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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

WE propose in this our Second Report, to lay before Your Majesty, an Abstract of the Returns, which we obtained in the year 1824, from the Protestant and Roman Catholic Clergy in Ireland, of the state of Education in their respective Parishes.

IN the execution of the Commission with which we were intrusted, it was our first proceeding to address a Circular Form of Return to the Parochial Clergy of the Established Church, and also to the Roman Catholic Priests, and to the several Presbyterian Ministers; as it appeared to us desirable that an opportunity should be afforded of comparing information derived from sources independent of each other. Nor have we been disappointed in the result; for, although instances of disagreement will be found to occur, on the whole, they have been fewer and less important than could reasonably have been expected in an undertaking of this nature; and the comparison of the several Statements will increase the authority of each.

In order to give the strongest sanction to the Returns, we have, in the exercise of the power committed to us by Your Majesty, thought it proper to call on each person making them, to verify them by swearing, That he had inquired with due and reasonable diligence into the matters contained in the Return; and that the Statement therein made, as to each head respectively, was the truth, according to the best judgment that he had been able to form upon the subject.

We regret that we cannot exhibit the Returns made by the Presbyterian Ministers, in such a manner as to render them the subject of comparison with those obtained from the Clergy of the Established Church, and from the Roman Catholic Priests. This, however, is not possible, as the limits of the Presbyterian congregations are not determined by parochial boundaries. We have, however, to express our high sense of the value of the information which we have derived from their communications.

In the Appendix will be found an Abstract of the Returns obtained from the Clergy of the Established Church, and from the Roman Catholic Priests respectively, in as compressed a form as we can adopt; it being scarcely possible, from the great extent of the originals, that they should themselves be published at length.

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We shall now proceed to point out a few of their general results, which, amidst so much detail, might otherwise escape attention.

The Total Number of Schools in Ireland appears to be - 11,823

Of these there were,

In ULSTER	-	-	-	-	3,449
LEINSTER	-	-	-	-	3,492
MUNSTER	-	-	-	-	3,359
CONNAUGHT	-	-	-	-	1,523
					<hr/> 11,823

The Masters and Mistresses of these Schools appear to be, 12,530

Of these there were,

Of the Established Church	-	-	-	-	3,098
Protestant Dissenters	-	-	-	-	1,058
Roman Catholics	-	-	-	-	8,300
Religion not stated	-	-	-	-	74
					<hr/> 12,530

These were distributed among the several Provinces, as follows:

	Established Church.	Protestant Dissenters.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.
In ULSTER	1,093	938	1,482	27
LEINSTER	1,128	65	2,612	25
MUNSTER	597	45	2,913	17
CONNAUGHT	280	10	1,293	5
	<hr/> 3,098	<hr/> 1,058	<hr/> 8,300	<hr/> 74

The total number of Children in attendance in these Schools, taken on an average of three months in the autumn of 1824, was, according to the Returns made by the Protestant Clergy, after amending them from the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy, by adding such Schools as were not noticed in the former

Viz.

In ULSTER	-	-	-	141,882
LEINSTER	-	-	-	158,740
MUNSTER	-	-	-	188,206
CONNAUGHT	-	-	-	71,721
				<hr/> 560,549

The total number taken in the same manner, for the same period, was, according to the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy, amended from the Returns of the Protestant Clergy, on the principle above stated: - 568,964

Viz.

In ULSTER	-	-	-	141,959
LEINSTER	-	-	-	161,031
MUNSTER	-	-	-	191,093
CONNAUGHT	-	-	-	74,881
				<hr/> 568,964

We have now to state the proportion which the Children of different religious creeds were found to bear to each other.

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By the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy, on the principle before stated, the number of Children in the Schools was - - - - - 560,549

Who were thus distributed ; viz.

	Of the Established Church.	Presbyterians.	Protestant Dissenters of other Denominations.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	TOTAL.
In ULSTER - - -	35,977	44,383	2,476	57,023	2,023	141,882
LEINSTER - - -	30,954	584	372	123,265	3,565	158,740
MUNSTER - - -	17,518	119	451	168,209	1,909	188,206
CONNAUGHT - -	9,003	218	113	59,788	2,599	71,721
	93,452	45,304	3,412	408,285	10,096	560,549

It may here be observed that, according to these Returns, the total number of Protestant Children of all Denominations in Education, was, to that of the Roman Catholic Children, as 1 to 3, nearly ; that the number of the Children of the Established Church are nearly twofold the number of the Protestant Dissenters ; and that of the whole number of Presbyterians, and other Protestant Dissenters, about twenty-five out of twenty-six are in the Province of Ulster.

By the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy, the number of Children was - - - - - 568,964

Who were thus distributed ; viz.

	Of the Established Church.	Presbyterians.	Protestant Dissenters of other Denominations.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	TOTAL.
In ULSTER - - -	34,972	43,667	2,625	58,164	2,531	141,959
LEINSTER - - -	30,487	559	485	126,591	2,909	161,031
MUNSTER - - -	17,297	136	456	171,754	1,450	191,093
CONNAUGHT - -	9,293	204	112	64,514	758	74,881
	92,049	44,566	3,678	421,023	7,648	568,964

The proportion of Males and Females in Education, according to the Returns of the Protestant Clergy, amended as before stated, was as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Sex not stated.	TOTAL.
In ULSTER - - -	80,977	57,242	3,663	141,882
LEINSTER - - -	92,130	62,557	4,053	158,740
MUNSTER - - -	120,878	64,022	3,306	188,206
CONNAUGHT - -	44,890	23,972	2,859	71,721
	338,875	207,793	13,881	560,549

The proportion of Males and Females in Education, according to the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy, amended as before stated, was as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Sex not stated.	TOTAL.
In ULSTER - -	83,653	54,556	3,750	141,959
LEINSTER - -	94,405	64,502	2,124	161,031
MUNSTER - -	123,766	65,342	1,985	191,093
CONNAUGHT -	48,088	25,527	1,266	74,881
	349,912	209,927	9,125	568,964

We shall next advert to the several Societies, which have of late years been engaged in supplying the means of Education in Ireland, and shall point out the number of Children in attendance in their several schools.

With respect, however, to the numbers specified in these Returns, it should be observed, that the opposition on the part of the Roman Catholic Clergy to Schools in which, by the regulations of the different Societies, the Scriptures were required to be read, was exerted with peculiar activity during the year 1824, to which period the Returns have reference ; there is no doubt, therefore, that in the earlier part of the year there had been a fuller attendance in the Schools belonging to those Societies ; and it is probable that the Children which had been withdrawn from such Schools, had increased the numbers in others.

I.—Schools connected with the Association for Discountenancing Vice.

IN the Autumn of 1824, there were connected solely with this Society :—

	Schools	Containing Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	167	9,246
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	167	9,008

There were also other Schools connected with the Association for Discountenancing Vice, and at the same time with one or more other Societies :—

	Schools.	Containing Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	59	3,523
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	59	3,615

Making

Making in the whole, connected with the Association for Discountenancing Vice:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant Clergy, amended as before stated	226	12,769
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy, amended as before stated - - - - -	226	12,623

II.—Schools connected with the Board of Erasmus Smith's Trustees.

THERE were connected solely with this Institution:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	100	7,619
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	100	7,824

There were also other Schools connected with the Board of Erasmus Smith's Trustees, and at the same time with one or more other Societies:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	13	1,263
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	13	1,187

Making in the whole, connected with the Board of Erasmus Smith's Trustees:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant Clergy, amended as before stated	113	8,882
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy, amended as before stated	113	9,011

III.—Schools connected with the Kildare-Place Society.

AT the period of making the Returns in the autumn of 1824, there were connected solely with this Society :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	—	—
	583	37,146
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	583	36,762

There were also other Schools connected with the Kildare-Place Society, and at the same time with one or more other Societies :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	—	—
	336	21,059
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	336	20,367

Making a total of Schools connected at that period with the Kildare-Place Society :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant Clergy, amended as before stated	—	—
	919	58,205
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy, amended as before stated - - - - -	* 919	57,129

The Schools connected with the Kildare-Place Society, were distributed among the different Provinces, as follows :—

Schools connected solely with this Society, according to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	296	17,674
LEINSTER - - -	158	10,901
MUNSTER - - -	70	4,429
CONNAUGHT - - -	59	4,142
	583	37,146

* In a Return made by us to the House of Commons, on the 20th March last, pursuant to an Order of the House, we stated the number of Schools as returned to us by the Protestant and Roman Catholic Clergy, in connexion with the Kildare-Place Society, to be 852, containing 52,404 Scholars. But on a more minute examination of the Returns, it appears from various particulars, stated, not in the column appropriated specifically for that purpose, but in other parts of the Returns, that other Schools had received aid from the Kildare-Place Society; and in this manner, the difference between the number stated above, and that stated in our Return to the House of Commons, is to be accounted for.

According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	296	17,728
LEINSTER - - -	158	10,722
MUNSTER - - -	70	4,483
CONNAUGHT - - -	59	3,829
	583	36,762

Schools connected with the Kildare-Place Society, and at the same time with one or more other Societies.

According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	97	7,196
LEINSTER - - -	56	3,734
MUNSTER - - -	119	6,651
CONNAUGHT - - -	64	3,478
	336	21,059

According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	97	6,945
LEINSTER - - -	56	3,772
MUNSTER - - -	119	6,243
CONNAUGHT - - -	64	3,407
	336	20,367

In the Schools of the Kildare Place Society, the Children were divisible in respect of their several Religious Creeds, as follows:—

According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy:—

		Of the Established Church.	Presbyterians.	Other Protestant Dissenters.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	TOTAL.
ULSTER	In Schools connected solely with this Society - -	4,670	7,454	281	5,017	252	17,674
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies -	2,377	1,996	96	2,691	36	7,196
LEINSTER	In Schools connected solely with this Society - -	2,577	60	1	7,180	1,083	10,901
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies -	1,507	10	21	2,146	50	3,734
MUNSTER	In Schools connected solely with this Society - -	1,106	1	3	3,269	50	4,429
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies -	1,998	11	2	4,561	79	6,651
CONNAUGHT	In Schools connected solely with this Society - -	424	6	-	3,173	539	4,142
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies -	1,609	23	4	1,775	67	3,478
		16,268	9,561	408	29,812	2,156	58,205

And according to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy, there were:—

		Of the Established Church.	Presbyterians.	Other Protestant Dissenters.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	TOTAL.
ULSTER	In Schools connected solely with this Society - -	4,560	7,296	259	5,249	364	17,728
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies -	2,190	1,996	157	2,561	41	6,945
LEINSTER	In Schools connected solely with this Society - -	2,672	57	32	7,570	391	10,722
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies -	1,459	9	5	2,205	94	3,772
MUNSTER	In Schools connected solely with this Society - -	1,071	2	-	3,404	6	4,483
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies -	1,993	11	13	4,073	153	6,243
CONNAUGHT	In Schools connected solely with this Society - -	419	3	-	3,302	105	3,829
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies -	1,773	16	12	1,600	6	3,407
		16,137	9,390	478	29,964	1,160	57,129

It is necessary, however, to observe, that by far the greater part of the Returns above abstracted, were made in the autumn of 1824; and there is reason to believe (as we have before stated generally with respect to all Schools, in which by the regulations of the different Societies the Scriptures are required to be read) that in consequence of the exertions of the Roman Catholic Priests, these Schools, at the period when the enumeration was taken, were not so fully attended by the Roman Catholic Children as in the earlier part of the year.

The Society subsequently transmitted to us a List, dated June 1825, of every School in connexion with them on the 5th of April preceding. We have inserted this List in the Appendix to this Report. There are 1,517 Schools contained in it: 900 of these Schools are included in the Returns made to us by the Clergy, and 617 are not included in them. We have set forth in the Appendix, a List specifying the 900* which are included, and also a List specifying the 617 not included. It will be observed, that the difference between the Returns of the Clergy and the List of the Society, consists principally in this, that the Returns of the Clergy include only such Schools as they found open and in operation, in the autumn of 1824; whereas the List of the Society includes Schools to which they had granted or agreed to grant aid, and which were therefore upon their books, although not going forward. At the time when the Returns of the Clergy were made to us, some Schools were temporarily closed, some had been closed for a considerable time, but it was hoped would be revived; some had not then commenced, and some were entered upon the books of the Society, after the Returns of the Clergy had been sent in.

IV.—Schools connected with the London Hibernian Society.

AT the period of obtaining the Returns from the Clergy, there were connected solely with this Society:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	—	—
	390	23,737
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	390	22,707

There were also other Schools connected with the London Hibernian Society, and at the same time with one or more other Societies.

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	—	—
	228	13,770
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	228	13,488

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* To this List of 900, we have added 19 other Schools also returned by the Clergy, but which are not included in the List furnished by the Society.

Making a total of Schools connected with the London Hibernian Society :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant Clergy, amended as before stated	618	37,507
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy, amended as before stated - - - - -	618	36,195

The Schools connected with the London Hibernian Society, were distributed among the different Provinces, as follows :—

Schools connected solely with this Society, according to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	226	14,932
LEINSTER - - -	15	922
MUNSTER - - -	26	1,681
CONNAUGHT - - -	123	6,202
	390	23,737

According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	226	14,173
LEINSTER - - -	15	920
MUNSTER - - -	26	1,547
CONNAUGHT - - -	123	6,067
	390	22,707

Schools connected with the London Hibernian Society, and at the same time with one or more other Societies.

According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy,—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	69	4,956
LEINSTER - - -	18	1,141
MUNSTER - - -	85	4,812
CONNAUGHT - - -	56	2,861
	228	13,770

According

According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	69	4,894
LEINSTER - - -	18	1,262
MUNSTER - - -	85	4,568
CONNAUGHT - - -	56	2,764
	228	13,488

In the Schools of the London Hibernian Society, the children were divisible in respect of their several religious creeds, as follows :—

According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy,—

		Of the Established Church.	Presbyterians.	Other Protestant Dissenters.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	TOTAL.
ULSTER - -	{ In Schools connected solely with this Society - - }	5,651	3,201	372	5,622	86	14,932
	{ In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies - }	1,608	1,524	60	1,734	30	4,956
LEINSTER - -	{ In Schools connected solely with this Society - - }	289	1	1	591	40	922
	{ In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies - }	361	6	-	774	-	1,141
MUNSTER - -	{ In Schools connected solely with this society - - }	301	7	-	1,333	40	1,681
	{ In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies - }	1,437	4	2	3,328	41	4,812
CONNAUGHT -	{ In Schools connected solely with this Society - - }	1,921	43	7	3,996	235	6,202
	{ In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies - }	1,375	24	4	1,404	54	2,861
		12,943	4,810	446	18,782	526	37,507

And according to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy :—

		Of the Established Church.	Presbyterians.	Other Protestant Dissenters.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	TOTAL.
ULSTER	In Schools connected solely with this Society - - -	5,401	3,077	403	5,244	48	14,173
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies - -	1,443	1,553	129	1,736	33	4,894
LEINSTER	In Schools connected solely with this Society - - -	282	- -	1	595	42	920
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies - -	427	6	- -	829	- -	1,262
MUNSTER	In Schools connected solely with this Society - - -	304	6	- -	1,237	- -	1,547
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies - -	1,378	5	2	3,075	108	4,568
CONNAUGHT	In Schools connected solely with this Society - - -	2,236	48	4	3,642	137	6,067
	In Schools connected with this Society, and also with other Societies - -	1,430	12	12	1,298	12	2,764
		12,901	4,707	551	17,656	380	36,195*

V.—Schools connected with the Baptist Society.

THERE were connected solely with this Society :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	71	3,703
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	71	3,882

There were also other Schools connected with the Baptist Society, and at the same time with one or more other Societies.

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	17	674
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	17	684

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* There is reason to believe, that at the time the Enumeration was taken, these Schools, in consequence of the exertions of the Roman Catholic Priests, were not as fully attended as they had been at an earlier period of the year.

The Schools connected with the Baptist Society, were distributed among the different Provinces, as follows:—

Schools connected solely with this Society, according to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	—	—
LEINSTER - - -	5	254
MUNSTER - - -	8	322
CONNAUGHT - -	58	3,127
	71	3,703

According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	—	—
LEINSTER - - -	5	289
MUNSTER - - -	8	291
CONNAUGHT - -	58	3,302
	71	3,882

Schools connected with the Baptist Society, and at the same time with one or more other Societies, according to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	—	—
LEINSTER - - -	2	78
MUNSTER - - -	12	413
CONNAUGHT - -	3	183
	17	674

According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy:—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	—	—
LEINSTER - - -	2	81
MUNSTER - - -	12	398
CONNAUGHT - -	3	205
	17	684

Making a Total,

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant Clergy, amended as before stated	88	4,377
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy, amended as before stated - - - - -	88	4,566*

VI.—The Protestant Charter Schools, under the direction of the Incorporated Society.

THERE were, at the period of making the Returns :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	32	2,210
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	32	2,255

VII.—Schools connected with sundry Societies and Institutions other than those before specified.

WE have included under this head, Schools connected with the following several Institutions, which, in respect of the number of their Scholars, are not so extensive as to make a separate specification of them necessary, in a General Abstract of this nature.

Viz.

The Irish Society.
 The London Missionary Society.
 The Irish Evangelical Society.
 The Ladies Hibernian Society.
 The British and Irish Ladies Society.
 Certain Regimental Schools, and
 Gaol Schools.

There were connected with these several Institutions and Societies :—

	Schools.	Attended by Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	123	7,155
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	123	7,002

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* There is reason to believe, that at the time the Enumeration was taken, these Schools, in consequence of the exertions of the Roman Catholic priests, were not as fully attended as they had been at an earlier period of the year.

The Institutions and Societies enumerated under the seven preceding heads, are conducted chiefly by Protestants.

The three next following Classes of Schools are founded and superintended by Roman Catholics.

VIII.—The Schools of the Christian Brotherhood, and sundry Religious Orders.

THERE were of this Class :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	24	5,454
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	24	5,541

IX.—Female Schools attached to Nunneries.

There were :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	46	7,136
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	46	7,575

X.—Day Schools.

SUPPORTED by the Collections and Subscriptions of the Roman Catholic Inhabitants of certain Parishes, and under the superintendence of the Roman Catholic Priests.

There were :—

According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	19	1,374
LEINSTER - - -	149	13,054
MUNSTER - - -	125	14,335
CONNAUGHT - - -	59	4,766
	352	33,529

According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
In ULSTER - - -	19	1,441
LEINSTER - - -	149	13,391
MUNSTER - - -	125	14,335
CONNAUGHT - - -	59	4,680
	352	33,847

The three classes of Schools last above mentioned, contain altogether, according to the Roman Catholic Returns, 422 Schools, and 46,963 Children.

These Schools are under the immediate sanction and superintendence of the Roman Catholic Clergy. The Education is almost universally gratuitous, and is so strictly Roman Catholic in its character, that although Protestant children are not excluded from the Schools, few are found to attend them.

XI.—Pay Schools.

THIS Class comprises the Schools unconnected with Societies, and held by individuals for their own profit.

Of these there were :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	9,352	394,732
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	9,352	403,774

These Schools cannot be considered as being under any particular superintendence. They arise, from time to time, as circumstances create a demand for them; and are frequently undertaken by persons very ill qualified to discharge the duties of Schoolmasters.

The Parish Schools, established under the provisions of the Act 28 Henry VIII. c. 15, and subject to the superintendence of the Clergy of the Established Church, cannot, for the purposes of this enumeration, be considered as constituting a distinct class, as they will all be found to rank under one or other of the classes before specified.

Their Total number, as stated in the Returns, was 827; and of these 180 were connected with the Association for discountenancing Vice; 39 with the Trustees of Erasmus Smith; 188 with the Kildare Place Society; and 94 with the London Hibernian Society. The rest of the Parish Schools are not distinguishable from the ordinary Pay Schools of the country; except that the Church Catechism is taught in them to the children belonging to the Established Church, and the master receives a small annual stipend, usually of 40s. from the minister of the parish by whom he is in all such cases appointed.

Of these there were :—

	Schools.	Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	827	40,758
And according to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	827	40,056

In these Schools the children are classed with respect to their several religious creeds, as follows :—

According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy :—

Of the Established Church - - - - -	18,768
Presbyterians - - - - -	4,281
Protestant Dissenters of other denominations - - - - -	178
Roman Catholics - - - - -	17,124
Religion not stated - - - - -	407
	<u>40,758</u>

And according to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy :—

Of the Established Church - - - - -	18,449
Presbyterians - - - - -	3,920
Protestant Dissenters of other Denominations - - - - -	300
Roman Catholics - - - - -	16,867
Religion not stated - - - - -	520
	<u>40,056</u>

The Enumeration and general classification of the Schools of Ireland above given, does not include Sunday School Institutions, which now remain to be noticed.

IT appears by the evidence of Mr. La Touche, the Secretary of the Sunday School Society, that the number of their Schools in March 1824, was 1640; and that they contained about 157,184 Scholars, who were instructed gratuitously by 12,578 voluntary Teachers of both sexes.

The managers of this Institution are all Protestants. We have no means of ascertaining the respective numbers of the children of the different religious persuasions.

They were divided among the Provinces, as follows :—

	Schools.	Taught by voluntary Teachers.	Attended by Scholars.
In ULSTER - - - - -	1,193	9,471	125,272
LEINSTER - - - - -	281	2,077	20,790
MUNSTER - - - - -	77	570	5,663
CONNAUGHT - - - - -	89	460	5,459
	<u>1,640</u>	<u>12,578</u>	<u>157,184</u>

There is also extensive catechetical instruction given on Sundays, in the Roman Catholic chapels.

The practice appears to be very general, especially in the Roman Catholic districts.

In these Schools, as already stated in our First Report, the children are taught their prayers and various catechisms; sometimes by the Roman Catholic schoolmasters of the vicinity, who are collected for that purpose, and sometimes by young persons, of both sexes, under the inspection and direction of the Roman Catholic priests. The con-fraternities, which form the Society, denominated The Sodality of the Christian Doctrine, are particularly employed for this purpose. The number of children so instructed we have no means of ascertaining.

It would, however, be a mistake to consider all the children instructed, either in the Protestant or Roman Catholic Sunday Schools, as constituting an addition to those who attend the day Schools above enumerated. A very large proportion of the children, no doubt, attend some of the other Schools also, but many of them receive no other instruction than that which the Sunday Schools supply.

There are some other points of view, under which it may be desirable that the Schools of Ireland should be now considered.

The first is, as to the extent of Local Patronage that is exercised in their direction and superintendence.

The resident Gentry of Ireland, and the Clergy of all descriptions, have, of late years, evinced an increasing interest on this subject; and at the time of making the Returns, there were founded by individual patrons, and wholly supported by them (exclusive of Sunday Schools :)—

	Schools.	Attended by Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	322	13,686
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	322	13,528

There were also partly maintained by such individuals, and, in many instances, also assisted by various societies (exclusive of Sunday Schools :)—

	Schools.	Attended by Scholars.
According to the Returns of the Protestant, amended by those of the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -	2,332	138,474
According to the Returns of the Roman Catholic, amended by those of the Protestant Clergy - - - - -	2,332	138,214

These details afford a striking illustration of the extent to which local patronage and superintendence is employed; and of the willingness of the patrons to accept the aid, and conform to the regulations of the several societies, according to the views they may entertain of the merits of their respective systems.

IT appears to us also to be important to ascertain, in what degree the reading of the Scriptures formed a part of the various instruction, which is thus supplied to the lower ranks of the Irish people.

It appears from the Returns, that (exclusive of the Sunday Schools),—

	Schools.
The Scriptures were read in - - - - -	6,058
— not read in - - - - -	3,322
And the Returns are silent, as to - - -	2,443
TOTAL Number of Schools - - -	11,823

Of

Of the 6,058 Schools in which they are stated to be read :—

	Schools.
The authorized Version was used in - - -	4,472
The Douay Version in - - -	401
Both Versions, concurrently, in - - -	669
And the Returns do not specify which Version in - - -	516
	<u>6,058</u>

In the three Classes of Schools under the superintendence of the Roman Catholic Clergy ; namely, the Schools of the Christian Brotherhood, and those connected with religious orders ; the Schools attached to Nunneries ; and the Roman Catholic Day Schools ; containing altogether, as above stated, 422 Schools, and 46,963 Children ;—

	Schools.
The Scriptures were read in - - -	87
— - not read in - - -	249
And the Returns are silent as to - -	86
	<u>422</u>

The same proportion, however, does not apply to other Schools, of which the Master or Mistress happens to be a Roman Catholic. With reference to this point, it appears by the Returns, that there were 7,569 other Schools (besides the 422 above mentioned) under the direction of Roman Catholic Masters or Mistresses. In these :—

	Schools.
The Scriptures were read in - - -	2,607
— - not read in - - -	2,886
And the Returns are silent as to - -	2,076
	<u>7,569</u>

It is to be observed, that in this respect the practice varies very much in the different provinces of Ireland.

In Ulster there were 1,466 Schools, under Roman Catholic Masters and Mistresses. In these :—

	Schools.
The Scriptures were read in - - -	1,119
— - not read in - - -	200
The Returns are silent as to - -	147
	<u>1,466</u>

In Leinster there were 2,486 Schools, under Roman Catholic Masters and Mistresses. In these :—

	Schools.
The Scriptures were read in - - -	745
— - not read in - - -	1,080
The Returns are silent as to - -	661
	<u>2,486</u>

In Munster there were 2,777 Schools, under Roman Catholic Masters and Mistresses. In these :—

	Schools.
The Scriptures were read in - - - - -	497
— - - not read in - - - - -	1,370
The Returns are silent as to - - - - -	910
	<u>2,777</u>

In Connaught there were 1,262 Schools, under Roman Catholic Masters and Mistresses. In these :—

	Schools.
The Scriptures were read in - - - - -	333
— - - not read in - - - - -	485
The Returns are silent as to - - - - -	444
	<u>1,262</u>

ANOTHER point of view in which Education in Ireland may be considered, is, the rapidity of its progress.

In 1811 the Commissioners of Education, in their Fourteenth Report, expressed their opinion that the number of Schools in Ireland was about 4,600, attended by about 200,000 children.

The following Table exhibits a Comparison of the State of Education, as it appeared to the Commissioners in 1811, and as it stood in 1824, according to the Returns made to us.

	At the Close of the Year 1811.	At the Close of the Year 1824.
Total Number of Schools - - - - -	4,600	11,823
Attended by Scholars - - - - -	200,000	560,549

A detailed Comparison of the State of the various Societies at these two periods, is not less striking.

	At the Close of the Year 1811.	At the Close of the Year 1824.
	Schools.	Schools.
The Association for Discountenancing Vice, appears to have had - - - - -	38	226
The Trustees of Erasmus Smith - - - - -	8	113
The Kildare-Place Society - - - - -	{ not in existence. }	919
The London Hibernian Society - - - - -	38	618
The Baptist Society* - - - - -	{ not in existence. }	88

* From the Total number of Schools in connection with these five Societies in 1824, a deduction must be made of 392, in consequence of so many having been connected with more than one of them, and which are therefore reckoned twice.

	At the Close of the Year 1811.	At the Close of the Year 1824.
Schools connected with sundry religious Orders - - - - -	Not ascertained.	
Schools connected with Nunneries - -		422
Free Roman Catholic Schools, founded by Congregational Collections, and superintended by the Roman Catholic Clergy - - - - -		

If this Comparison be extended to the Sunday School Society, it will be found they had,

	In 1811.	In 1824.
Schools - - - - -	44	1,640

ANOTHER point of view in which it may be desirable to consider these Schools, is with respect to the Average number of Scholars receiving Education in a School of each of the classes above enumerated. We mean the number in the course of receiving Education, and not merely the number who upon any particular day may be found collected in the School-room.

In the Pay-Schools the Average number was the lowest, being, as deduced, from the Returns of the—

Protestant Clergy - - - - -	42
From the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy - -	43

This coincides with the opinion expressed in the Fourteenth Report of the Commissioners of Education, that at that time, (namely, in the year 1811) 43 was the Average number of Scholars in the Pay-Schools of Ireland.

IN THE SCHOOLS OF THE BAPTIST SOCIETY.

The Average was, as deduced :—

From the Returns of the Protestant Clergy - -	49 $\frac{3}{4}$
From the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy -	52

ASSOCIATION FOR DISCOURTENANCING VICE.

Average, as deduced :—

From the Returns of the Protestant Clergy - -	56 $\frac{1}{2}$
From the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy -	55 $\frac{3}{4}$

LONDON HIBERNIAN SOCIETY.

Average, as deduced :—

From the Returns of the Protestant Clergy - -	60 $\frac{3}{4}$
From the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy -	58 $\frac{1}{2}$

KILDARE PLACE SOCIETY.

Average, as deduced :—

From the Returns of the Protestant Clergy - -	63 $\frac{1}{4}$
From the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy -	62

TRUSTEES OF ERASMUS SMITH.

Average, as deduced :—

From the Returns of the Protestant Clergy -	-	78 $\frac{1}{2}$
From the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy -	-	79 $\frac{1}{2}$

ROMAN CATHOLIC DAY SCHOOLS,
Superintended, as above stated, by the Priests.

Average, as deduced :—

From the Returns of the Protestant Clergy -	-	95 $\frac{1}{2}$
From the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy -	-	96

ROMAN CATHOLIC FEMALES SCHOOLS,
attached to Nunneries.

Average, as deduced :—

From the Returns of the Protestant Clergy -	-	155
From the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy -	-	164 $\frac{1}{2}$

SCHOOLS OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD,
and of Sundry Religious Orders.

Average, as deduced :—

From the Returns of the Protestant Clergy -	-	227
From the Returns of the Roman Catholic Clergy -	-	231

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Average, as deduced from the Reports of the Society - 95 $\frac{1}{2}$

IT is necessary, however, to recollect, that the above Averages were considerably affected by the withdrawing the Roman Catholic Children from certain classes of Schools, immediately previous to the period to which these Returns refer.

It is probable also, that the same cause operated to augment the Averages of other classes of Schools to which a part of the Children so withdrawn may have been transferred.

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3.—	- - CAVAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	304
4.—	- - DONEGAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	322
5.—	- - DOWN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	354
6.—	- - FERMANAGH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400
7.—	- - LONDONDERRY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	420
8.—	- - MONAGHAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	448
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13.—	- - KILKENNY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	628
14.—	KING'S COUNTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	664
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17.—	- - MEATH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	724
18.—	QUEEN'S COUNTY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750
19.—	County of WESTMEATH	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	776
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(a.)

A SUMMARY of the Number of Schools in the several Counties of *Ireland*, and of the Scholars in attendance therein, distinguishing the Religion and Sex of the Scholars, according to the Returns made to the Commissioners of Education Inquiry, by the PROTESTANT CLERGY, in the Year 1824; to which is added,—A further Number of Schools and Scholars, returned by the ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGY, which are not included in the PROTESTANT Returns.

(b.)

A SUMMARY of the Number of Schools in the several Counties of *Ireland*, and of the Scholars in attendance therein, distinguishing the Religion and Sex of the Scholars, according to the Returns made to the Commissioners of Education Inquiry, by the ROMAN CATHOLIC CLERGY, in the Year 1824; to which is added,—A further Number of Schools and Scholars, returned by the PROTESTANT CLERGY, which are not included in the ROMAN CATHOLIC Returns.

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(a.)

COUNTY.	Number of SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS, distinguishing their RELIGION and SEX.								TOTAL.
		Of the Established Church.	Presby- terians.	Protestant Dissenters of other Denomi- nations.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	MALES.	FE- MALES.	Sex not stated.	
ANTRIM - - -	484	3,671	10,062	401	3,509	300	10,974	7,580	289	18,843
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	31	194	678	29	276	30	639	538	30	1,207
Total - - -	515	3,865	11,640	430	3,785	330	11,613	8,118	319	20,050
ARMAGH - - -	289	4,458	2,599	499	4,817	294	7,443	4,804	420	12,667
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	43	197	265	12	464	129	481	403	183	1,067
Total - - -	332	4,655	2,864	511	5,281	423	7,924	5,207	603	13,734
CAVAN - - -	304	3,669	799	50	11,177	149	9,842	5,757	245	15,844
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	42	335	73	-	1,471	15	1,159	735	-	1,894
Total - - -	346	4,004	872	50	12,648	164	11,001	6,492	245	17,738
DONEGAL - - -	330	3,833	2,538	220	5,819	86	7,185	4,974	337	12,496
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	46	222	283	17	784	-	806	500	-	1,306
Total - - -	376	4,055	2,821	237	6,603	86	7,991	5,474	337	13,802
DOWN - - -	505	4,158	11,064	298	5,547	377	12,576	7,909	959	21,444
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	39	216	551	10	573	34	880	466	38	1,384
Total - - -	544	4,374	11,615	308	6,120	411	13,456	8,375	997	22,828
FERMANAGH - -	226	5,135	217	5	3,839	60	5,354	3,646	256	9,256
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	14	148	12	12	365	-	331	202	4	537
Total - - -	240	5,283	229	17	4,204	60	5,685	3,848	260	9,793
LONDONDERRY - -	338	2,118	5,666	353	4,005	246	4,999	7,262	127	12,388
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	42	328	621	55	489	9	831	663	8	1,502
Total - - -	380	2,446	6,287	408	4,494	255	5,830	7,925	135	13,890
MONAGHAN - - -	251	2,384	1,912	53	5,689	167	6,071	3,816	318	10,205
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	30	87	201	-	719	7	623	389	2	1,014
Total - - -	281	2,471	2,113	53	6,408	174	6,694	4,205	320	11,219
TYRONE - - -	415	4,717	5,668	453	7,104	108	10,373	7,254	423	18,050
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	20	107	274	9	376	12	410	344	24	778
Total - - -	435	4,824	5,942	462	7,480	120	10,783	7,598	447	18,828
PROVINCE of ULSTER -	3,142	34,143	41,425	2,332	51,506	1,787	74,817	53,002	3,374	131,193
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns - - -	307	1,834	2,958	144	5,517	236	6,160	4,240	289	10,689
Total - - -	3,449	35,977	44,383	2,476	57,023	2,023	80,977	57,242	3,663	141,882

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(b.)

COUNTY.	Number of SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS, distinguishing their RELIGION and SEX.								
		Of the Established Church.	Presby- terians.	Protestant Dissenters of other Denomi- nations.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	MALES.	FE- MALES.	Sex not stated.	TOTAL.
ANTRIM - - -	352	2,849	7,531	218	3,274	169	8,388	5,284	369	14,041
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	163	996	4,113	191	673	241	3,330	2,720	164	6,214
Total - - -	515	3,845	11,644	409	3,947	410	11,718	8,004	533	20,255
ARMAGH - - -	283	3,960	2,603	339	4,803	637	6,889	4,397	1,056	12,342
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	49	457	410	54	388	118	757	646	24	1,427
Total - - -	332	4,417	3,013	393	5,191	755	7,646	5,043	1,080	13,769
CAVAN - - -	325	3,690	888	5	12,216	54	10,620	6,206	27	16,853
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	21	285	78	2	650	29	709	335	-	1,044
Total - - -	346	3,975	966	7	12,866	83	11,329	6,541	27	17,897
DONEGAL - - -	355	3,810	2,566	406	6,512	82	8,059	5,127	190	13,376
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	21	277	68	18	335	37	282	415	38	735
Total - - -	376	4,087	2,634	424	6,847	119	8,341	5,542	228	14,111
DOWN - - -	340	3,133	5,793	197	5,159	372	8,645	5,485	524	14,654
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	204	1,109	5,458	22	1,195	176	4,483	2,821	656	7,960
Total - - -	544	4,242	11,251	219	6,354	548	13,128	8,306	1,180	22,614
FERMANAGH - - -	212	4,426	182	40	4,231	7	5,374	3,448	64	8,886
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	28	713	8	-	193	-	540	374	-	914
Total - - -	240	5,139	190	40	4,424	7	5,914	3,822	64	9,800
LONDONDERRY - - -	346	2,223	5,397	322	4,206	111	7,128	5,067	64	12,259
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	34	218	823	109	307	-	842	615	-	1,457
Total - - -	380	2,441	6,220	431	4,513	111	7,970	5,682	64	13,716
MONAGHAN - - -	256	2,069	1,610	236	6,261	279	6,302	3,871	282	10,455
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	25	136	299	-	277	51	429	284	50	763
Total - - -	281	2,205	1,909	236	6,538	330	6,731	4,155	332	11,218
TYRONE - - -	420	4,519	5,743	466	7,240	168	10,587	7,325	224	18,136
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	15	102	97	-	244	-	289	136	18	443
Total - - -	435	4,621	5,840	466	7,484	168	10,876	7,461	242	18,579
PROVINCE of ULSTER - - -	2,889	30,679	32,313	2,229	53,902	1,879	71,992	46,210	2,800	121,002
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	560	4,293	11,354	396	4,262	652	11,661	8,346	950	20,957
Total - - -	3,449	34,972	43,667	2,625	58,164	2,531	83,653	54,556	3,750	141,959

Appendix, N^o 1. — Summary of Schools and Scholars — *continued*.

(a.) With those added from the ROMAN CATHOLIC Returns.

COUNTY.	Number of SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS, distinguishing their RELIGION and SEX.								TOTAL.
		Of the Established Church.	Presby- terians.	Protestant Dissenters of other Denomi- nations.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	MALES.	FE- MALES.	Sex not stated.	
CARLOW - - -	141	1,422	6	3	5,987	383	4,214	2,941	646	7,801
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	25	51	-	9	751	-	435	373	3	811
Total - - -	166	1,473	6	12	6,738	383	4,649	3,314	649	8,612
DUBLIN - - -	582	8,320	277	162	16,803	1,430	15,246	11,453	293	26,992
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns ^s	142	2,052	14	12	3,637	301	2,743	3,071	202	6,016
Total - - -	724	10,372	291	174	20,440	1,731	17,989	14,524	495	33,008
KILDARE - - -	184	1,391	4	27	6,359	124	4,521	3,223	161	7,905
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	30	34	-	-	917	1	597	355	-	952
Total - - -	214	1,425	4	27	7,276	125	5,118	3,578	161	8,857
KILKENNY - - -	336	1,332	2	1	15,993	115	11,235	5,956	252	17,443
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	48	44	-	10	2,171	4	1,163	1,044	22	2,229
Total - - -	384	1,376	2	11	18,164	119	12,398	7,000	274	19,672
KING'S COUNTY - - -	231	1,982	1	21	7,302	94	5,361	3,616	423	9,400
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	23	82	-	-	657	-	426	313	-	739
Total - - -	254	2,064	1	21	7,959	94	5,787	3,929	423	10,139
LONGFORD - - -	152	1,391	67	-	6,035	6	4,631	2,714	154	7,499
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	28	121	69	-	1,586	10	1,115	671	-	1,786
Total - - -	180	1,512	136	-	7,621	16	5,746	3,385	154	9,285
LOUTH - - -	158	1,169	94	1	5,400	36	4,093	2,506	101	6,700
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	11	12	-	-	264	-	190	78	-	276
Total - - -	169	1,181	94	1	5,664	36	4,291	2,584	101	6,976
MEATH - - -	237	1,193	4	-	7,681	297	5,648	3,228	299	9,175
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	35	87	1	-	1,136	8	812	383	37	1,232
Total - - -	272	1,280	5	-	8,817	305	6,460	3,611	336	10,407
QUEEN'S COUNTY - - -	258	1,910	10	94	9,084	159	6,320	4,711	226	11,257
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	17	164	-	-	342	-	304	197	5	506
Total - - -	275	2,074	10	94	9,426	159	6,624	4,908	231	11,763
WESTMEATH - - -	198	1,488	4	1	7,680	106	5,414	3,506	359	9,279
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	18	45	1	-	569	25	326	314	-	640
Total - - -	216	1,533	5	1	8,249	131	5,740	3,820	359	9,919
WEXFORD - - -	352	2,883	1	29	14,760	100	10,397	6,801	575	17,773
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	28	115	-	-	881	-	554	432	10	996
Total - - -	380	2,998	1	29	15,641	100	10,951	7,233	585	18,769
WICKLOW - - -	218	3,313	29	2	6,192	366	5,571	4,057	274	9,902
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	40	353	-	-	1,078	-	806	614	11	1,431
Total - - -	258	3,666	29	2	7,270	366	6,377	4,671	285	11,333
PROVINCE of LEINSTER	3,047	27,794	499	341	109,276	3,216	82,651	54,712	3,763	141,126
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	445	3,160	85	31	13,989	349	9,479	7,845	290	17,614
Total - - -	3,492	30,954	584	372	123,265	3,565	92,130	62,557	4,053	158,740

Appendix, N° 1. — Summary of Schools and Scholars — *continued*.

(b.) With those added from the PROTESTANT Returns.

COUNTY.	Number of SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS, distinguishing their RELIGION and SEX.								TOTAL.
		Of the Established Church.	Presby- terians.	Protestant Dissenters of other Denomi- nations.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	MALES.	FE- MALES.	Sex not stated.	
CARLOW - - -	157	1,303	3	36	6,930	51	4,753	3,470	100	8,323
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	9	58	-	-	80	-	79	59	-	138
Total - - -	166	1,361	3	36	7,010	51	4,832	3,529	100	8,461
DUBLIN - - -	533	6,763	186	178	17,693	1,611	14,376	11,454	601	26,431
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	191	3,009	119	43	2,698	240	3,337	2,752	20	6,109
Total - - -	724	9,772	305	221	20,391	1,851	17,713	14,206	621	32,540
KILDARE - - -	194	1,280	9	22	6,983	128	4,944	3,469	9	8,422
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	20	33	-	-	409	-	233	139	70	442
Total - - -	214	1,313	9	22	7,392	128	5,177	3,608	79	8,864
KILKENNY - - -	364	1,380	2	11	18,199	32	12,313	7,181	130	19,624
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	20	87	-	-	475	20	371	211	-	582
Total - - -	384	1,467	2	11	18,674	52	12,684	7,392	130	20,206
KING'S COUNTY - - -	234	1,861	1	11	7,731	193	5,737	3,973	87	9,797
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	20	242	-	-	305	47	335	189	70	594
Total - - -	254	2,103	1	11	8,036	240	6,072	4,162	157	10,391
LONGFORD - - -	166	1,435	110	2	7,325	10	5,515	3,297	70	8,882
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	14	86	26	-	450	-	337	178	47	562
Total - - -	180	1,521	136	2	7,775	10	5,852	3,475	117	9,444
LOUTH - - -	160	1,113	57	1	5,802	22	4,259	2,607	129	6,995
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	9	55	15	-	142	-	118	94	-	212
Total - - -	169	1,168	72	1	5,944	22	4,377	2,701	129	7,207
MEATH - - -	246	1,161	4	-	8,774	133	6,398	3,518	156	10,072
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	26	88	-	-	552	10	399	221	30	650
Total - - -	272	1,249	4	-	9,326	143	6,797	3,739	186	10,722
QUEEN'S COUNTY - - -	255	2,025	-	101	8,887	66	6,333	4,722	24	11,079
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	20	166	-	2	656	11	406	379	50	835
Total - - -	275	2,191	-	103	9,543	77	6,739	5,101	74	11,914
WESTMEATH - - -	186	1,447	5	36	7,530	75	5,408	3,641	44	9,093
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	30	109	-	-	820	75	586	416	2	1,004
Total - - -	216	1,556	5	36	8,350	150	5,994	4,057	46	10,097
WEXFORD - - -	355	2,806	7	40	15,536	58	11,054	7,264	129	18,447
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	25	106	-	-	815	-	492	328	101	921
Total - - -	380	2,912	7	40	16,351	58	11,546	7,592	230	19,368
WICKLOW - - -	222	3,449	15	-	7,097	94	6,143	4,429	83	10,655
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	36	425	-	2	702	33	479	511	172	1,162
Total - - -	258	3,874	15	2	7,799	127	6,622	4,940	255	11,817
PROVINCE of LEINSTER - - -	3,072	26,023	399	438	118,487	2,473	87,233	59,025	1,562	147,820
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	420	4,464	160	47	8,104	436	7,172	5,477	562	13,211
Total - - -	3,492	30,487	559	485	126,591	2,909	94,405	64,502	2,124	161,031

Appendix, N^o 1.—Summary of Schools and Scholars—*continued*.

(a.) With those added from the ROMAN CATHOLIC Returns.

COUNTY.	Number of SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS, distinguishing their RELIGION and SEX.								TOTAL.
		Of the Established Church.	Presby- terians.	Protestant Dissenters of other Denomi- nations.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	MALES.	FE- MALES.	Sex not stated.	
CLARE - - -	273	683	- -	- -	16,113	185	11,478	5,366	137	16,981
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	42	7	- -	- -	3,063	- -	1,904	1,097	69	3,070
Total - - -	315	690	- -	- -	19,176	185	13,382	6,463	206	20,051
CORK - - -	1,207	9,322	96	241	53,789	1,087	40,711	22,236	1,588	64,535
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	81	172	- -	3	4,385	23	2,789	1,655	139	4,583
Total - - -	1,288	9,494	96	244	58,174	1,110	43,500	23,891	1,727	69,118
KERRY - - -	312	892	- -	- -	17,189	10	13,069	4,948	74	18,091
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	42	134	- -	- -	1,866	- -	1,337	661	2	2,000
Total - - -	354	1,026	- -	- -	19,055	10	14,406	5,609	76	20,091
LIMERICK - - -	360	1,362	2	11	22,573	154	15,423	8,176	503	24,102
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	101	702	12	20	5,162	90	3,750	2,171	65	5,986
Total - - -	461	2,064	14	31	27,735	244	19,173	10,347	568	30,088
TIPPERARY - - -	581	2,720	4	72	27,470	268	18,991	11,054	489	30,534
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	76	151	- -	8	2,937	46	1,950	1,134	58	3,142
Total - - -	657	2,871	4	80	30,407	314	20,941	12,188	547	33,676
WATERFORD - - -	248	1,197	5	96	12,205	46	8,520	4,925	104	13,549
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	36	176	- -	- -	1,457	- -	956	599	78	1,633
Total - - -	284	1,373	5	96	13,662	46	9,476	5,524	182	15,182
PROVINCE of MUNSTER Add from the Roman Catholic Returns - - -	2,981 378	16,176 1,342	107 12	420 31	149,339 18,870	1,750 159	108,192 12,686	56,705 7,317	2,895 411	167,792 20,414
Total - - -	3,359	17,518	119	451	168,209	1,909	120,878	64,022	3,306	188,206
GALWAY - - -	332	1,363	- -	- -	14,158	255	9,826	5,498	452	15,776
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	73	108	- -	- -	2,932	8	2,048	989	11	3,048
Total - - -	405	1,471	- -	- -	17,090	263	11,874	6,487	463	18,824
LEITRIM - - -	199	2,020	27	- -	6,186	1,152	5,651	3,050	684	9,385
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	43	127	- -	- -	1,571	52	1,085	579	86	1,750
Total - - -	242	2,147	27	- -	7,757	1,204	6,736	3,629	770	11,135
MAYO - - -	236	1,413	96	- -	9,306	596	7,148	3,610	653	11,411
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	105	373	9	9	4,878	13	3,679	1,562	41	5,282
Total - - -	341	1,786	105	9	14,184	609	10,827	5,172	694	16,693
ROSCOMMON - - -	243	928	- -	- -	9,998	265	6,688	3,834	669	11,191
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	66	113	- -	- -	3,264	78	2,249	1,164	42	3,455
Total - - -	309	1,041	- -	- -	13,262	343	8,937	4,998	711	14,646
SLIGO - - -	203	2,446	81	57	6,657	174	5,702	3,502	211	9,415
Add from the Roman Catholic Returns	23	112	5	47	838	6	814	184	10	1,008
Total - - -	226	2,558	86	104	7,495	180	6,516	3,686	221	10,423
PROVINCE of CONNAUGHT Add from the Roman Catholic Returns - - -	1,213 310	8,170 833	204 14	57 56	46,305 13,483	2,442 157	35,015 9,875	19,494 4,478	2,669 190	57,178 14,543
Total - - -	1,523	9,003	218	113	59,788	2,599	44,890	23,972	2,859	71,721

Appendix, N^o 1. — Summary of Schools and Scholars — *continued*.

(b.) With those added from the PROTESTANT RETURNS.

COUNTY.	Number of SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS, distinguishing their RELIGION and SEX.								
		Of the Established Church.	Presby- terians.	Protestant Dissenters of other Denomi- nations.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	MALES.	FE- MALES.	Sex not stated.	TOTAL.
CLARE - - -	300	544	- -	12	18,715	17	12,849	6,320	119	19,288
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	15	143	- -	- -	885	36	699	365	- -	1,064
Total - - -	315	687	- -	12	19,600	53	13,548	6,685	119	20,352
CORK - - -	1,223	8,938	70	222	58,010	475	43,562	23,777	376	67,715
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	65	451	31	16	1,193	10	994	609	98	1,701
Total - - -	1,288	9,389	101	238	59,203	485	44,556	24,386	474	69,416
KERRY - - -	336	1,021	1	2	18,448	135	13,751	5,235	621	19,607
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	18	31	- -	- -	731	- -	578	184	- -	762
Total - - -	354	1,052	1	2	19,179	135	14,329	5,419	621	20,369
LIMERICK - - -	433	1,859	14	29	27,131	239	19,093	10,006	173	29,272
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	28	141	- -	- -	1,449	42	1,098	523	11	1,632
Total - - -	461	2,000	14	29	28,580	281	20,191	10,529	184	30,904
TIPPERARY - - -	609	2,498	13	77	30,215	393	20,934	12,037	225	33,196
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	48	264	- -	- -	1,106	33	852	551	- -	1,403
Total - - -	657	2,762	13	77	31,321	426	21,786	12,588	225	34,599
WATERFORD - - -	250	1,187	7	78	12,877	51	8,566	5,296	338	14,200
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	34	220	- -	20	994	19	790	439	24	1,253
Total - - -	284	1,407	7	98	13,871	70	9,356	5,735	362	15,453
PROVINCE of MUNSTER	3,151	16,047	105	420	165,396	1,310	118,755	62,671	1,852	183,278
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	208	1,250	31	36	6,358	140	5,011	2,671	133	7,815
Total - - -	3,359	17,297	136	456	171,754	1,450	123,766	65,342	1,985	191,093
GALWAY - - -	373	1,371	1	6	17,257	75	11,908	6,623	179	18,710
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	32	165	- -	- -	1,224	- -	946	433	10	1,389
Total - - -	405	1,536	1	6	18,481	75	12,854	7,056	189	20,099
LEITRIM - - -	222	2,322	19	- -	9,252	166	7,547	3,915	297	11,759
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	20	162	4	- -	534	13	463	238	12	713
Total - - -	242	2,484	23	- -	9,786	179	8,010	4,153	309	12,472
MAYO - - -	315	1,316	80	9	13,631	86	10,137	4,780	205	15,122
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	26	236	- -	- -	736	91	709	354	- -	1,063
Total - - -	341	1,552	80	9	14,367	177	10,846	5,134	205	16,185
ROSCOMMON - - -	270	857	- -	- -	12,919	162	8,917	4,865	156	13,938
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	39	175	- -	- -	1,335	11	948	511	62	1,521
Total - - -	309	1,032	- -	- -	14,254	173	9,865	5,376	218	15,459
SLIGO - - -	194	2,318	99	94	6,779	93	5,657	3,392	334	9,383
Add from the Protestant Returns - -	32	371	1	3	847	61	856	416	11	1,283
Total - - -	226	2,689	100	97	7,626	154	6,513	3,808	345	10,666
PROVINCE of CONNAUGHT	1,374	8,184	199	109	59,838	582	44,166	23,575	1,171	68,912
Add from the Protestant Returns - - -	149	1,109	5	3	4,676	176	3,922	1,952	95	5,969
Total - - -	1,523	9,293	204	112	64,514	758	48,088	25,527	1,266	74,881

Appendix, N° 1.—Summary of Schools and Scholars—*continued*.

RECAPITULATION.

(a.)—With those added from the ROMAN CATHOLIC Returns.

PROVINCE of	Number of SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS, distinguishing their RELIGION and SEX.								
		Of the Established Church.	Presby- terians.	Protestant Dissenters of other Denomina- tions.	Roman Catholics.	Religion not stated.	MALES.	FE- MALES.	SEX not stated.	TOTAL.
ULSTER - -	3,449	35,977	44,383	2,476	57,023	2,023	80,977	57,242	3,663	141,882
LEINSTER - -	3,492	30,954	584	372	123,265	3,565	92,130	62,557	4,053	158,740
MUNSTER - -	3,359	17,518	119	451	168,209	1,909	120,878	64,022	3,306	188,206
CONNAUGHT - -	1,523	9,003	218	113	59,788	2,599	44,890	23,972	2,859	71,721
TOTAL - -	11,823	93,452	45,304	3,412	408,285	10,096	338,875	207,793	13,881	560,549

(b.)—With those added from the PROTESTANT Returns.

ULSTER - -	3,449	34,972	43,667	2,625	58,164	2,531	83,653	54,556	3,750	141,959
LEINSTER - -	3,492	30,487	559	485	126,591	2,909	94,405	64,502	2,124	161,031
MUNSTER - -	3,359	17,297	136	456	171,754	1,450	123,766	65,342	1,985	191,093
CONNAUGHT - -	1,523	9,293	204	112	64,514	758	48,088	25,527	1,266	74,881
TOTAL - -	11,823	92,049	44,566	3,678	421,023	7,648	349,912	209,927	9,125	568,964