

a return of schools in the united parishes
of Gray and Poverstown Novem^r. 1824

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Poverstown school opened the 20th of April
1824

James West master: a protestant
appointed by Rev^d Tho^s. Vigors the rector
aged 49 years. Educated in the city of Cork
the school not on the Lancasterian plan
the greatest number in attendance is 10
3 males & 7 females all of the established
Church 6 are beginning to read
Children are taught to read in about six months
the masters salary is 5th Sterl from Rev^d Mr. Vigors
£2 from Chapel Street Society for discountenancing
the that is £ Salary and 4th gratuity with
2nd 6th paid quarterly by each scholar. he has
also an acre of land on which a new
school house is about to be built
The ~~temporary~~ ^{house} used for a school is

is about 16 feet square thatched and a small
glass window the foundation of the new
school is 35 feet in the clear 14 feet wide
on Saturdays it is visited by Rev^d Mr. Vigors
from its establishment it is under his pastoral
charge.

There is in the school two bibles printed by
the Kings authority for the use of the church
by law established four testaments six psalms
king's books some prayer books and church
Catechisms furnished by the rector with
some religious tracts given by the society
for discountenancing Vice.

The son of one Curran a roman Catholic
has been tampered with by Rev^d Mr. Vigors
and partly by the parson and partly by Francis
Edwards the child's grandfather a parish constable

and church clerk to Parson Vigors has been
seduced from a roman catholic school to
the Baptist missionary school at ^{over} Pownall
church patronised by Rector Vigors this
is the only instance of proselytism in the
parish I have noticed it in the return.
Comanaghlan Master John Butler opened school
in the year 1800 of his school is generally dis-
continued for four months in winter during
which time he instructs at the pupils
houses Is of the Roman Catholic religion
has no pension but the payments of his
pupils is 40 years old a sober diligent man
teaches reading writing arithmetic with
book keeping has attending school
66 about 20 males 46 females all roman
Catholics in 1823 had 44 scholars in
this school 13 can read takes more 12
months.

for Children to learn to read the Annual Income
is about 4^{th} that all arising from the payments
Spellers 15[¢] per quarter readers 1.00 arithmetic
3.3⁷⁵ school house is 16 1/2 long 30 feet
wide about 4 feet 6 inches high ~~that is~~ no
glass window it is sometimes visited by
the priest the universal history spelling
book reading made easy Vasters Arithmetic
and a few little histories are the books used
in this school

Anabae School Michael Fitzgibbon Master
opened July 1st 1822 it has continued since
without interruption save only a fortnight
at Christmas and a week at Easter
The master is 24 years old of the Roman
Catholic religion is capable of teaching
reading writing arithmetic & book keeping
has 42 scholars all Roman Catholics
42 males 30 females in this school
35 children can read in about 9 months
Children are taught to read the Primer
here which entirely arises from the scholars
payments is 15[£] per annum
The school house is about 22 1/2 feet long
10 1/2 feet wide no glass window it was

built by a few farmers at a very small expense
is badly thatched it is under no patronage
is sometimes visited by the priest who sees
the children taught and examines in the
Catechism

Shannonham school James Cannon Master aged
47 years is of the roman Catholic religion has
taught school without interruption since the
9th of February 1799 has no pension or salary
but what he receives from his scholars teaches
arithmetic Bookkeeping with several branches of
the mathematics has in attendance

at present by all roman Catholics 44 male
20 females about the same number attend
- died during the summer of 1823. Children
in this school can read in about 12 months
the annual Income was from 16 to 20[£]
per annum is now less
The school is 16 feet long by 11 wide has
Two glass windows is well thatched serves
as a dwelling for the master built by the
master would cost about 15[£] to build a
house of equal dimensions & accommodations
was never visited by the parson until on
this late occasion. sometimes the parson has
called to see the Children taught their cate-
chism. this school has a variety of
books Spelling books primers Gough's

Vastus Arithmetick, histories of England &
Ireland Death of Abel Robinson Crusoe
Don belhamus Battle of Agincourt
history of Troy seven Champions of Chris.
tendom the seven wise masters cesops
fables Think well on it, Many Queens
scots with sundry others.

Ballycabris School John Dwyer Master first
opened school the 5th of February 1816 has
continued since without interruption is of the
romann Catholic Religion was approved by
the priest receives no stipend or Salary
except from his pupils is 32 years old.

Ballycalis school.

Teaches reading, writing, arithmetic books
= keeping with some branches of the mathematics
has 36 scholars 26 males 10 females all
of the roman Catholic religion 10 convert
children learn to read in this school in about
12 months the income is about 10th per
annum the school house is 10 feet
long 10 wide has an open in the side wall
for a window is badly thatched this hut
was built chiefly at the expense of the master
the books found here are the spelling book
reading made easy Gough & Costers arithmetic
= thick Dowlings book keeping Valentines
Owen Battle of Agincourt fifty seasons
Bonny Castles mensuration History of
Tom White

The full expense of building such a cabin
would be about 3. Sterk.

It is visited by the priest but he has no stated
days for such visits.

Graig school for males John Hughes
master opened January 1822
Graig female school being a portion of
the same building opened June 1822
Agatha Reddy mistress Both Master
and Mistress are of the Roman Catholic
religion The average attendance in the
male school for the last six months 220
female school 150 all Roman Catholics but
2 The house is 40 feet long $10\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide
Three story high built of the best materials
lighted by 10 large windows built by
voluntary subscriptions of the inhabitants
with 150^l granted from the Lord Lieute-
nants fund with a donation of 50^l
from Lord Viscount Clifden the owner of
the soil &c.

patron of the school. It would cost
full three hundred pounds and upwards
to build a house of similar size and
accommodations on such a site.
The master receives 30[£] per annum
made up partly from the payment of
the scholars at the rate of one penny per week
and partly from subscription. The school is
conducted on the Lancasterian plan. It has
been visited by the Mildenhall Street
inspector from whose favourable report
a gratuity of 7[£]. 10^s was last year granted
to the master. This year 10[£] was given.
The mistress receives 20[£] per annum,
chiefly made up from the weekly paymen-
ents of the children. She has also received

for last year a gratuity of 5^l Sterl. then
this year 10^l 10^s 0 was granted to the mistress.
and 150 poor children taught gratis in
both schools. the parish priest has
appointed both master and mistress he
constantly visits the school Lord Clifden
who is patron and principal subscriber
expresses great satisfaction at the mode
in which it is managed and as a mark
of his pleasure has given 5^l Sterl. to the
master and 2^l 10^s to the mistress ^{for this year}. a consid-
erable addition is building to the school
towards which the Society have promised
of 5^l Sterl. The books used in this school
are 100 of Dorey's Testament 720 of
of the Dublin reading book 150 of the
Dublin Spelling book in parts 30 authors
on Arithmetic 3 vol. of Dorey's books
Reading

bookkeeping, 2 Vol Simpsens Euclid 10 English
grammars by Murray 15 Geographies by Goff with
160 children in the school can read.

There was last summer and for two seasons
previous but now discontinued a school
held on the left of a tradesmans house
The master John Byrne educated at Trair
a roman catholic he taught 50 scholars
30 male and 20 female all roman
catholics he received no salary nor gra-
tuitly but the payment of the scholars
his annual receipts was about 15[£].
he taught reading writing arithmetic
book keeping with some branches of mathe-
-matics books found in the school were
the Spelling book then Obbans of the
Dublin reading book Voster English
Dawlings book keeping History of Troy

with Sunday other small histories
this school was from time to time visited
by the priest:

there is in group a school held by Rose Caghiban
in a very small cabin 24 Children mostly
females attend it she has kept this little school
for more than 20 years the children all but
2 are Catholics she teaches spelling
reading and writing never receives salary
nor gratuity from any individual or society
but what she receives from her pupils
which is now about 3[¢] per annum
primers, Spellings books catechisms with
a few common reading books are used

in this school. the mistress is 66 years
old.

at Griffinstown in the parish of Graig
20 small catholic children are taught by
Catherine Culleton since December 1823
she has receiv^d from them several payments
about 4. ster. 5 children are beginning
to read. it takes from 9 to 12 months in
these kind of schools for children to learn to
read in schools on the Lancastrian plan
children of moderate talents read in six
months.

Aclare School parish of Lyragh

James Eaton master a roman Catholic

age 34 years a well conducted diligent
man teaches reading writing ^{arithmetic}
50 scholars attend during summer all
roman catholics but 2. 30 male 20
female 20 can read takes 12 months
to read in this school during winter
he teaches by night at the houses of
his pupils who wish to employ him
his school house is 14 feet long 10 wide
a small hole in the side wall gives
light no glass window is badly thatched
some round stones intermixed with bog
sods serve for seats. a few little farmers
have

built it and require their children
to be taught free of charge for the
use of the hut it is visited by the
priest who examines the children in
the catechism and in their classes
the books here are the spelling books
20 Vol reading made easy Fairy tales
Destruction of Troy with sundry other little
histories.

The expense of building such a cabin
would be about 3 £.

Copenagh School John Galway
master a roman Catholic opened school
in april last 1824 School has been
continued here under a variety of ~~masters~~
Travelling masters for the 4 last years
the present master was approved by the
priest having produced several certificates
of good character from respectable persons
He is 50 years old teaches reading
writing Arithmetic with many
branches of mathematics. has 54
scholars all catholics but 1 33 males
21 females 30 can read takes about 9
months for a child to learn to read
his income is about 5^l for the half
year.

arising from the payments of the scholars

The school house is 20 feet long
10 feet wide side walls $4\frac{1}{2}$ high

it is neither tatched nor slated but covered
over with bog sods, seats of stone
intermixed with bog sods and clay
it stands on the droop of a hill when
rain falls it passes easily through
the foundation of the school and pours
copiously through the roof.

This school has no patron, it is visited
by the priest, and was built by the
little farmers of the neighbourhood
School is kept here but only the sum-
mer half year. The books used are

primus spelling books readers
arithmetic with a few histories.
voyages &c.

Allard School under the im-
mediate patronage of Mrs Parson Alcock
Opened June 29th 1823

The parson has resided here full
10 years and never has had a school
untill the term above mentioned.

Betty Farrell mistress a roman
catholic she is 36 years old and
spent her youth at service with the
farmers of the neighbourhood
teaches spelling and reading

with sewing in its simplest stages
has 30 scholars 20 males & 10 females
all roman catholics 12 are begin-
ning to read the school is a poor
cabin 15 feet long by 12 wide has no
glass window nor opening except a
chimney it is badly latched
the whole annual income is about
3[£] 10^s since school opened the
mistress received 2[£] from Mrs George
Alcock the Rectors lady out of
which she has paid 1. 7. 6 for
the school house

Rev^d George Alcock is the
patron of this school

There is all through this parish a
great want of convenient schools
the cabins for school purposes are
very wretched the desire of education
is common to all the people a trifling
assistance well applied would enable
the people to indulge their very
general desire of educating their children
Darn there has been no attempt
to proselytise in any of the schools
here except only at Powerstown
where Parson Vigors is the patron
and the school is regulated by the
Baptist missionary society.
The books found in all the schools
are

nearly alike except only the Baptist
missionary Society school patronized
by Rev^d Rector Vigors in each of the
other hedge schools there are spelling
books reading books histories voyages
Voster & Goughs arithmetic with
a good supply of Collections.
through the whole investigation I have
not found a single edition of Moll
Flanders.

The baptisms for the year 1019 as
appears from the register

Amounts to	304
the year 1020	206
The year 1021	277
The year 1022	275
The year 1023	206

For this year to this date 1024	109
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Marriages

for the year 1019	51
1020	30
1021	45
1022	42
1023	40
1024	43

I cannot state with correctness from
the registers as they are defective what
were the number of marriages and
baptisms for the years 1810 to 1814
but I am of opinion the number was
greater than the years immediately
previous to the current year. in fact
the soil is and has been overstocked
and cannot increase but must
unquestionably decrease.

I could not with any degree of precise-
ness discover the deaths so many
Infants die whose deaths is scarcely
noticed. that it is difficult from any

registry of deaths to ascertain the
actual increase of population