach a child to read.
- 9 His annual income depends on the payments of the Scholars, he receives about 2 \$ per quarter rates of payment 12 \$ per qu. from Spellers & readers, 2-6 writers & 3 auth.
- 10 The Schoolhouse is a barn, which he has hired for the Season - very bad accommodation for the Scholars.
- 11 Not connected with any Society.
- 12 has no Patron
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- 14 The Books used in the School as far as I can learn are, Reading Made easy, Wiley & Universal Spelling Books Dub. Lin reading Book, History of Joseph, Reeves Hist. of the Bible, 1 Scripture Lessons has been brought by a Protestant child, the Church Catechism has been used by the Protestant children the General Catechism by the Catholics. The books are procured by the pupils.

+ There are so many Societies and associations, at present in the united Kingdom, using all their endeavours and concentrating all their resources ostensibly for the promotion of education, but in reality for the propagation of their own pernicious doctrines, equally subversive of Religion and the Honour that the B. C. Clergy feel themselves imperiously ^{called on} obliged, to be more than usually watchful over their flocks, lest they should be deceived by the wolves and the people themselves long with more than ordinary confidence and affection to their Pastor. When such hostile and such general confederacies are formed against themselves and their religion, is it not unreasonable to find fault with the Irish Cath. Clergy, because they watch the movements and operations of these Societies with anxiety, jealousy and distrust? and would they not submit themselves to the just imputation of a culpable indifference, or a ^{gross neglect} violation of their most important duties, if they were to act in any other way? The B. C. Priesthood are considered themselves entrusted by A. G. with the religious and moral instruction of those the people confided to their care, they discharge that trust with unremitting and zealous attention, 'tis then to them that the means should be furnished of discharging that important commission, and not ~~to any presumptuous individuals or societies of a different way of opposite & inimical principles.~~ And yet it is because the Catholic Clergy and Laity of Ireland do not submit without complaint to this intolerant exclusion, that an outcry is raised against them and it is vehemently insisted that the education and instruction of the Catholic youth should not be entrusted to their Parents or their Pastors, or any other members of the same communion, but be confided to every Enthusiast, Bigot or officious young or old Lady, that may please to occupy or amuse themselves with such cares.

Ballenkillen School

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- 1 Ballenkillen
- 2 Mr. Brennan — built & opened in the year 1810 — is held on every day throughout the year Sundays & Holydays excepted —
- 3 Religion Catholic appointed by Her Majesty in June 1816
- 4 Age 39. Character excellent. Can teach reading writing arithmetic accts Mensuration; Surveying Geometry Plane trigonometry English Grammar Algebra &c &c Educated in the C. of Tipperary.
- 5 Number of Children on list 59 Average about 36 Males 28 females 31 Catholics 59
- 6 During the last winter about 24
- 7 During the summer 1823 — 71
- 8 About 20 can read — thinks that children can read in about 6 or 7 months
- 9 The Annual income is not fixed for the school the Master receives £10 for his attention to the school & chapel adjoining has received about £2-10 from the children — Rates of payment 2-2 Speller 3-3 writer 5-5 arithmetic —
- 10 The Schoolroom 20 by 15. raised sufficiently high for a 2^d floor has 3 windows; this is built of lime & stone & slated — the walls are not plastered — the other end of the house the same dimensions is appropriated to the use of the Master & family & is lofted — there is scarcely any accommodation for the children &c. — Constructed by subscription &c.

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Parish of Ballyellen

+ M^{rs} Banon's School

- 1 Ballyellen in the Townland of Ballyellen
- 2 Mary Banon - This School was opened in May 1818, is held daily throughout the year, Sundays & Holidays excepted
- 3 Roman Catholic: Opened School with the approbation of the Parish Priest.
- 4 Age about 60 of very good Character, Can teach reading writing, Sewing - was educated at Booterstown Co. Kilkenny
- 5 Average Number 29 Males 14 Fem. 15 Prot. 00.
- 6 Average W^o about 12
- 7 Average W^o about 30
- 8 proportion of readers about 5 in 20, thinks 6 or 7 Months the average time to teach a child to read.
- 9 the annual income about £5 arising solely from her pupils rates - 1-8 per quarter without any distinction of Class.
- 10 A small thatched house, built with Stone & Mortar, 14 feet by 12. Cost of constructing a similar one about £5
- 11 has no connexion with any Society
- 12 has no Bation -
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- 14 Books used in this School are Primer, reading made easy, Universal Spellingbook, New Robinson Crusoe, some few of the many reasons which must for ever attack a Rom. Cath. to his religion the adventures of Little Red Riding Hood. Rom. Cath. Prayer book. General Catechism. The books are procured by the Scholars.
- 15 There has been no attempt at proselytism made in these Schools - The people seem disposed to send their children to them notwithstanding their want of the necessary accommodations.

+ Patrick Cody's School

- 1 Ballyellen Called Knockmannus, in the Townland of Ballyellen.
- 2 Patrick Cody: the School was opened in June 1824, will continue open for the remainder of the summer.
- 3 Roman Catholic; appointed by the inhabitants of the neighbourhood with the consent of the Parish Priest.
- 4 Age about 22: I know of nothing to affect his Character. Can teach reading, writing, arithmetic &c. &c. was educated at Goresbridge, was not trained at Kildare place.
- 5 Number of pupils since the School opened about 44
Males 24 Fem. 20 Prot. 00 R. Cath. 44
- 6 No School
- 7 No School
- 8 Proportion of readers about 6 in 20, thinks 6 Months, the average time to teach a child to read.
- 9 Income of the Master during the summer about 4 £ received solely from the pupils. Rates of payment 2 pence for spelling & reading 3-6 for writing & arithmetic.
- 10 A small thatched house, without any fixtures. The probable expense of building such another about 2 guineas - he pays 6^d for the use of it during the summer.
- 11 is not connected with any Society.
- 12 has no Patron.
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- 14 The Books used in the School as far as I can learn are Brimers, reading made easy, Universal & rational Spelling Books, Scotts Lessons, Guy Earl of Warwick, Ansons voyage General Catechism - No Bible or Testament. These Books are procured by the children.

Parish of Fenagh.

Fenagh Parish School (Male)

- 1 Fenagh in the Downland of Fenagh
- 2 Robert Keating (^{have not} ~~I cannot~~ ascertain the time when this school was first opened) it held daily thro' the year
- 3 Religion of the Established Church, was appointed by Rev. W. Downing Vicar of Fenagh in October 1820
- 4 Age 25. Character good, educated at different places, was not trained at Kildare Place (teaches reading writing & arithmetic)
- 5 Average no of Pupils 74 ^{Place to} Protest- 34 Roman Cath 39
- 6 average no. - 56
- 7 average no. 80
- 8 proportion of readers about 10 in 20 - thinks that 6 months is the average time to teach a child to read -
- 9 The Annual income of the Master is £20 given by the Society for discountenancing vice. the Scholar pay nothing
- 10 The School house is built of the best Materials & Slates, dimensions of the room are 20 feet by 14 has 3 windows & a fire place, contains 3 desks & some seats, there are also 2 rooms for the Master use, probable cost of building about £90 =
- 11 Is in connexion with the Society for discountenancing vice - I have not learned the time or circumstances of this connexion, the rules of the Society seem to have been rigidly observed -
- 12 The Patrons of this School are Rev. S. Downing & the subscribers to it Colonel Brien: L. Col. Latouche, William Ganet, Jun. Watson Senr. Jun. Watson Junr. Tho. W. Watson. Robt. Grey & Jun. Walker Esqrs. - Rev. Rich. Madcliffe & Rev. S. Downing. These Gentlemen or some of them occasionally visit the School but have no fixed days. They form themselves into a committee & make such regulations as may be deemed necessary. The Protestant Minister seems to be the principal superintendent the Cath. Priest has no power - in fact that of withdrawing the Cath. Children: which he must do on the present occasion, unless the Rev. W. D. to whom he has applied for that purpose, & the Committee, alter or expunge the objectionable rules.

- 13 I have not learned how long the gentlemen before named are in the habit of subscribing to the School -
- 14 The Books used in the School are Spelling & reading Tablets, Dublin, ^{Mace} Jennings & Maurois' Spelling book - Trimmer's abridgement of the old & new ~~Spelling Book~~ Testament - Gough & Vortey's Arithmetic (Historical Books given by the Education Society) These books are purchased out of the funds of the School with the exception of the Historical & 48 Spelling books - 12 new Testament, 12 Old Testament Protestant version - the number has been increased owing to the increase of Scholars -
- 15 I do not know of any open or direct means of proselytism that may have been resorted to in this School - but the entire system ^{according to which} the school is regulated seems to have been framed in that spirit.

Tenagh Female School

- 1 Tenagh in the Townland of Tenagh
- 2 Aime Fincloath; ~~There~~ not learned when the School was first opened - is held daily throughout the year
- 3 Religion of the Established Church: was appointed to the School by the Committee for the time being in the year 1807
- 4 Age 38, Character good, Can teach Spelling reading, a little writing & plain needlework. was educated in Enlow was not trained at his own place
- 5 Average U? 70 Protest 30 Rom. Cath 40
- 6 Average — 56
- 7 Average — 63
- 8 about 10 in 20 Can read, thinks 6 months the average time to teach a child to read -
- 9 The annual income is \$20: about \$13 of which is paid by the Association for discountenancing vice the remainder is paid from the Subscriptions to the School - The Scholars pay nothing -
- 10 The School room is a continuation of the Male School I believe of the same dimensions, but lofted for the accommodation of the Mistress - the expence of building nearly the same as the Male School -
- 11 The same as for the Male School.
- 12 The same as for the Male School - the Protestant Ladies of the neighbourhood visit the School without having any fixed days
- 13 The same as to Second Query -
- 14 The books are the same as used in the Male School & provided in the same manner - there are 6 copies of the new Testament - there has been a larger U? pentagon but worn out -

Fenagh Catechetical Sunday School

There about 30 Children taught the Scriptures & Church Catechism by Rev Mr. Downing on Sunday Mornings from 10 till 12 o'clock - (They are all Protestants)

+ Dunleckny Sunday School

Is held at Dunleckny in the House of Philip Newton Esq. And Superintended by Miss Newton, the hour of attendance is 3 o'clock - The n^o of pupils since its commencement about 6 months past has been 9 - Males 6 Fem 3 Average 7 - 6 can read -

The Books used are New Testament Prot. version, Trimmer's abridgement of the old Test. Church Catechism Crofton's introduction to Prayers for the poor by Hannah More -

+ Dunleckny Catechetical School

About 30 Children (all Protestants,) are instructed by the Curate Minister & Clerk on Sunday Mornings during the summer Season at Dunleckny Church from 10 o'clock to 12 - The Books are Church Catechism - Catechism broken into Short Questions. Maier's exposition of the Church Catechism - Mr. Trimmer's Lessons on the Testament -

Boy: town. Catholicism School No. 15 (Chapel)

They leave to call the attention of his Majesty's Commissioners to these Schools - to the nature of the instructions communicated in them, and to the nature of the books which are read for & distributed amongst the lower order of Rom: Cath: in this Country - I do this, ~~that~~ in the hope that they will satisfy themselves as to the truth or falsehood of the many charges brought by persons of other religions against the Cath. Clergy & particularly that of their anxiety to keep the people in ignorance, & their apathy to every kind of instruction. The Commissioners will also, by inspecting the books & ~~etc~~ - chisms have an opportunity of examining into the nature of the doctrine taught the Rom. Cath. & seeing whether or not it be Idolatrous, blasphemous or rebellious - If, as I hope, his Majesty's Commissioners will satisfy themselves as to these points, I have but one request to make which is that in their report to Parliament they will endeavour to remove the impressions already made on the minds of his Majesty's Government to our disadvantage - that they will endeavour to obtain for us some small portion of the large sums voted yearly by Parliament for the purpose of educating the people, to be placed at our disposal - for us, who educate the poor without the means - And that all may not be entrusted to our indolent, ~~lazy~~ but favoured clergy - Societies & associations whose object seems to be proselytism ~~not~~ And the Moral & religious education of the people

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Bagenstown Small Schools No. 15

It does not appear that any steps have been taken to make
prochytas in these Schools or any of them - But then I can
not avoid ~~at~~ expressing my concern, that the Dunleckney
Parochial Schoolhouse, built at so much expense, to
which so much of the public money has been given, is
cannot be rendered available to the education of the
poor Non. Cath. of this town - The house is admirably
fitted for the purpose of education, & in it the poor w^d have
the additional advantages of warmth, cleanliness &
comfort - In these Small Schools, on the other hand, there
can be no order or regularity (in general, observed, the poor
naked children pine with cold upon the stone or the
unbebe the seeds of consumption and decay upon
the damp floor - cleanliness is banished, & nothing
can exceed the filth in which they sometimes wallow
Now the benches & the desks, which were erected in the
Parochial School for the accommodation of these
poor children, are naked & deserted, the house itself
stands the proud monument of the vanity of its
constructor, and all this in consequence of the
unchristian & unchristian rules by which
it is regulated - For tho' much Non. Cath. prize
the education & the comfort of their children, yet
they esteem still more the precious deposit of
their faith ^{passed} ~~passed~~ & transmitted to them by their
fathers thro' centuries of persecution, and, which, if
it were possible, they would now be robbed by
thro' the blandishments of pretended charity -
The Dunleckney P. Schoolhouse is calculated to contain
at present 120 children, & by the addition of a few more
seats, which if necessary, could be effected there w^d.
be accommodation for 50 more - The number
of children at present attending the School is 56 & the
w^d going to the Small Schools in the town & imme-
diate neighbourhood 115 = So that there I may say

the blessings of a grateful people -

Read his child -

Sling Schools 12:15

There have not been any attempts made to induce a change of religious principles in these Schools - But this is my wish to submit to his Majesty's Commissioners some thoughts relative to the situation of the poor country Schoolmasters generally - and also on the different obstacles to education amongst the children of the poor - in order that they may be supplied with all the information that it is in my power to convey - These Schoolmasters are all Moral Men, & of quiet, inoffensive habits, but in most instances we are struck with their squalid appearance - the effect of their poverty - In fact it cannot be otherwise, since we see them labouring amongst a few ragged children in a miserable hovel, for six months, and receive as recompense of their services the sum of 2-3- or 4 pounds - ~~I often~~ ^{They sometimes} even with the greatest difficulty - with this sum they have to clothe & support themselves & pay the rent of their Schoolhouse - It is true that during the winter months, they ^{sometimes} have tuition in private families but then their recompense is very small - It rests with the Government to make their situation something better than it is - if they were provided with a house rent free & 5 £ per annum, it w^d. be a matter of great consequence to them: it w^d. enable them to live ^{in comparative} comfort & teach all the very poor children of their neighbourhood gratis - When I speak of houses, I do not mean those grand edifices on which so much of the public money has been expended, for the purpose of ornamenting the terrace or of gratifying the vanity of some neighbouring gentleman - I mean a house which w^d. protect the inmates from the rain or from the snow & which could be erected for 10 or 15 pounds - The medium thro' which this money & expenditure sh^d. be conveyed, is the Cath. Clergy - The chief obstacle to the education of the Irish peasantry, ^{at least in this part of the country} is their poverty - They have neither food nor raiment for the greater part, and even

if they had, they have not the means of paying a small pittance to the Master, or the buying a book. Let books be provided for the poor - such books as will convey moral & religious instruction - and such as will be approved of by their pastors. I believe the most hardy will not venture to affirm that the Cath. Clergy will put improper books into the hands of their respective flocks. & even tho' it should be asserted it is contrary to the conviction of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~unbelievers~~ ^{unbelievers} - But does not the "Education Society" do all this? build & furnish School houses, give gratuities to teachers, supply all its Schools with books, paper, Slates &c. -? This Society ^{may do some} ~~does~~ good, where the School is connected with it, are immediately under the control of the Cath. Clergy, but this is not general throughout the Kingdom. & I will venture to assert that one half the substantial good is not done by the K. S. which might be done if its funds were otherwise applied. One half the books furnished by this Society are I may say thrown away - because they are given to those who are able to purchase for themselves. I do not give them gratis to none but the poor who are unable to buy. one half the money expended in building houses, is expended in vain. - If the greater part of the gratuities is confined to Protestant Masters - their inspectors could be dispensed with, & their salaries & expenses put to the disadvantage of the people ^{as that is greater importance than all}. Their schools are not all frequented by the poor. Let us unite into one fund all the monies voted to the L. S. Lieut. - the Phil. Soc. the Bible Soc. & all the other innumerable Societies. These to be disposed of according to the wishes, & on the application of the Cath. Clergy. ^{both permanent & temporary} we will soon see the people all educated, we will see them virtuous & moral. It will not be said, surely, that the Clergy have less honesty or integrity than the classes of people to whom the distribution of these funds is at present confided. The vast sums of money that are at present expended in Great Britain in printing & dis-

tributing Bibles, w^d go far in educating the poor
of Ireland. & what good have these Bibles done? have
they made the people of England more virtuous or
more moral than the people of Ireland? It w^d
appear to me that the little book called Hell spend
to sinners, would answer them much better.

As to the Cath. Clergy, they cannot withdraw their
opposition to the present system of education as long
as it exists, and if th^r instrumentality the one
proposed by Government is not attained, the blame
ought not to rest on them, but on those who adopt the
obnoxious system. — +

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Private Sunday Schools of this description are not countenanced
by the R. L. Priest, because he cannot visit them as he would other
schools, because there are books used therein, which he would
not allow to be put in the hands of his flock, and those excluded
which he would recommend. Because the persons who superin-
tend these schools are anxious to disseminate their own doctrines,
and finally, because the time of attendance at these schools
generally interferes with their catechetical instruction in the
Chapels. I have not yet heard of any Catechism being read
in these schools

J. A. J. 1858

Dublin Castle

For the Rev
Michael

W. Shaw Mason

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