

A Return of the different Schools in the Parishes of Kildenfert, Ballycommen, and their Portions of the Parishes of Ballinakill and Geashill comprehended in Philipstown Union.

Kildenfert Parish
Extreme Length of the Parish 6 3/4 Miles
Extreme Breadth of do 2 3/4 do
Compulsed No. of Acres 2963

Kildenfert School Kild - Kild -	Joseph Long This school first opened in January 1824 and is a daily school	A Roman Catholic appointed by the Catholic Bishop of the Parish	An unvarnished man about 40 years of age of good character, educated in Ballymahon in the County of Longford, not trained in Kildenfert place nor elsewhere teaches Reading writing and Arithmetic	67	42			32	25 read put to read the catechism in 12 months	Annual Income about £30 - paid by the Childrens Parents at the rate of 3d per Quarter each	The school is a thatched stone built of Linn and stone one story high 36 feet by 14 in the clear divided almost equally into two apartments ground floors well lighted - the school room 17 1/2 feet by 14 feet 6 inches in point of Desks tables or forms - The ground with thatched roof of Linn and stone given free by R.D. Smith Esq. the immediate landlord built at the expense of R.D. Smith with the exception of 4 1/2 subsidies by R.D. Smith & built two Catholic gentlemen of the neighbourhood - cost of building value of the cost of doing the drawing of the materials £25 -	None	None	None	The books are those furnished by the Kildenfert Society viz 1 st 2 nd & 3 rd Claps of Spelling Books small histories etc. none unexceptionable, books on Arithmetic two Testaments Douay Version 2 copies and female Cat. which is provided by the Children of the Parents
Ballycommen Parish School Clabbin - Clabbin	Matthew Flanagan This school first opened about 3 years ago and is a daily school	A Roman Catholic not specially appointed	An unvarnished man about 35 years of age of blameable character, educated partly in London & partly in America not trained in Kildenfert place no elsewhere teaches Reading writing & Arithmetic	27	17	4		54	37 read put to read in about 12 months	Annual Income about £25 - paid by the Childrens Parents at the rate of 3d per Quarter each	The school is a thatched stone built of Linn and stone one story high 26 feet by 12 in the clear mud walls not lighted and unfinished in point of Desks tables or forms built by the Parishioners at about £8 expense	None	None	None	Ballycommen Parish Extreme Length 4 1/2 Miles Extreme Breadth 2 3/4 do Compulsed No. of Acres 2673
Ballinakill Parish School Ballycon - Ballycommen	Morgan Reynolds This school is of an old standing & is a daily school	A Roman Catholic not specially appointed	An unvarnished man about 40 years of age of fair character having his education from his father who taught school in this neighbourhood many years is teaching about 10 years, teaching, writing, & arithmetic & the mathematics, not trained in Kildenfert place nor elsewhere	25	10	8		27	25 read put to read in about 12 months	Annual Income about £20 - paid by the Childrens Parents at the rate of 3d per Quarter each	The school is a thatched stone built of Linn and stone consisting of only one apartment 16 feet by 12 - built by the present Master Father at his own expense might cost about £6 - to erect such at the present period - The school room is but indifferently lighted & poorly accommodated with Desks tables or forms	None	None	None	P. 2 nd & 3 rd Claps of Spelling Books, new Testament, Douay Version, books on Arithmetic, Geography, Roman Catholic Catechism, the new Testament and Douay Version
Geashill Parish School Glenmore - Glenmore	Michael Dunn This school is of an old standing & is a daily school	A Roman Catholic not specially appointed	A married man, about 24 years of age of fair character, educated partly in Ballymahon & partly in Kildenfert, not trained in Kildenfert place teaches Reading writing & the County Arithmetic	12	12			24	25 read put to read in about 12 months	Annual Income about £12 - paid by the Childrens Parents at the rate of 3d per Quarter each	The school is a mud wall & thatched stone built of Linn and stone one story high 26 feet by 12 1/2 and seven feet high built by the Parishioners, and is in quite an unfinished state without doors or sash windows and quite unprovided with the necessary furniture	None	None	None	P. 2 nd and 3 rd Claps of Spelling Books, Douay Version, Robinsons bible, books on Arithmetic, female Catholic Catechism, new Testament Protestant translation in copy

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A Copying of Books not kept

There is a dense Population in this Part of Geashill Parish which is visible to Philipstown, and the People are as we believe they are in every part of Ireland becomingly devout to have their Children instructed in letters

There were Schools almost continually in this district, but for want of suitable houses they were shifting from place to place

There were two houses built for the purpose some time ago on this part of the Parish, viz. one of them was seen often consumed (situated in a place called Gold Hill) as it is generally believed by accident fire, and the other, not igniting with or answering the expectations of the People, after a short experiment, was dissolved, Parents, however ambitious of their instructions, though in straitened circumstances, withholding their Children through conscientious motives

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