

EDUCATION (IRELAND) (IRISH LANGUAGE).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated Friday, 12 July 1878;—*for*,

COPY “of the MEMORIAL recently presented to the BOARD of NATIONAL EDUCATION in IRELAND by the COUNCIL of the SOCIETY for the PRESERVATION of the IRISH LANGUAGE and others, in Favour of placing the TEACHING of the IRISH LANGUAGE on the Results Programme of the NATIONAL SCHOOLS.”

Office of National Education, Dublin, }
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JOHN E. SHERIDAN,
Secretary.

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE COMMISSIONERS OF NATIONAL
EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

WE have been directed by the Council of the “Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language” to submit for the consideration of the Commissioners some reasons for having the teaching of the Irish Language placed on the Results Programme of the National Schools.

The Council have observed that Latin, Greek, and French have been for some years past on the Results Programme of the Commissioners, and that Results Fees have been paid their teachers for successful instruction in those subjects, as set forth in the Annual Reports of the Board. The Council regard this fact as a forcible reason for asking the Commissioners to place Irish on a somewhat similar footing.

In support of this Appeal, the Council beg to quote the recorded opinion of the highly esteemed Resident Commissioner, P. J. Keenan, Esq., c.b., as printed in the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Commissioners, p. 75, when that gentleman was Head Inspector of National Schools. He says—

“The Census Returns show that upwards of a million and a half or 23·3 per cent. of the population spoke Irish in the year 1851. The National System is every year diminishing this number. Even in places where all social communication is carried on in Irish, and where, in short, few or none of the adult population know a word of English, the language of the National Schools, the books, the teaching, &c., are entirely English. The children of parents, who at present speak Irish only, will, through the course of education pursued in the National Schools, and the experience of home, speak English and Irish when they grow up; but their children will, in nine cases out of every ten, speak English only. In this way the Irish language will gradually fall into disuse, and be perhaps forgotten. Many good men would rejoice at this; but they seem to me to forget that the people might know both Irish and English, and they also forget that, by continuing to speak Irish, *and learning English through its medium*, the latter language would be enriched by the imagery and vigour of the mother tongue, and the process of learning would be a mental exercise of so varied and powerful a character that its disciplinal effect upon the mind would be equal in itself, and by itself, to a whole course of education of the ordinary kind. The shrewdest people in the world are those who are bilingual; borderers have always been remarkable in this respect. But the most stupid children I have ever met with are those who were learning English whilst endeavouring to forget Irish. It is

"hard to conceive any more difficult school exercise than to begin our first alphabet, and first syllabication, and first attempt at reading in a language of which we know nothing, and all this without the means of reference to, or comparison with, a word of our mother tongue. Yet this is the ordeal Irish-speaking children have to pass through, and the natural result is, that the English which they acquire is very imperfect. The real policy of the educationalist would, in my opinion, be to teach Irish grammatically and soundly to the Irish-speaking people, and then to teach them English through the medium of their native language. My experience last year of the schools of the County Donegal (*see* Leckonnel in the Appendix), a county in which 28·7 per cent. of the people speak Irish, led me to reflect very much on this important question. I have already stated in substance the conclusions at which I arrived, but for convenience sake, I beg to repeat them. I am convinced—

"1st. That the Irish-speaking people ought to be taught the Irish language grammatically; and that school books in Irish should be prepared for the purpose.

"2nd. That English should be taught to all Irish-speaking children through the medium of the Irish.

"3rd. That if this system be pursued, the people will be very soon better educated than they are now, or possibly can be for many generations upon the present system; and

"4th. That the English language will in a short time be more generally and purely spoken than it can be by the present system for many generations."

These thoughtful and conclusive arguments leave the Council very little to add upon the subject.

We may, however, be permitted to observe that any system of national education must be regarded as incomplete, that does not provide for the teaching of the nation's language; and therefore an opportunity should be afforded all Irishmen of having their children taught their native tongue.

The study of Celtic is every day becoming more important in connection with ancient and modern literature, and already holds a very high place in the science of philology. This being so, a grammatical knowledge of Irish, the most important branch of the Celtic, offers advantages not as yet sufficiently appreciated as an educational instrument, being at once an ancient language cognate with the classical languages of antiquity, and a modern living language equal to any in beauty, energy, copiousness, and every attribute which renders the best of the modern languages valuable.

Add to this, that it is the language of Ireland, and the best suited to the natural genius of the countrymen of *Scotus Erigena*, the "*perfervidum ingenium Scotorum*," the best calculated to preserve the traditions and idiosyncrasies of the nation, being cast in that Celtic or intellectual mould which rendered the country so singularly famous in former times, and thus enabled her to become the leader of civilisation in Western Europe.

It is well known that the Irish language is held in the highest possible esteem, and its value recognised by the most distinguished scholars in the Department of Comparative Philology, and linguistics in Germany, France, Italy, Denmark, and Switzerland. And Oxford, following the example of the continental scholars and universities, has recently established a chair for the study of Celtic.

At the last meeting of the "Irish Society" (April 1877), testimony was borne of the extent to which Irish is still spoken, and the affection with which it is regarded by the people. At that meeting was also stated the remarkable fact, that in two counties the speaking of Irish is on the increase. The number of Irish-speaking persons in the country is 817,875. In Munster and Connaught, with a population of 2,239,698, there are 84,019 speaking Irish only, and 631,617 speaking both Irish and English, total 715,636, nearly 32 per cent., very little short of one-third of the population of these two provinces. In the western part of Ulster, Irish is still largely used, there being over 29 per cent. of the people of County Donegal Irish speakers. These figures, shown by the last Census Returns, are by no means to be received as the total, as the Council are aware that the returns do not include the entire number of people who speak

speaking Irish, since it is well known that many persons, for want of education in the vernacular and of due appreciation of its value, do not admit their knowledge of the language, and that many more who know it were never questioned on the subject at the census taking. But even those returns, defective as they are, show that 200,000 persons under 20 years of age, and 334,000 between 20 and 50, speak Irish. This number surely has a claim on the country as regards education.

Such being the facts regarding the present position of the Irish as a living language, we may also remark that the state of its literature, if not very flourishing, is at least sufficient to show that the number of persons reading the language and studying its books is much larger than it was at any time previous, and continues to increase. The numerous volumes of our ancient literature which have been printed and published within the past 40 years for the first time, and the eagerness with which they are sought after and studied, will suffice to show that the Gaelic is not dead in Ireland, and that its literary prospects are more encouraging than might be supposed. The publications of the Royal Irish Academy (both printed works and facsimile reproductions of valuable manuscripts), the Irish Archæological, Celtic, and Ossianic Societies, the works edited by O'Donovan and O'Curry, such as the "Annals of the Four Masters," &c., and the many important and valuable works in the language, published with the sanction and at the expense of the Government, for the "Brehon Law Commission," &c., show the extent and value of our ancient literature.

The *modern* works actually produced in Irish, such as the poetical productions of the last century, the minstrelsy and remains of the Irish bards, sermons of eminent divines, many of which have only recently been printed and put within the reach of Irish readers, are numerous and valuable. More recently still we have the translation of the "Iliad" into Irish metre, and of the Melodies of Moore, by the Archbishop of Tuam, and several other works by eminent scholars, all of which have enriched the language, and are eagerly read and studied. The number of elementary books, and the lessons appearing from time to time in journals and newspapers, are further signs of progress and of the eagerness of the people to cultivate their language. All these recent publications, though few compared with those in other languages, are yet sufficient to show that the foundation of a living modern literature has been well laid. The Society have reason to know that many scholars in Ireland are prepared to add largely to Gaelic literature, and are solely prevented by want of encouragement.

The people are desirous of learning their native language, and we have been informed that over 2,000 teachers connected with the National Board of Education are able and willing to teach them, provided it be placed on the Results Programme.

The Council have further much pleasure in stating that the national teachers of Ireland, at their various congresses held in Dublin of late years, have repeatedly passed resolutions asking that the Irish language should be placed on the Results Programme, with a view to have it taught where the teachers are qualified. They have been also much gratified by the fact that in several instances managers and teachers of national schools have even in the absence of results-fees begun to establish Irish classes in connection with their schools, and with excellent effect.

Seeing that the Education Department has within the past few weeks agreed to recognise the teaching of Gaelic in the Highland schools, we trust that our application to have the Irish language placed on the Results Programme will receive a similar favourable recognition.

By placing the Irish language on the Results Programme of the Board of Education, the country will be spared a national loss, and science, civilisation, and literature the extinction of another branch of the Indo-European family of languages, a loss we are sure the Commissioners would regret, in common with the philologists and scholars of Europe.

As some of the Commissioners may be aware, the Council have prepared and published First and Second Books for the use of teachers and pupils anxious to promote the study of the Irish language. The "First Irish Book" has already reached the 20th thousand, and the "Second Irish Book," although published so recently as the 30th January last, has reached the eighth thousand.

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A Copy-book for teaching young persons to write the Irish language has also been prepared, in consequence of the many calls for such a publication.

We desire to call the attention of the Board to the comparatively few pupils that availed themselves of the opportunity of instruction in Latin, Greek, and French in 1876; according to the Board's last Report passed in French 587, in Latin 261, in Greek 115. Total in the three languages 963, while we appeal on behalf of about 200,000 children already speaking Irish, and who would probably supply in many single parishes far more pupils to learn to read and write their vernacular than the whole annual total here set forth as having passed in Latin, Greek, and French.

We pray, then, that this request in the interest of education may be complied with, for we believe that 20 persons would learn Irish for one that would learn any of the other languages, and with this result that the Irish people would become more intellectual and more devoted to literature and reading.

We beg to forward herewith for the information of the Commissioners a list of the classes already in practical operation in the country, and also a list of the Officers and Council of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language.

In conclusion, the Council beg to express a hope that the Commissioners of National Education will favourably entertain their request to place the Irish language on the programme of the National Schools, and thus to satisfy the earnest wishes of a large proportion of the Irish people.

We have, &c.
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Hugh O'Hagan, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Derry.
John J. Kelly, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Boycestown, Wicklow.
Patrick Hall, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Knocktopher.
James Carpenter, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	"
Joseph Henley, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Dunbar.
Walter Conway, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Clonbar, Clifden.
James J. Keon, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Knocktopher.
John Foley, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Frenchpark, Castlerea.
C. Stuart, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Miltown, Malbay.
Paul McDermot, O.C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Moate.
Thomas M'Greenan, O.C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	"
Patrick M. J. Carr, O.C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	"
Felix Hackett, C.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Enniskillen.

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Patrick Manning, Mayor	Waterford.
Henry Lee, High Sheriff	"
R. L. Freeman, Alderman	"
S. H. McGrath, T.C.	"
David Keogh, T.C.	"
P. A. Power, Alderman, J.P.	"
Joseph Fisher, T.C.	"
D. McCarthey, Mayor	Kilkenny.
Simon Morris, Ex-High Sheriff	"
Daniel Smithwick, jun.	"
E. Smithwick	"
Thomas Reany, T.C.	"
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John Hennessy	"
Patrick O'Hea	"
Timothy O'Donovan	"
John Shea	"
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Michael Brennan, P.L.G.	"
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Patrick Corcoran, P.L.G.	"
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John Barron, P.L.G.	"
Edmond Wall, P.L.G.	"
Edmond Power, P.L.G.	"
Andrew McGlinchy, P.L.G.	"
Patrick Doherty, P.L.G.	"
W. Adams, T.C., P.L.G.	Tullamore.
Patrick Egan, T.C.	"
Joseph Molloy, T.C.	"
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Thomas Kilgallen, P.L.G.	"
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P. Hackett, T.C.	-	-	-	-	-	"
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John Doyle, T.C.	-	-	-	-	-	"
James Kirwan, T.C.	-	-	-	-	-	"
Peter Redmond, T.C.	-	-	-	-	-	"
James Maguire, T.C.	-	-	-	-	-	Enniskillen.
J. Kenny, T.C., P.L.G.	-	-	-	-	-	"
Patrick Maguire, P.L.G.	-	-	-	-	-	"
J. Molyneux, T.C.	-	-	-	-	-	"
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James Utterson, Ex. P.L.G.	-	-	-	-	-	
Bernard O'Regan.	-	-	-	-	-	
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William Wilson.	-	-	-	-	-	
Henry Kelly.	-	-	-	-	-	
James Conway.	-	-	-	-	-	
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Patrick Boughey, P.L.G.	-	-	-	-	-	"
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J. Gilmore.	-	-	-	-	-	
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	-	-	-	-	-	Tullaroon, County Kilkenny.

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Classes and Associations.

Thomas O'Hara, B.A., Inspector National Schools, Portarlington.

Names of Central Committee of Teachers' Association.

John Ferguson, Curragh Camp, President.
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 Michael Cassen, Listowel.
 Robert Speers, Belfast.
 James Merriman, Swords.
 Peter Breman, Baunmore, Galway.
 John Traynor, Balyna, Enfield, Ex-President.
 William Hanrahan, Rush.
 A. K. O'Farrell, Ballycorris.
 Richard Byrne, Terenure.
 John Morrin, Central Secretary.

Skibbereen Association, Nos. 1 and 2.

There are two associations in Skibbereen founded by Rev. P. Hill, containing together about 40 members. They have got large supplies of Irish books.

One Association at Young Men's Society, the other at the Temperance Association. Rules received and Associations affiliated, 7 September 1877.

Cork Association, established in April 1877. Had then 65 members.

Miltown Malbay Association.

17 June 1877. Rev. P. White "hopes to have at least two classes in the parish."

16 December 1877. Has formed classes in three of the schools under his direction, and the teachers have taken the matter up warmly, and are very competent. Hopes soon to be able to report favourably (June 1878).

Tralee Association. Established 15 October 1877.

A class established, which meets regularly. Suspended for a while, but working now, and waiting issue of other books by society. More than 20 in class.

Mullingar Association.

Class founded October 1877.

Clarinbridge, Galway.

Evening classes established November 1877. Association since formed, and working well.

Cashel.

Class established November 1877, and progressing. National teacher in charge, 5 April 1878. Two classes working, and nearly 40 pupils.

Bagnalstown Association.

Class established. Working actively. More than 20 members.

Derry Society.

"Derry Keltic Society." Affiliated October 1877.

Sheffield Association.

3 July 1877, rules received. 28 June 1877, affiliated. 19 January 1878, progressing very considerably. Report received of examination, in which prizes (Irish books) were given. 21 March 1878, still working actively. Members of that class were able to read Dr. Gallagher's sermons.

*Leeds Association. Established, October 1877.**Ballinscreen Association.*

Straw, Draperstown, County Derry, 19 January 1878. Class in process of formation. Now working actively. See National Schools.

Kilbrittain Association.

Working well. See National School. Daniel Coughlan, Secretary.

Dunmanway.

5th June 1877, in process of formation. 2nd April 1878, now working actively.

Herbertstown, County Limerick.

4th February 1878. Working well.

Macroon.

6th August 1877. Working well.

Wigan Association.

12th October 1877. Gaelic Class formed. 17 members.

Boston Philo. Keltic Society, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America.

Rules received and affiliated, several branches and classes, and many making great progress.

Brooklyn Philo. Keltic Society, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America.

Rules received and affiliated, several branches and classes, and many making great progress.

250 members.

Killimer, Ballinasloe.

Classes formed in 1877, and progressing well.

Ballinahill, Clifden.

Two classes; one in charge of Mr. Cowley (National School, Letterfrack); and another of B. G. Treely, in connection with an evening school.

Cloghanelly Association.

Gortakhork, Letterkenny, formed 17th March 1878. 1st April 1878. To meet once a fortnight for business; all the advanced pupils in the several schools of the district to be instructed for at least one hour in Irish each week. Teachers who are not able to instruct are to learn.

Balaghaderin.

Secretary, A. O'Grady, National Schools.

Letterfrack Association.

Working well, 10th May 1878. 38 members. Secretary, Patrick Cowley, National School teacher.

Rev. Peter O'Leary, c.c., Rathcomac, County Cork, has distributed many copies of 1st book, chiefly to boys who have taken to it eagerly. "The desire for learning Irish in this quarter will soon be up to anything you can have met with."

Rev. Richard Sladen, p.p., Modeligo, has also distributed the books to young and old with good effect. 1st and 2nd circulated widely.

Rev. D. Brennan, Kilmacow, has also distributed large numbers of the books, and the young people are eagerly learning Irish.

National Teachers.

John M'Cormack, National School, Ballyglass, County Mayo, will establish an Irish class at once in National School, and will teach Irish three days each week; will report from time to time; has procured books.

Edmund Stritch, Baileenshere National School, 21 November 1877, Ballyheigue, Kerry. Teaches advanced boys in his school in Irish language; has procured books.

John O'Keeffe, Workhouse National School, Kilmallock, has procured books for his pupils, 27 November 1877.

Richard Walsh, Glen Male National School, Glin, County Limerick, 29 November 1877. Has established an Irish class in his school and procured books, 21 January 1878. Class has made very fair progress; 1st book well known, and anxious to begin 2nd as soon as possible.

James M'Gowan, National School, Aughamore, Kinlough, 13 October 1877, will establish an Irish school.

Patrick Cawley, National School, Letterpock, County Galway, over 20 pupils reading Irish, and some able to write it fairly. Religious instruction always in Irish; a class of young men also being formed in neighbourhood (school class sanctioned by Rev. B. G. Freely, manager of school). All working well, 10 May 1878.

Patrick Kelly, Congala National School, is "co-operating actively," and has received approbation and promises of support from many teachers, 11 March 1877.

John Egan, Turlough National School, Turlough, Castlebar, has learned Irish for the purpose of being able to teach it. Religious instruction in Irish; has for many years past taught in Irish class, commencing by "Elementary lessons on a black board, on the forms and names of the letters, and the spelling and pronunciation of simple words." Promises to get other teachers in his neighbourhood to do likewise.

Michael Conway, Legcloghfin Schools, Cranagh, Plumbridge, Gortin, County Tyrone, 28 February 1877, has some practice in teaching Irish, and intended to open a class in connection with a classical school; also a national school in his charge; uses Archbishop M'Hale's "Iliad" with advanced pupils (25 May 1877). Resolution passed unanimously at Teachers' Association to co-operate in the preservation of the Irish language; several teachers to open evening classes. Has about 20 of his own pupils busy at the 1st book,

and ready to commence the 2nd. Many young men of the neighbourhood anxious to join the class, 19 April 1878. His classical pupils are through 2nd book, and await others of the series. Expects soon to form an association.

David Collins, Luggacurra, Stradbally, hopes to be able, "with the aid of the priests," to institute an Irish class, 30 October 1877.

M. A. Colbert, Kanturk; subject very favourably received by members of Teachers' Association. Resolution passed to form an Irish class connected with the society. Distributed a number of books, and many are working hard.

Patrick A. T. Gibbons, Shroghreen National School, Westport, 9 November 1877; wrote for rules and books. Is most desirous to teach the language.

N. K. Hayes, Ballinamult, Clonmel, awaits the encouragement of the priests, who are managers of schools, and suggests Parliamentary action and appeal to the Board. Has, by the permission of manager of his school, this day taught the first lesson in Irish, 2 April 1877.

Michael Carey, Ballyconnell, has interested several teachers in the matter, 1 February 1878; many books distributed among the pupils; parish priest most zealous in the matter.

Daniel Coughlan, Killbrittain, has a class, 1 February 1878; an Irish class on Sundays for adults, most of whom speak Irish, and are making great progress. A class of 20 boys in National School, four or five lessons weekly. The class in Cashel is taught by a national teacher, under the direction of Archdeacon Quirke; a number of young men attending regularly.

Michael Harrington, teacher, Skibbereen National School, No. 1; of the 92 pupils at present on the rolls of school, 33 are learning Irish language; only three were able to speak and understand it when the class was established, 8 February 1878.

Daniel Lynch, Philipstown National School, Dunleer; is about establishing a class, 11 February 1878.

A. O'Grady, National School, Balaghaderin, 28 January 1878; Irish class formed among the pupils of schools, which is instructed regularly after school hours. Teaches also an Irish class for young men on Sundays. Classes going on well. Pupils eager, and even very young children making great progress, 1 May 1878. Still progressing; association formed, containing 40 members.

National School, Straw, Draperstown, County Derry, 19 January 1878; class in process of formation.

6 February 1878; 20 pupils attending first lesson. On every Monday instructions in Irish for three hours in school, but does not seem to be a national teacher (*see Ballinacreen Association*).

Miltown Malby, classes in three National Schools (*see Association*).

John Fleming, National School, Rathgormack, Carrick-on-Suir, has a class of 25 regularly two mornings in the week before school hours; they are making first rate progress.

Kilmacow, classes in National Schools under Rev. Daniel Brennan, P.P., many pupils.

Mullinavat, classes in National Schools, under Rev. J. Delahunty, P.P.

Sunday Schools, the teachers of which have written to the Society from time to time.

Monastery of St. Patrick, Lombard-street, Galway; for several years Irish has been taught in their schools; are familiar with Canon Bourke's books, and his Grace of Tuam's works, 28 October 1877; are very desirous of easy class books; will proceed with fresh vigour.

Presentation Monastery, Miltown, County Kerry; an association has been formed in connection with this society, and is working steadily; have obtained the books for distribution, 24 September 1877.

First report of class lately formed in schools attached to Monastery; class working steadily through 1st book; anxious to begin 2nd; this class is taught regularly every day as part of the routine, in two divisions, senior and junior, about 40 pupils, 19 November 1877; class now numbers over 50.

Collegiate Seminary, Lady Lane, Waterford, 30 October 1877; a few commencing 1st book; class taught for an hour every Wednesday evening, 14 December 1877; some 15 young men pupils who are making great progress and read easily Archbishop McHale's works, and converse in Irish occasionally, 13 April 1878; 25 members. There is also another class of 12 in St. John's College, 23 October 1877; Christian Brothers Schools, Fermoy; order books, and organise classes forthwith in school, will give an impulse in other schools; quarter of an hour daily for Irish prizes promised.

The Christian Schools, Clarinbridge, County Galway, are given for the use of an evening class. Christian Brothers School, Doon, County Limerick, 10 July 1877; supply of books procured; many of the brothers through the county are anxious to have an opportunity of teaching Irish.

St. Joseph's Presentation Convent, Cahirciveen; anxious to make a move.

Convent of Mercy, Clifden, County Galway, will find little difficulty in preserving the language in their schools, especially at Rushan Harra Schools, as the children constantly use it; most of the sisters speak it; they wish for easy books. 7 November 1877. Religious instruction in Irish "Sunday school," where numbers of adults come to learn to read it; will have Irish taught daily in school.

Rev. Richard McHale, Kilcolman, Claremorris, is working actively; Irish taught in school and chapel, and is used in all dealings with the people.

Rev. Patrick Lyons, P.P., Spiddal, County Galway. Irish books used: McHale's Homer, Melodies, and other works, which all the advanced school children read with ease. Religious instruction always in Irish. The whole population, 3,000, speak Irish fluently; sermons always in Irish.

John MacShane, Tully Park, Ballymoney. Society for the past few years; established by Rev. D. B. Mulcahy, 26 January 1878. Evening classes for Irish; working actively; 50 pupils in two classes, one at Tully Park, the other at Crocan.

Rev. John H. Lennon, P.P., Loughguile, Ballymoney. Society for the last four years; founded by Rev. D. B. Mulcahy; all very fairly advanced in Irish. Many intend forming classes in the evenings to teach the children.

Mr. Coll. McIllan has a class of about 30, all well advanced.

Messrs. Connolly McGarry all going on well with their pupils, parish of Loughguile, County Antrim.

Diocesan College, Limerick. Professor O'Kelly has established classes among the senior students, and has organised an association.

Miltown, Malbay. Classes in three schools, under direction of Rev. P. White, P.P.; procured books for distribution (*see Association*).

Right Rev. Bishop MacDevitt has promised to establish evening classes in Letterkenny. Skibbereen. Classes in three male schools (*see Association*).

Rev. Terence Sheridan, O.C.C., White Abbey, Kildare, 28 February 1877, "will at the earliest opportunity introduce Irish in schools in his charge."

Sienna Convent, Drogheda. "Will make it a point to teach Irish in our schools," 26 February 1877.

The President of Carlow College promises to establish classes.

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It is to be hoped that the above influential and representative signatures will be deemed sufficient to indicate the very general desire of the people of Ireland to have the prayer of the memorialists granted.

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(*Mr. O'Connor Power.*)

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