

County of Kildare
Diocese of Kildare
Barony of Meath

Parish of Rathcoffey.

Extreme length of Parish 2 1/2 Miles
Breadth of do 1 1/2 do
Number of Acres 2000.
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Rathcoffey Town Land of Rathcoffey.	Edward Coonan, Through the year with the exception of Sundays & holy days & some few days when the Master's domestic concerns oblige him to be absent.	Roman Catholic appointed by Robert Aylmer Esq. & Mr. Robinson in 1808.	47 years, well conducted Teacher reading, writing Arithmetic, Book keep ing & Geometry. Educated in the Town of Kildare, not trained in Kildare place.	Male 50 Female 40	30 of 1	86	38	60	9 in 20. To teach a child to read 14 months.	29 or 230 paid by the Parents at 2/6 - 3/4 5/6 and 10/6 of quarter. Since last April 1/4 at one penny per week 9 pence	Mud wall & thatches. 1/4 windows. Writing Benches & Forms probable cost about 22 L length 35 feet by 14 Built by the Parishoners. Additional benches for 30 children lately supplied by A. H. Rowan Esq.	Is in connection with Kildare Meist so since March 1824. at which time 3000. Paper, Slates & amt. 1/4. 1/4 for the use of 60 poor Children was given the Society regulations hitherto have been adhered to, as far as they have been enforced or adapted * v. d. 1/5 - - -	Sunday catechism schools In the Chapel of Rathcoffey 110 Children receive catechistical instruction on Sundays and Holy days attendance as in Staplestown.	Doctor Johnson and James Aylmer Esq. Occasionally by P. P. and Curate, no fixed days notice of visitors to inspect the progress of the children. Visited once by Kildare Street Society Inspector Mr. V. Griffith.	At all times by P. P. and Curate - Since April last by Doctor Johnson and James Aylmer Esq.	Cahan's history of the old and new Testament. The Protestant Testament read by 4 Presbyterians. Goben's Instruction for youth. Spelling Books, Reading made easy Jackson's Bookkeeping Gough & Deighans Arithmetic purchased by the Children's Parents. Since 26th of last April sent 12 Lessons, 24, Sheep Books 96, two sheet of 13, Spelling Books in parts, 24, Reading Books 24, given by Kildare Street association as of 1/4. The other Children use books of like description at their own expense.
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No steps taken to proselyte. Increase of Pupils may be attributed to the exertions of the P. P. and Curate frequently recommending Parents to send their children to school, and the Master's agreeing to teach the poor at one penny per week, and such as have not even that means admitted gratis; also the Donation of the Kildare Street Society for the use of the poor. The school is likely to be permanent. The People well disposed towards it. It is however but just to observe that in affording assistance to our school the Kildare street association appeared to me to have practically departed from the speculative rule, which requires that the bible without note or comment be read in the schools - Such a rule is incompatible with the discipline of the catholic church, & indeed has been ably impugned by protestant writers and must disqualify any society for the benevolent & important task of affording education to the people of Ireland without religious distinction - This practical departure from their speculative rule is calculated to diminish the Legislature, and can never receive the confidence of catholics - It would seem to have for object to affix to the catholic Hierarchy of Ireland a contradiction which attaches to the Society itself - They must have seen that the Legislature could not continue its annual grant for the education of the catholic people of Ireland, whilst a rule of that Society excluded that people from its participation - Hence whilst they profess obstinately to adhere to themselves, they partially depart from them, in order as I do believe, to be enabled to fill the Legislature that their system has been decided, whereas it is only a departure from that system that gives it even a partial success, and the catholic clergy and hierarchy do not contradict each other but the Society seems to contradict itself in its conduct towards them, affording assistance to some on terms on which they refuse it to others - The people of this parish divided of every other parish with which I am acquainted was perhaps the most lively interested in the education of their children, and most anxious to see it when it can be obtained without the compromise of their faith - Their poverty however obliges them to withdraw the children from school occasionally for agricultural or domestic purposes; but this in general the result of necessity alone - many are also prevented from attending school thro want of clothing -

Parish of Staplestown.

I was led to understand that the School of Donadieu was established for the indiscriminate education of Catholic and Protestant without religious distinction - and under this impression I permitted the children of my parish to frequent the school. In a few days the number of Catholic children amounted to about 170, the number of Protestant to about 5 or half a dozen. Feeling it my duty to watch over the education of the children I did not omit to make enquiries as to the system adopted in the school, and regretted to find that it was such as could not receive my sanction. The Catholic children were every day obliged to read a portion of the Protestant bible or heard it read. The Catholic catechism was excluded the school. The teacher & mistress were Protestant & the school was exclusively superintended by individuals, whose sacred spirit of proselytism was not calculated to receive my confidence or diminish my alarm. Remonstrance with the founders of the school I deemed quite negatory, and was thus reduced to the necessity of withdrawing the children from a school the obvious tendency of which was proselytism. The school was thus reduced to about half a dozen, after it had existed about three weeks. One Catholic was compelled by his unhappy father to resist my prohibition. The father is a poor aged dependant of Lady Agmon has declared to my curate with tears that he had reason to dread the loss of his little means of subsistence were he to withdraw his child from a school, where conscience told him he should not send him. The poor child has called on me several times, and declared his determination to resist the mandate of his father rather than sacrifice his religion - My alarm for the faith of the boy, and indeed of all the children that frequented the school was much increased by the fact, that Lady Agmon's gate keeper, the nominally a Catholic, has suffered his children to be educated at the school as Protestants, yielding in part to religious indifference, & principally to temporal interests. This it will be seen that if I have withdrawn the children I did it because I felt convinced that education was intended as the basis of religion. I cannot but deplore that spirit of little less than active persecution, which has led to the establishment of religious schools, & calculated to excite discontent in countries of this unfortunate country, which its influence can reach and tends to disseminate our belief and subvert the very foundation of morality by substituting temporal views for conscientious conviction. With regard to the average number in the school, I beg to observe that it is taken from my last, whereas the school existed for nearly 12 months the paper on a much smaller scale the motion of this means of deciding the majority is not so obvious, I have also to observe that children have been brought into the school, and I have been unable to ground that they had an increased of 35 within the last 6 or 8 weeks. I cannot therefore subscribe to the average found by the school Master.

County of Kildare Diocese of Kildare Barony of Glane		Parish of Glane.														Extreme length of Parish - 3 miles Do - Breadth of do - 2 do Number of acres 3934 -		K/L/JKL/00920(3)	
Glane, Glane.	Robert & Margaret Clayton, Decr. 18th 1823. Through the year.	Protestants, by Rev. Mr. Cole, Decr. 1823.	45. Education in Dublin. 6th Wicklow. The W ^{rs} in Dublin. Reading, writing, Plain work, Knitting & spinning.	16	8	22	-	2	24	7.	4 in 20	L15. - Paid by Rev. Mr. Cole	A small Room fitted up at the Private expense of the Rev. Mr. Cole, used for the present till the School house built by the Parish is recovered - 18 feet by 11 1/2	11.	Visited by the Rev. Mr. Cole & some of the party -	Since its commencement.	Three Testaments, version of the Established Church. Prayer Books, Collects, Prayers of the Liturgy & Short catechism, Spelling Books of the Kildare Street association N ^o 182.	No steps to proselyte, by the Minister or Schoolmaster, the average number as furnished by N ^o 6. was given me by the Schoolmaster in the presence of Rev. Mr. Cole, but having again called on the Schoolmaster & having urged the sameness of my Book I learned from him that the average, was only 10 which I believe to be more correct.	
Glane, Glane.	Stephen Hickes, 1796. Through the year. Holy days excepted.	Roman Catholic, by P. P. & Parishoners.	27 yrs. well conducted. Reading, writing & Arithmetic. At Glane.	45	15	-	-	60	140	56	6 in 20 - 12 months	L15. - annual gratuity to House & acre of Land part of the Commonage of Glane. Probable value L6 from Payment of scholars L9 2/3 per Quarter - 22 poor taught gratuitously by -	27 feet by 13. Writing Desk and forms. Mud wall Thatched - Probable cost L25. School Room 38 by 13 Built by the Parishoners -		Visited by the P. P. and Curate occasionally, to enquire after the conduct of the children & to appoint their progress in learning	Since its commencement.	Prays sincere Christian Mannings, moral entertainment, History of the Old & new Testament, General Catechism, Gough, Spelling Books & Primers		
Firmount, Firmount.	Elizabeth Robinson, 1804. Through the year	Roman Catholic, Mr. Dease.	60 years, well conducted. Spelling, Reading & needle work, At Glane.	-	25	-	-	25	20	25	10 in 20 - 12 months	No fixed salary, compensation by Mr. Dease.	40 feet by 14. Writing Tables & forms. Lime & stone Thatched. L40. School Room 32 by 14. Built by Mr. Dease -	In the Parish Chapel. 240 c. At Mr. Dease 25 c. At Mr. Dease 10	Constantly by Mr. Dease & by P. P. occasionally -	By Mr. Dease since commencement.	Sufferings of Christ, Poor man's catechism, Think well out, General catechism, Spelling Books & Primers.		
Firmount, Firmount.	Rev. P. Colgan, 1810 Through the year Holy days excepted.	Roman Catholic P. P. - 1810.	30 Moral, Reading, writing, Arithmetic, Book Keeping, Surveying & - A diligent -	33	12	1	-	44	35	45	15 in 20 - 12 months	L25. paid by the scholars from 2/6 to 5/6 per Quarter.	23 feet by 11. Writing tables and forms. Mud wall Thatched. Rented by the Master.	By the above number of children receive Catechetical instructions on Sunday & on	By P. P. occasionally	Since its commencement.	Galvan history of old & new Testament, Mannings moral entertainment, Catechetical instructions for youth, General catechism, Spelling Books, Primers, authors on Book Keeping, Surveying & -		
Glane, Glane.	James Byrne, 1819. Through the year & Holy days excepted.	Roman Catholic by Catholic Society - 1823	35 - Reading, writing, Arithmetic, Book Keeping & Surveying, at Carlow Taught the Lancastrian system at Glane -	40	-	-	-	40	140	45	3 in 20 - 12 months	L30 per annum paid by Catholic Society and raised by subscription	A good Building, with 8 large windows, 2 fire places - built on the Plan of Kildare Natl. School, built with lime & stone. Thatched. could cost at present about L200 - 50 feet by 22. Built by subscription from the members of the P. P. & about L200 from a charity - to belong at the Theatre Royal, Dublin, the residue from charity sermons at the P. C. Chapel Glane.	By the above number of children receive Catechetical instructions on Sunday & on	Visited by the P. P. & Curate, occasionally by Patrick Beahan Merchant of the City of Dublin President of the P. P. Society -	By P. P. & Curate & by the Governors of the Catholic Society since its commencement at Glane -	History of Old & new Testament, Mannings moral entertainment, Murrays english reader, General catechism, Primers, Spelling Books, Goughs, Dictionaries, Jacksons Book - Keeping, Hawneys Minstration, with Spelling & reading Labels -		
Glane, Glane.	Winnifred Byrne August, 1823.	R Catholic, by Parishoners	34. - Reading, writing & needle work, at Madbally	-	6	-	-	6	6	-	-	about L3. paid by scholars from 2/6 to 5/6 per Quarter	School held in Kitchen				Primers, Spelling Books & Catechisms -		
Butaghobreen, -	Margaret Moraw May - 1823 -	Roman Catholic by Parishoners -	45 - Reading, writing and Surveying, at Kildare -	4	5	1	-	8	13	15	-	L3. rates 1/6 to 2/6 per Quarter	School in Kitchen				Primers, Spelling Books & Catechisms,		

1. Clongowis wood Classical Boarding School
2. Rev. Peter Kenny Principal
Commenced in 1814 - The other particulars in this number seem to refer only to extern day schools, of whom there are none in this school.
- 3 & 4 The Principal and the other Gentlemen engaged in this establishment are Roman Catholic Clergymen
- 5, 6 & 7 The School is for the Education of Young Gentlemen of whom there have been from one to two hundred in it every year since its establishment.
- 8 The Pupils are not admissible before their 8th year or after their 14th and Children of their constitution in life always know how to read at that age.
- 9, 10 & 11 The information required under these numbers exclusively refers to Institutions of a Public nature, maintained wholly or in part by public money endowments contributions, & directed by hired masters nothing of which is here the case.
The extent of the establishment is sufficient to accommodate 250 pupils - Children under their 12th year pay an annual pension of £50 those above that age pay 50 Guineas until the end of the Classical course, for this pension they are maintained, clothed, and supplied with pens, ink, paper & all books necessary for the course of Classics taught in the school, which consists of two elementary & three Grammar classes one of poetry and another of Rhetoric, - In these classes are taught the Greek, Latin, English, French & Italian Languages with History, Geography, Chronology, Mathematics, arithmetic, writing &c. &c.

Students in Logic, Metaphysics, Natural & Experimental Philosophy or other higher branches of Mathematics, pay 100 Guineas & provide their own clothes -

The establishment been formed & exclusively conducted by Mr. Kenny and the other clergymen engaged with him for that purpose has no other patrons, visitors, Governors or benefactors, -

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The information sought in these numbers supposes the Pupils to be of different Religious persuasions this again is not the case in this establishment the the principle of Exclusion is no part of its regulations its Pupils are and have always been Roman Catholics -

The Catechisms and Books used in the course of their Religious instruction are amongst the works approved by the Roman Catholic Bishops. The Holy Scriptures are never made a class Book the History & Morality of the old & New Testament are proposed, explained & applied to the present and future duties of the Pupil in suitable instructions given to the respective classes twice in the week the additions of the Scriptures used on these occasions are either the Latin Vulgate or either Douay & Rheims translations

Augth 29th 1824

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