

Hanly -

Monasterevan, Townland Monasterevan

2 John Hanly opened in February 1816 is held on six days in each week throughout the year, with one weeks vacation at Easter and two at Christmas -

3 A Protestant of the Established Church - was appointed by the Rev^d Charles Moore in November 1815 -

4 Master is 31 years of Age is an English and Mercantile Scholar of good Character was educated in Limerick, spent some time in the Seminary at Kildyernard in said County for the purpose of being trained -

5*	Male	Female	Protestants	Catholics	No 6	No 7
	33	15	38	10	44	49

8 Twelve in 20 can read, the time generally taken to teach a Child to read is about 12 Months.

9 Income for Year ending 31st March £ 38-18-1 paid as follows - Rev^d Charles Moore £ 5, Association for discountenancing Vice do 6-£ Private Subscriptions £ 7-10, the balance was paid by the Children varying from 11-4th to 2-2 per Quarter for each -

10 The School is held in an upper room of the Market house conveniently fitted up with Desks and forms for Scholars Masters Desk, and Lockup Drawer, it is built with Lime and Stone well lighted and slated in - cant as certain the cost of building - the Schoolroom is 41 feet long by 18 in breadth, the late Marquis of Drogheda built the Market house - the Schoolroom is given gratis

11 With the Association for discountenancing Vice &c since its establishment - the Rules of which have been adhered to, namely "that the Scriptures shall be read by the Scholars without Note or Comment". I have expressed my disapprobation both to the Patron and Master of the Scriptures being used as a School-book by the Roman Catholic Children attending the School -

12, The only regular Visitor is the Patron the Rev^d C. Moore, who has not any regular days for visiting - he requires all the Children who are capable to read the Testament - I have interfered no further than as stated in the preceding Column, but am determined to have the R.C. Children withdrawn from the School should the reading of the Scriptures be enforced.

13, Ever since its establishment

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Monasterewan School

Query

1 Monasterewan Townland Monasterewan

2 John Cortigian, School opened in April 1820 continues throughout the year with Vacation at Easter & Christmas observes Holidays -

3 A Roman Catholic, appointed by Robert Capstick Esq in January 1820 -

4 The Master is 25 years of Age, of good Character, teaches Reading - Writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping Mensuration &c was educated in this Parish, and has been trained in the Model School of the Kilclane St Society

5	Males	Females	Protest	Roths	No 6		No 7	
	Average	Average						
	40	17	9	48	44		82	

8 Fourteen in 20 can read, a Child of ordinary capacity can read by attending regularly for nine months -

9 Income for 1823 £49-12-6. paid as follows viz
Subscription £34-2-6 Gratuity from Kilclane St Society
£7-10, Childrens payment £8. The rate of payment
varying from 3, to one penny per week which was the
current charge, and where the parents could not afford
this sum the Children were taught gratis -

10 The School house had been formerly a Granary, it is
conveniently fitted up with Writing desks and forms for
Scholars, Desk for Master, Bookshelves and Lockup Press

it is built with lime and stone, and slated in - it is 62 feet long by 15 ^{ft 6} in breadth, cost as certain the expense of building a similar house - the school is held on the left - the Kildare St Society gave £5 towards fitting up - Rev^d Mr Murphy is an Annual Subscriber -

11 With the Education Society in Kildare St. connexion was formed in 1820. the system of instruction recommended by them has been faithfully observed by the Master. The Testament was not read in the manner the Society require as it is contrary to the discipline of the Catholic Church and prohibited by the Roman Catholic Prelate of this Diocese - but a selection from the Scriptures published by the Society has been in general use among the children -

12. Robert Cassidy Esq a gentleman of respectability in this neighbourhood is Patron - the visitors are numerous and highly respectable, the school is open for the inspection of ^{persons of} all ranks and persuasions having no stated days or times - I have allowed the Master on certain occasions to have the Douay Version of the New Testament read by the Senior Class under his inspection -

13 Since 1820 -

14. Selection from the Scriptures - Arithmetic - Spelling Reading and lending Library Books, Class tests, Marks and Merit tickets as published and supplied by the Kildare St Society - Doublings, Jacksons & Jennings Bookkeeping, Goughs, Vosters, Walkingames and Whistles - Arithmetic - Gibsons Surveying - Scotts Lessons

Old English Barrow. Topography of Ireland, Carpenters
 Spelling Book - Catechisms Dictionary, and R.C. & Church
 of England Catechisms supplied by the Master and
 the Parents of the Children. There are six Copies of the
 Danay Version of the New Testament always in the
 School, they are only used in order to entitle the
 Master to the Gratuity awarded by said Society to
 those Teachers whom they consider worthy.

Answers Derryaghta, Paton Rev^d John Bagat

to
 Query

1 Derryaghta, Townland Derryaghta

2 Martin Dawling, apined. 5th March 1819 continues
 throughout the year on six days of the week, occasional
 Holidays excepted - Vacation at Christmas.

3 Roman Catholic appointed by the Rev^d John Bagat in
 1819 -

4 Is 31 years of age, of good Character, teaches
 Writing, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping & the lower branches
 of Mathematics, was educated in the Parish of Sun-
 craft Co. Kildare, and trained in Kildare place -

5	Males	Females	Total	Books	Cost	Cost	Cost
	54	23	3	74	10	10	72

8 Fifty two in 77 can read syllables perfectly, teaches
 to read in 12 months -

9 Income for 1823 - £ 22-12-2 { Rev^d J. Bagat - £ 2-5-6
 Charge from 2 to 1-3 per Quarter { Gratuity from R. S. Socy 10-0-0
 Childrens Payment 10-6-8
 £ 22-12-2

10. A plain built house of lime & stone well lighted and thatched, about 37 feet long 13 broad - It is built on a Cartway Bog, conveniently fitted up with Desks, and forms, Bookshelves to accommodate 70 Scholars the expense of building on this site amounted to £51-11-5⁴ paid as follows -

Kildare St Society	£ 30-0-0	} built in 1823 the Desks &c belonged to a former School in this neighbourhood and were supplied at the expense of the K. St. Society
Rev P Murphy	1-0-0	
Rev J Bagot	10-0	
Martin Dowling (Master)	19-3-0	
Local Subscribers	18-5 ⁴	
<u>£ 51-11-5⁴</u>		

11 With the Kildare St Society as before stated, the rules are adhered to - with the exception of the reading of the Scriptures, which are only occasionally read by the Senior Class under the inspection of the Master in order to entitle him to the gratuity awarded by the Kildare St Society to those Teachers whom they consider worthy -

12. Rev J Bagot, Patron, Rev. P Murphy & Rev P Morris Rb. Pastors, no superintendence exercised by the Priests farther than as stated above in (11). Rev J Bagot latterly has insisted upon the reading of the Scriptures, no regular days for visiting -

13 Since its establishment in 1819

14 Selection from the Scriptures, Spelling - Reading & Library books as published & supplied by the Kildare St Society - Six Treatises on Arithmetic and 2 on Bookkeeping supplied by the Children, There are four Copies of the Douay Testament always in the School Six was the greatest number at any former period - The express disapprobation of the Rev^d O'Murphy to the use of the Sacred Scriptures as a Clasp Book will account for the diminished use of them -

Borbawn School, Rev John Bagot

1 Borbawn, Townland Harristown -

2 Michael Kelly - opened 15th March 1821, is held on six days of the week, throughout the year with a few days vacation at Easter & Christmas -

3 Roman Catholic - appointed by the Rev J Bagot in June 1820 -

4 About 25 years of age of good Character, teaches Writing, Arithmetic & Bookkeeping, was educated formerly near Rathangan, and since at Monasterenan in Co. Kildare, and trained in Kildare place -

5	Males	Females	Protest	Catholic	Prob	Cray
	18	14	"	32	last Winter 24	Sum ^r 1823 36

8 Eight in 20 can read, teaches to read in 12 Months

9. Total income for 1823 £14 - The Incumbent of Haristown pays £4 Annually, Gratitude from the Kildare St Society £5 - Childrens payts £5 - Charges from 2^s 6 to 1^s 3 per Quarter - in addition he has 2 1/4 Acres of Moorland & Turfary from Rev L Bagot value £3. 7. 6 per year - on an Average

10 A plain Mud Wall thatched building well lighted 35 feet long 13 broad with Desks and forms for Scholars, The Archdeacon of Kildare, the Kildare St Society, and a few local subscribers were at the charge of building - 3 of might build such a House with like Materials -

11 With the Kildare St Society since its establishment the rules are not deviated from, except with regard to the reading of the Testament, which is regulated in the same manner and for the same purpose as stated above for Derryaghtoo -

12, Rev^d John Bagot (the Pastor) & Col^l. Bagot sometimes visit, they exercise no prerogative -

13 since its opening -

14 Lending Library; Spelling & Reading Books, Scripture lessons, & Arithmetic Tablets &c as supplied by the Kildare St Society - Gough's & Vosters Arithmetic by the Children, one Bible and one Testament of the English Version by Rev^d L Bagot -

Ballynague

Rev L Bagat

- 1 Ballynague - Townland Ballynague
- 2 Charles Fanning - opened 31st March 1822, held throughout the Year, (except Sundays & Holidays) with a few Days Vacation at Easter & Christmas -
- 3 A Roman Catholic appointed by the Rev^d Mr Bagat in Nov. 1821 -
- 4 About 26 Years, of Moral Character, was educated in Naas Co Kildare, Teaches Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic, was trained in Kildare place -
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Males	Females	Protest	Cath	No 6	No 7
20	16	4	32	Winter 42	Summer 45
- 8 One half the attendants can read, teaches to read well in 15 Months
- 9 Income for 1823 £ 19-10-0. A gratuity of £ 4-10 from Kildare St Society, Childrens payment £ 12 - Charges varying from 2-6 to 5-8 per Quarter
- 10 Mud Wall, thatched building 47 feet by 14 furnished with Desks and forms for Scholars & Master, Cost about £ 56 to bring it to its present state, built from the funds of Kildare St Society, with a trifling local Subⁿ
- 11 With the Kildare St Society, the rules of which are strictly adhered to, as stated by the Master

12. Rev^d John Bagat. Patron and Rev^d P Murphy occasionally visit - Mr Bagat requires the Scriptures to be read, which the Catholic Clerg^mman prohibits.

13. Mr Bagat only latterly enforced the reading of the Scriptures -

14. The Scripture lessons, Spelling - Reading and lending Library Books as supplied by the Kildare St Society, Gough & Vostus Arithmetic and copies of the English Version of the New Testament -

Ballybracken, Rev C Moore

1 Ballybracken - Inverland Loughill -

2 The late Master John Dawson was a Protestant the School I believe opened in 1821 and is held throughout the Year, the appointment of Master rests with the Rev^d Charles Moore, he exercises I suppose the same superintendence here that he does in the other Schools under his Patronage

The School is in connexion with the Kildare Street Society - I can give no satisfactory answers to the other queries, as neither Master, Scholars, or Acct Books were in the School at the time I called to inspect - it was closed, waiting the return of a new Master who is at present in training at Kildare place he is a Protestant I understand

Ballykelly

Patron Rev John Bayot

1 Ballykelly

Townland Ballykelly

2 John Harten - opened in May 1822 continues throughout the year an six days of the week - two weeks Vacation at Christmas and one at Easter.

3 A Protestant - appointed by Rev Joshua D'Arey Rector of the Parish of Lacka in which the School is situate in January 1822

4 Aged 36 years of good Character, is an English Scholar, was educated in Mountmelick Queens Co. and trained in Kildare place

5	Male	Female	Protes	Cath	Nov	Nov
	6	7	9	4	Winter 35	Summer 40

8 Four in total (13) can read, teaches to read in 12 months

9 Income for 1823 £ 18-0-0, Rec^d Joshua D'Arey Pays £10 Annually Mr Stephens one Acre of Land Value one Pound per - Gratitude from Kildare St Society £3 Childrens pay^t £4. Charge 1-1 per Quarter

10 A plain built Stone house, thatched with Desks & forms for Scholars, Masters Desk and lock up Press &c 39 feet by 14, the expense of building at present might be 50£ Kildare St Society gave £36-15-0 local subscribers the remainder. The Rector built a dwelling house for the Master.

11. In connexion with the Kildare St Society since it opened - I cannot say whether the rules of this Society have been complied with - the Master at my request has instructed the R.C. children in the Catechism -

12. Rev John Bagot (Patron) Rev Joshua D. Arcey & Rev P Murphy occasionally visit having no stated days - there has been no interference on my part further than prohibiting the use of the Scriptures by the R.C. children as a School book -

13 Since its establishment -

14 Scripture lessons, Dublin, Spelling & Reading Books, Library books as published & supplied by the Kildare St Society - there are 4 Testaments of E. Version

15 The decrease in this School I ascribe to the objection the Roman Catholic poor ^{have} of placing their children under the tuition of a teacher of a different Religion added to the reported inattention of the Master.

General Answer to Query 15th for Ballynague, Derryaghla Borbawn, & Ballybracken -

The decrease in these Schools I ascribe to the general depression of the times, and the usual hurry of business at this season - and as the Rev J Bagot the Patron has latterly insisted upon the Sacred Scriptures being read by the Children, the consequence will be that in future no Catholic Children will attend, of whom almost exclusively the Schools are composed -

Answer to Query 15th for (Costigan's School) at 2nd Monastero

The decrease in this School I attribute to the falling off of the Subscribers, which enabled the Master to teach the Children generally for one penny per week, he was in consequence obliged to raise the Charge for Tuition; and I consider that there will be no great increase (if any) till the Master is enabled by a Salary to teach the Children of the poor upon the former terms —

Answer to Query 15 for Monasteroan School N^o 1 —
together with the general remarks, as returned to the
"Commissioners of Inquiry" —

I am not aware that any direct steps have been taken ~~to~~ induce Roman Catholics to become Protestants or Protestants to become Catholics — The decrease of R Catholics Pupils in this School I attribute in a great measure to the interference of the Parish Clergyman of the Established Church, who about two years past endeavoured to oblige the Roman Catholic Scholars to read the Sacred Scriptures without note or comment under a Protestant Master and his assistant also a Protestant — he asserted & still asserts, that this was, and is, a material regulation of the Society with which this School is in connexion and must be complied with —

I am of opinion that while such influence is exercised, the parents of the R.C. children will never permit them to attend such Schools, nor do I think the R.C. Clergyman, consistent with the discipline of their Church can allow it — I am further of opinion that tho' anxious the R.C. Clergy, and
parents

of the Children may be for their Education, they still look on interference of this nature with distrust, and as an attempt at Proselytism, or at least that it tends to make bad Roman Catholics of the Children: and of course, neither, can suffer the Children to attend, where such attempts are made — I also consider that as long as the Kildare St Society persevere in their determination of having the Sacred Scriptures used as a School ^{book}, and withhold assistance from those Schools in which they are not read: so long will a vast number of the poor of these Parishes (in consequence of their great distress) remain in ignorance; which I will have to deplore while their Pastor, as it will be the cause of much additional anxiety and labour to me and to my Assistants — If the Children of the Roman Catholic poor were placed under the Tuition of Catholic Masters paid out of the Public Funds granted for their Education the poor of Ireland in a short time would in my opinion be a well-informed people — The conveying of Religious instruction to the R.C. Children should be regulated by their Pastors, and the Roman Catholic teachers under their direction, and the Protestant Children by theirs in the following manner.

Where the majority of the Children may be Catholic, let the Master be a Roman C. and the assistant a Protestant; and ^{where} the Protestant Children are most numerous let the Master be a Protestant and the assistant a Catholic — if circumstances permit let there be separate apartments for the Religious

instruction of both after school hours, by their respective Teachers. If the above accommodations cannot be procured let them have the School room alternately that is to say, let the A.C. have it one evening in the absence of the Protestants and vice versa.

Nurney, Patron At Rev. Doctor Doyle

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2 Martin Moore commenced 10th June 1823, is held on six days of the week throughout the year - observes Holidays - gives vacation of a few days at Easter and Christmas.

3 Roman Catholic appointed by the Res. P. Murphy P.P. Monasteran, with the approbation of Doctor Doyle at the above period.

4 Aged 41 years, of good Character was educated in Kilkenny and Tipperary, teaches reading, Writing Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, English Grammar and Mensuration. Mrs. Moore teaches fancy needle work.

5	Males	Females	Protest	Catholic	Not	Unseen	Not	Unseen
	27	25	1	51		27		14

8 Fourteen in 20 can read teaches to read in 9 Months generally.

9 The total annual income is about £26 - £20 of which is paid by the Children, The Master has a house and Land value about £6 the rent of which is paid by Subscription, Doctor Doyle is an annual subscriber, Rev P Murphy also subscribes - the Children pay from 6-8 to 2-2 per Quarter -

10 A thatched House built with Stones 27 feet long 13 broad, it was built by the late Rev John Robinson then P.P., Doctor Doyle subscribed £20 towards purchasing suitable Desks, forms &c and Rev P Murphy £2 - there was a local subscription to a trifling amt for same purpose - the Cost of building might be £40,

11 In connexion with no Society &c &c

12 Patron Rt Rev Doctor Doyle, Visitors Rev P Murphy, Rev P Morrin & Colonel Bagot occasionally - there is no interference on their part, further than to see that the Master discharges his duty towards the Children under his care -

13 Since its establishment -

14 Primer, Reading made easy - Universal Sp. Book, Gough & Vosters Arithmetic & Roman Catholic Catechisms all supplied by the Children -

I consider it unnecessary to enter into detail of the Hedge Schools in these parishes, or of the Schools not connected with any of the Public Institutions; there being no information of importance contained in the Statement.

The most prominent feature in these Schools is the miserable accommodation they afford the Pupils, (the schools being all conducted in ^{the} Teachers dwelling Houses) and the trifling remuneration the Teachers receive for their trouble — No improper, or Book of immoral tendency was discovered in any of them — The teachers all (with the exception of James Dunne of Lacka) are persons of good Character; there were some reports prejudicial to his, in consequence of which he has since left the parish by order of Rev^d P Murphy —

October 1824 John Cottigan } acting Sec^y

See abstract 5 pages forward —

N.B. The increase in some of these Schools is to be ascribed to the influence of the respective Pastors and Patrons, and to the qualifications of the different teachers —

Schools which receive no assistance from any National Society but are wholly supported by the payment of Children—

School	Teacher	Religion	Scholars				Income
			Males	Fem	Prot	Cath	
Quiteenoonan	Patrick Brien	Catholic	36	17	3	58	£ 34-2-6
New Row	Thomas McKiernan	Do	20	10	3	27	14-0-0
Monasterewan	Miss Flanagan	Do	2	23	5	20	32-11-8
Fasagh	Eleanor Lynch	Do	16	9	2	23	10-16-8
Ballykelly	James Murphy	Do	18	12	2	28	20-0-0
Grange-beg	Anne Mason	Do	2	7	3	6	1-2-9
Doneany	Mrs Boyce	Do	6	10	"	16	3-0-0
Walterstown	William Halpin	Do	20	10	"	30	15-0-0
Nurney	Martin Moore	Do	27	24	1	50	26-0-0
Oghill	Bridget McCoy	Do	7	3	"	10	2-10-0
Derrylea	Patrick Walsh	Do	8	4	"	12	4-10-0
Coolaferna	Mrs Macnamara	Do	2	4	2	4	3-8-3
Harristown	Mrs Nowlan	Do	"	6	1	5	1-14-1/2
Lacka	James Dunne	Do	26	9	4	31	14-0-0
Monasterewan Classical—	Ch ^r Hughes	Do	8	"	"	8	20-7-8
Monasterewan	Eliza Howe *	Protestant	7	23	21	9	10-6-8
Monasterewan Ladies Boarding	Mrs Tourelle	Protestant	"	30	23	7	1200-0-0

* Mrs. Howe has a salary of £6 per Annum—£3 paid by Rev C. Mone—and £3 a bequest of one of the Loftus family who formerly resided at Monasterewan.

for teaching
24 Children

Abstract of Schools in these parishes under the Patronage of "Education Societies"

School	Teacher	Religion	Males	Pupils		Prot.	Cath.	Income			Societies—
				Females				£	s	d	
Charter	Henry Moorhouse	Protestant	"	142	142	"	"	100	0	0	Incorporated Society
Market-House	John Hanly	D ^o	33	15	38	10	"	38	18	1	Society for dis ^g Vice &c
Monasterevan	John Cortigan	Catholic	40	17	9	48	"	49	12	6	Kildare St Society
Ballykelly	John Horton	Protestant	6	7	9	4	"	18	0	0	D ^o D ^o
Ballynague	Chas Fanning	Catholic	20	16	4	32	"	19	10	0	D ^o D ^o
Derryaghta	Martin Dowling	D ^o D ^o	54	23	3	74	"	22	12	2	D ^o D ^o
Borlawn	Michael Kelly	D ^o	18	14	"	32	"	17	7	6	D ^o D ^o
Ballybracken	Sutcliffe Kelly	Protestant	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	D ^o D ^o
Monasterevan Female	Mary Morgan*	D ^o D	"	8	4	4	"	15	5	8	Society for disc ^s Vice

for 1823

* This School is not returned in the Report made to the "Commissioners" as it was closed at that period waiting the appointment of a Mistress—it was formerly under the Patronage of Miss Bagot—Mr. Charles Moore is now Patroness—

Sunday Schools

Scholars

Schools	Patrons	Principal Teachers	Males	Fem	Prots	Cath	
Market House	Rev ^d C. Moore	John Hanly	54	64	118	"	
Monas ^m Chapel	Rev P. Murphy	John Cottigan	260	240	"	500	
Kildangan D ^o	See	See	Martin Dowling	160	120	"	280
Nurney D ^o	See	See	Martin Moore	120	80	"	200
			594	504	118	980	

M3 The teachers are all gratuitous

M/B The teachers are all gratuitous—

Extreme length of the Parishes of { Miles
 Monasterivan & Kildangan { 11.

Extreme breadth of D^o 5 1/8

Computed No. of Acres in both 13,038

Recapitulation

Day

✓ Schools under the Patronage of "Education Societies" 9

D^o — under the immediate controul of their respective Teachers 17

Sunday Schools 4

Total 30

Protestant Parishes included in the above two—

Ballybracken— Lacka— Doneany— Harristown—
 Monasterivan— and Nurney—

	Males	Females	Total
R Catholic Teachers	12	7	19
Protestant do	4	3	7
	16	10	26

Roman Catholic Day Scholars as returned to
 "Commissioners of Inquiry" for last 3 Months
 (May - June & July) 540

Protestants { Day Scholars 137
 Charter School (Foundlings) 142 } 279

There are 91 Foundlings (not including Charter
 School Children) at Nurse, and 19 Apprentices
 entered on Protestant "Sunday School" return
 for this parish. (Monasterian)

Transcribed for Rev. Cath. Murphy

October 1824 by John Costigan

An account of the Number Baptized in the
following Years — in the united Parishes of
Monastervean and Beldangan

in ^{the} Year 1810 ~ 236
in D^o 1811 ~ 244
D^o D^o 1812 — 246
D^o D^o 1813 — 305

in the Year 1820 — 236
D^o — D^o 1821 ~ 240
D^o — D^o 1822 — 242
D^o — D^o 1823 — 269

Number of Marriages as follows

in the Year 1810 ~ 48
in the Year 1811 — 33
in the Year 1812 ~ 37
in the Year 1813 ~ 51

in the Year 1820 — 35
D^o D^o — 1821 — 29
D^o D^o — 1822 — 44
D^o D^o — 1823 — 43

Deaths for the Year 1823 — about 80 —