Some Schoolmasters in the Diocese of Killaloe, 1808

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The following list of the Masters of the Unendowed Schools in the Diocese of Killaloe in 1808 is taken from Brit. Mus. Add. Ms 3r, 882. The document is all in one handwriting, and was evidently written up from particulars supplied by the Protestant clergy in each parish, and was for the information of the Diocesan authorities.

The original manuscript gives the subjects taught at each school (English, writing and arithmetic being the usual curriculum) but as this would be too lengthy to print, only cases where the subjects differ from the norm are noted. The original also gives the numbers of pupils, how many boys, how many girls, and the total of Catholic and Protestant pupils in each school. The usual size of school ranged from about 18 to 50, with some much larger, having 100 to 140 pupils, the biggest of all being John Moriarty of Rath, who had 200. Girls made up a small proportion of the total: for instance, George Oder at Ballymakey had six girls to thirty boys. A surprising number of the schools showed children of both religions: George Oder, a Protestant, had only 14 Protestants out of his total of 36 pupils, and Michael Gleeson, a Catholic, at Clonalea, had 4 Protestant children to 17 Catholics.

The original list also contains a column of 'Observations.' These note various points, as for example that certain schools were only kept during the summer months, or that they had a great reduction in pupils in the winter, or were only weekly schools. Several small endowments are also noted, as in the case of Edward Clancy, Dunkerrin, where it is remarked that "this man has a house from the Parish and five Guineas a year from the Rector." A good deal of miscellaneous information regarding the schools can thus be gleaned from the list, and anyone interested therein is recommended to consult the original.

Lastly it may be noted that this is the earliest known list of schoolmasters for the area, pre-dating the list printed in the Parliamentary Reports by sixteen years.

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Union of Ballymakey

Latteragh — John Cantrell — Catholic
Adjoining Ballymakey Church — George Oder, Licensed Parish Clerk and Schoolmaster — Protestant

Grinnanstown Chappel — Patrick Connors — Catholic
Clashnevin — James Spain — Catholic
Clonalea — Michael Gleeson — Catholic
Toomavara — Patrick Mann — Catholic
Glannagoll — Andrew Tierney — Catholic
Clash — Denis Kennedy — Catholic

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Parish of Kilnasoolagh
Kilnasoolagh — Haddock Mason — Protestant

Union of Lorra
In Lorra — James Horan — Catholic
Sharragh — Patrick Kenedy — Catholic
Parish of Dorra at Rathcabbin — Patrick Moran — Catholic
at the Pike — William Reily — Catholic

Killaloe
Killaloe — Samuel Foley — Protestant — this School is the Parish School
Killaloe — Patrick Magrath — Catholic
Garranboy — Michael Maguire — Catholic
Glanagittogh — Roger Hayes — Catholic
Bridgetown — James Kinitty — Catholic

Tomgrany
Scariff — James O'Brien — Catholic
Scariff — Conor Goony — Catholic
Tomgrany — Jno Touhy — Catholic

Union of Doonass
Doonass — Jeremiah Grady — Protestant — Parish Schoolmaster
Doonass — George Franklin — Protestant
Doonass Chappel — Ellick Walsh — Catholic
Aherina in the Union of Killogenndy — John McDonnell — Catholic
Barbane Chappel — Michael Arthur — Catholic

Parish of Clondegad
Cragbrien — Timothy Meany — Catholic
Feaghnagh — John Gorman — Catholic
Clooncoleman — John Keavon — Catholic
Parish Chappel — Michael Hartney — Catholic
Parish of Etugh — Edward Kean — Catholic

Dysert, Rath, Kilkeedy and Kilnaboy
Kilkeedy — Miles M'Hugo
Kilneboy — Mathew Reily
Rath — John Moriarty
Do. — Michael Morony
Dysert — Samuel Hogan
Do. — Denis Mahony

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Parish of Kilarus
No. 1 — Town of Kilarus — Rev. John Graham — Protestant — Greek and Latin, Grammar and English, Writing and Arithmetic
No. 2 — Richard Hayes — Protestant
No. 3 — Daniel Leaon — Protestant
No. 4 — Frances Hayes — Protestant*
Dooghe — Charles Osborne — Protestant
Clarefield — George Wall — Protestant
*Note: the Mistress of No. 4 is wife to the Master of No. 2.

Union of Iniscaltra
Mount Shannon — John Brady — Protestant
Leitrim — James Rourke — Catholic
Bowbridge — John Eyre — Protestant
Ogonelloe Chappel — Charles Dennison — Catholic
Aughnish — John Sexton — Catholic
Kilclaran — Daniel Madden — Catholic
Kilanenagh — John Molony — Catholic
Feakle Chappel — Thomas Minoge — Catholic

Parish of Drumcliff
Ennis — Stephen O'Halloran — Catholic
Do — Lewis John Clole — Protestant
Do — John Ryan and Michael Leary — Catholics — Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Mathematics
Do — James Burk — Catholic
Do — James Burke — Catholic
Do — James O'Grady — Catholic
Do — John Smith — Catholic — Grammar and Mathematics
Do — Michael Roughan — Catholic
Do — John Shaley — Catholic
Do — John Malone — Catholic

Killemona — Terrence O'Brien — Catholic
Raheen — John Curtane — Catholic
Cahirmore — Michael Meer — Catholic
Clonboleyn — James Blake — Catholic
Drimeen — John Hehir — Catholic
Ballyea — Michael Cowney — Catholic
Inch — Henry Homan — Catholic
Cappa — John McMahon — Catholic

Union of Kilselly and Kilfinaghty
Killolla — Edmd Barry — Catholic — Greek and Latin
Newmarket — Edmd McCormick — Catholic
Do — John Molony — Catholic
Bally Cally — Michael Rian — Catholic
MurKauagh — Mat Dolphin — Protestant and P. Clerk
TubbynaMuck — James Mungavan — Catholic
Rathbeg — Patrick Healy — Catholic
Kilmurry — Patrick Slattery — Catholic
Sixmilebridge — Cornelius Rian — Catholic
Do — Mrs Hamilton — Catholic
Do — Patrick Hamilton — Catholic
AughaClare — Thomas Nason — Protestant and Parish Clerk
Broadford — Owen Donnellon — Catholic
Gortnaglogh — John Killeen — Catholic
Kilkishin — Edmd Hubert — Protestant
Bally Vire — Den Coony — Catholic
Lakele — Den Carty — Catholic
O'Callaghan's Mills — Roger O'Dea — Catholic
Killurane — Daniel Murphy — Catholic
Bowdikey — John Carden — Protestant

Union of Kilmurry and Clanderlaw
KilMcDevan Chappel — James Morrissy — Catholic
Do — Michael Meskel — Catholic
Killymon Chappel — [blank] Quin — Catholic
Burrane Do — Hugh Molony — Catholic
Kilmurry — Nathan Scales — Protestant — Parish Clerk and Schoolmaster
Kilmurry Chapel — William Russel — Catholic
Tullycane — D. Hartney — Catholic
Blam More — Daniel Gorman — Catholic
Kilofin Chap: — Daniel Powloe — Catholic — not yet opened school but
supposes he will have 30 or 40 children
Kilfidan Do — Morgan Finucane — Catholic — not yet opened school but
supposes he will have a large one as he is the best Master in
this Parish

Parish of Quin
Quin Chapel — Ter Galleher — Catholic
Gurteen — Michael McDonnell — Catholic
Knopogue — James Mahan — Catholic
Dowry Chapel — John Nyhan — Catholic
Clouna Do — James Roche

Union of Castleconnell
Castleconnell — Terence O'Brien — Catholic
Do — Elizabeth McMahon or Harrison — Protestant
Mt Shannon — Cornelius Collins — Catholic — English, Arithmetic, Mathematics and Mensuration
Aghane — Patrick Dwyer — Catholic
Union of Kilfarboy

Milltown — Patrick Henigan — Catholic — Latin Grammar, English, Writing, Arithmetic, Greek and Latin — an Established and much approved of Teacher

Do Constance Curtin — Catholic

Kilmihill — Patrick Lynch — Catholic

Ballydoneen — Michael O’Sullivan — Catholic

Parish of Aghacon

Aghacon — John Armstrong — Protestant — Began his School 6th April 1807
Aghacon — William Connell — Protestant — Closed his school in the end of November last . . . is a Surveyor of Land and was employed in that way in the Cy Meath since 17th Dec. Returned here but a few days back
Aghacon — John Tracy — Catholic — Began his School i March 1807

Union of Birr

Elm Grove — John Gibbs — Catholic — Greek and Latin
Castle Street Birr — Maria Burke — Catholic
Do —Esther Stephen — Protestant — French and Needlework
Between Castle St and the Church — William Shefley — Catholic — professes to teach Greek and Latin

Church Lane Birr — Patrick Egan — Protestant
Do —Marianne Egan — Protestant — wife of the above mentioned Pat Egan

Connaught Street Birr — William Silk — Protestant
Back Lane — Elizabeth Gould — Protestant
Grave Yard Street — Denis Keenan — Catholic
Birr Green — Winefred Brodrick — Catholic
Do — John Carroll — Catholic
Connaught Street — Mary Toole — Catholic
Whiteford near Birr — George Rutherford — Protestant
Lockeen — John Abbott — Catholic
Burkes Lane Birr — Patrick Egan — Catholic

Union of Castletown

Portroe — William Glesand — Catholic
Youghal — Thomas Griffin — Catholic
Bally William — Bryan Cooke — Catholic

Union of Finnoe

Springfield in the Parish of Finnoe — Pigot Leonard — Protestant
Stragh in Do Parish — Michael Canny — Catholic
Carny in the Par of Kilbaron — William Ledger — Protestant
Ballyscannion in Do Parish — Patrick Dwyer — Catholic
Parish of Bourney
Ballynough — Patrick Magher — Catholic
Corragueneen — William Flannery — Catholic
Borisnoe — Thomas Coogan — Catholic
Bohaghglass — William Dillon — Catholic
Booly — Patrick Magher — Catholic
Ballyhenry — Edmond Headen — Catholic

Union of Shinrone
Shinrone — Michael Foins — Catholic — Grammar, Writing, Arithmetic, Geometry, Geography and Book keeping
Shinrone — Daniel Carry — Catholic
Coolroe — James Diroom — Catholic
Shinrone — William Spunner — Protestant — Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Geometry, and the Several Branches dependant on them, viz., Surveying, Guaging, Fortification and Gunnery — has been formerly licensed Schoolmaster, is very much liked

Parish of Dunkerrin
A Charter School near Dunkerron — Alexr Atkinson — Protestant
The Parish School — Edward Clancy — Protestant
Clonnaganna — James Curdee — Catholic

Union of Templehray
Parish of Templehray — James Wheatly — Catholic
Moneygall — Thomas Healy — Protestant
Moneygall — Daniel McFerns — Catholic

Parish of BorrisoKane
Village of BurresoKane — Patrick Sheedy — Catholic
Do — James McCarthy — Catholic
Do — Patrick Kelly — Catholic
[forn] — Elizabeth Richardson — Protestant

Parish of Modreeny
Cloughjordan — Arthur Sharply — Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Catechism
Do — Mr Edward Ryan — Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Greek and Latin
Do — Mrs Han: Boat [==Mrs Hannah Boate]
Grawnorish — Mat Phealy
Loughane — William Brophy
Parish of Arderoney — James Fily
Soolmoy — Richard Magrath

Parish of Ballingarry
Within One mile of the Church — John Coonan — Catholic
Union of Kilmore

James McNamara — Catholic
Mathew Kenny — Catholic
Thomas Cusack — Catholic
Thomas De Vay — Protestant — the System of Education is General, the Pupils are prepared for the University, the Army, Navy, Mercantile business etc. The School is situated in a Country place, in Consequence of which there are no day scholars, it is composed of the sons of the gentlemen in the Adjacent Counties

Parish of [blank]
Near to the Church — Farrel Guicrist [recto Guicrist?] — Catholic
In the Chappel — John Collier — Catholic

Union of Monsea
Monsea Parish — William Atkinson — Protestant
  Do — Patrick Farrell — Catholic
  Do — Michael Flood — Catholic
Killodeernan Parish — Mrs Holmes — Protestant

Union of Nenagh
Nenagh — Mathew Gray — Catholic — Greek, Latin and Arithmetic
  Do — Mr O Reily — Catholic — Arithmetic and Mathematics
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[tor] — George Wright — Catholic
[tor] — Charles Elliot — Catholic