

erected for the purpose. Number of girls, 75; of boys, 55. Number employed as monitors, 6. Subjects taught: the Bible and Church Catechism, reading, writing, and arithmetic, and the elements of English grammar. Fees 1*d.* per week.

I examined this school November 25th, when 122 children were present. Of these, 14 were able to read a chapter of the Bible with ease; only 12 were writing upon paper, the remainder of the school being in the habit of practising upon slates for want of copy-books; 12 had commenced learning English grammar; 9 were learning arithmetic, of whom 2 were able to work sums in the Rule of Three. In Holy Scripture 3 could answer a few questions intelligently; 6 could repeat the Church Catechism correctly.

The master was successively a sailor and a mechanic until he was 40 years of age. Ten years ago he commenced as a schoolmaster, but he has never been trained to conduct a school. He is unable to maintain good discipline.

The school-room is exceedingly noisy and close, 130 children being crowded into a space intended to accommodate 100.

This school is frequently visited by the Dean of Bangor, who is the incumbent of the parish.

LLANLLYFNI.—This parish is situate about eight miles south of Carnarvon, upon the road to Tremadoc. It contains a population of 2017, principally quarrymen, the neighbourhood abounding with slate intersected with good veins of copper and manganese. Llanllyfni.

Adjoining Llanllyfni towards the north are the parishes of Llanwnda and Bettws Garmon, and towards the south-west the parish of Clynnog. The entire district contains a population of 5503. The parishes of Bettws Garmon, Llanwnda, and Clynnog contain no school.

At Llanllyfni there are no funds to establish a school for the poor. The following private adventure-school is allowed to be held in a dilapidated chapel, without a fire-place, belonging to the Sandeman Baptists. The incumbent of the parish pays 5*l.* to the master, in consideration of which 24 poor children of the parish are taught at 1*d.* per week.

Llanllyfni School.—A school for boys and girls, taught by a master, in a Baptist chapel. Number of girls, 17; of boys, 31. Subjects professed to be taught—the Bible and Church Catechism, reading in Welsh and English, writing, arithmetic, and the elements of grammar in both languages. Fees—from 24, 1*d.* each, from the rest 2*s.* per quarter.

I visited this school December 3, when only seven were present, owing to the prevalence of the measles in the neighbourhood.

The master has recently spent six weeks at Carnarvon, with the view of being trained to teach.

The building is a miserable little dilapidated chapel, without a fire-place. The furniture and apparatus are insufficient and in bad repair, and there are no outbuildings for the scholars. The children are employed at a very early age in the quarries.—JOHN JAMES, *Assistant.*

LLANNOR.—This parish contains 1227 inhabitants. In the adjoining parish of Penrhos there is no school, and the neighbouring parish of Abererch contains no school for the poor of a population amounting to 1613. No means of education have been provided for the female children of the poor. The ill effects are experienced in the low standard of morals throughout the neighbourhood. Llannor.

The Rev. St. George Armstrong Williams, incumbent, states—

“The morals of the people generally in this neighbourhood are very low, especially in respect of falsehood and want of chastity. It is very difficult to get a servant who will speak the truth. There is not often open dishonesty to be met with among them, but they give away their master’s property, and do not think it wrong to do so. They have a great disposition to withhold the truth; this is to be seen in a court of justice. It is with great difficulty that you can get them to give the evidence of which they are possessed. The want of chastity is the besetting evil of this country, but especially of this district of Lleyn. In the relieving officer’s books, out of 29 births, I counted 12 which were illegitimate. This was in one quarter of a year. Our workhouse is completely filled with the mothers of illegitimate children, and the children themselves. What is worse, the parents do not see the evil of it. They say their daughters have been *unfortunate*, and maintain their illegitimate grandchildren as if they were legitimate. In my parish of Llannor, in one house, there is a woman with five illegitimate children, and these by different fathers; her sister had four children all illegitimate. Another in the same village had four, also by different fathers.

“In this parish of Llannor there are no means of education for the female children of the poor; none being admitted to free instruction by the wardens. These low morals I attribute entirely to want of education.”

The following school has been provided at Llannor for the male children of the poor. The female children of the poor are excluded by the rate of payment required.

Llannor Church School.—A school for boys and girls, taught by a master in a room built for the purpose. Number of boys, 57; of girls, 8. Subjects taught—the Bible and Church Catechism, reading, writing, and arithmetic. Fees from girls and farmers’ children, 2*s.* 6*d.* to 5*s.* per quarter.

This school was examined December 8th, when 57 children were present. Of these 15 were able to read a chapter in the Bible; 5 could answer questions on Scripture history; none were able to write well, although 30 had been members of the school for more than two years; 19 were learning arithmetic, and of these 8 could work a sum in proportion correctly.

Some young sailors were attending the school for a short time to learn navigation.

The master was formerly a sailor; he had never been trained to teach. The discipline of the school was very indifferent.

The school-room was not in good repair, and the outbuildings were in a bad condition.—S. DEW, *Assissant.*

LLANRHYCHWYN.—This parish is situate on the road from Llanrwst to Conway. It contains 551 inhabitants, consisting of small farmers and poor labourers. There is no school in the parish. Llanrhychwyn.