

III. COLL AND TYREE — 3d District.

Manse of Tyree, Argyleshire, 7th July 1835.

DEAR SIR, — I have the pleasure of informing you, that the thirty-two Prize Books which you lately transmitted from the Celtic Society for the encouragement of the Schools in this parish, have now been distributed; one half of them here, and the other half in Coll, agreeably to the conversation we had on the subject in Edinburgh. As these books arrived only a few days before I proceeded to the General Assembly in May last, the Competition could not possibly take place so soon as the regulations of the Celtic Society direct: we lost, however, no unnecessary time. In awarding the Prizes, I had the satisfaction in being aided by one of my co-presbyters, the Rev. Mr. Clark of Torosay, who had come to assist at the administration of the Lord's Supper here, on the Sunday previous. A number of the more respectable Inhabitants also attended to witness the exhibition.

I regret there was not such a *turn out* of Scholars on this occasion as I expected, and could have wished. It is proper to observe, however, that the children attending School here, are chiefly from among the poorer and labouring classes of people; and that at this season of the year, many of them, more especially the oldest and most forward Scholars, are withdrawn from School for a time, to assist their parents and families in their agricultural pursuits. This I am persuaded is a principal reason why they did not muster stronger at the Competition: and should a similar occasion occur in future, we must take care that an earlier season, not later than the month of March or beginning of April, be appointed for the purpose.

On Wednesday last, the 1st instant, according to notice previously given, Three Schools assembled at the Parish Church, with the following numbers, viz. : —

	<i>Scholars.</i>
Parochial School at Helipol, Niel Taylor, Teacher, . . .	28
Parochial School at Kirkapol, Robert Walker, Teacher, . . .	27
Private School at Hianish, William M'Phail, Teacher, . . .	9
Total, . . .	64

To whom 16 Prizes were given as follows : —

I. FOR PROFICIENCY IN ARITHMETIC.

<i>Scholars' Names.</i>	<i>Schools.</i>	<i>Parents' Names.</i>
1. Malcolm M'Dougall .	Kirkapol* .	Hugh M'Dougall, Crofter.
2. Arch ^d . M'Kinnon . .	Do. . .	Arch ^d . M'Kinnon, Ploughman.
3. Donald M'Lean . . .	Do. . .	John M'Lean, Crofter.

II. FOR PROFICIENCY IN WRITING.

1. Allan Campbell . . . Helipol* . . Hector Campbell, Crofter.
2. Malcolm M'Dougall . Kirkapol* . Hugh M'Dougall, Crofter.
3. Allan M'Donald . . . Hianish . . . Angus M'Donald, Crofter.

III. FOR PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH READING.

1. Robert M'Farlane . . Helipol* . . William M'Farlane, Crofter.
2. Allan M'Donald . . . Hianish . . . Angus M'Donald, Crofter.
3. Flora M'Dougall . . . Helipol* . . Duncan M'Dougall, Crofter.

IV. FOR PROFICIENCY IN GAELIC READING.

1. Donald Clarke Kirkapol* . . Hugh Clarke, Crofter.
2. Hugh M'Kinnon . . . Hianish . . . Donald M'Kinnon, Crofter.
3. Christina M'Lean . . Helipol* . . Hector M'Lean, Crofter.

* Parochial Schools.

The four remaining Prizes were given to the younger Scholars for general good conduct, and for encouragement, viz. —

<i>Scholars' Names.</i>	<i>Schools.</i>	<i>Parents' Names.</i>
1. Archd. M'Kinnon . .	Kirkapol* . .	Dugald M'Kinnon, Tailor.
2. Donald M'Intyre . . .	Helipol* . . .	John M'Intyre, Crofter.
3. Ann M'Kinnon	Kirkapol* . .	John M'Kinnon, Crofter.
3. Catherine Campbell .	Helipol* . .	Hugh Campbell, Crofter.

On Friday 3d instant, five Schools assembled at the Church in Coll, consisting of the following numbers : —

	<i>Scholars.</i>
Genl. Assembly School at Arileoid, Alex ^r . Stewart, Teacher,	50
School at Arnabost,† supported by the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, William Swanson, Teacher,	1
Gælic School at Arinangour, Donald Fowler, Teacher, . . .	3
Private School at Kilbride, supported by the People, Donald M'Lean, Teacher,	13
Sewing School at Clabbach, M'Fadyen, Teacher, .	40
Total,	107

Sixteen Prizes were adjudged to them, as under : —

I. ARITHMETIC.

<i>Scholars' Names.</i>	<i>Schools.</i>	<i>Parents' Names.</i>
1. John Stewart	Arileoid‡ . .	Alexander Stewart, Teacher.

II. WRITING.

1. John Stewart	Arileoid . .	Alexander Stewart Teacher.
2. Neil M'Donald	Do. . .	Don ^d . M'Donald, Ten ^t . at Caolis.

III. ENGLISH READING — 1st CLASS.

1. John Stewart	Arileoid . .	Alexander Stewart, Teacher.
2. Donald M'Donald	Arnabost . .	Donald M'Donald, Turner.
3. Catherine M'Lean	Arileod . . .	Christina M'Lean.
4. Ann M'Lean	Kilbride . .	Allan M'Lean, Boat-carpenter.

ENGLISH READING — 2d CLASS.

1. Christina M'Kinnon . . .	Arileoid . .	John M'Lean, Tailor.
2. Mary Nicolson	Do. . . .	Widow Nicolson.

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1. Christina M'Kinnon . . .	Arileoid . .	John M'Lean, Tailor.
2. Mary Nicolson	Do. . . .	Widow Nicolson.

ENGLISH READING — 3d CLASS.

1. Catherine M'Fadzen . . .	Arileoid . .	Hector M'Fadyen, Labourer.
2. Christina M'Lean	Kilbride . .	Roderick M'Lean.

* Parochial Schools.

‡ General Assembly's School.

† It may not be improper to mention here, that the School at Arnabost, supported by the Society for Propagating Christian Knowledge, has not been assembled for some time, in consequence of the Teacher's family having been confined in the small pox. This accounts for the small number from that School who appeared at the Competition.

IV. GAELIC READING — 1st CLASS.

<i>Scholars' Names.</i>	<i>School.</i>	<i>Parents' Names.</i>
1. Neil M'Donald	Arileoid . . .	Donald M'Donald, Tenant.
2. Donald M'Lean . . .	Kilbride . .	Allan M'Lean, Cottar.

GAELIC READING — 2d CLASS.

1. Janet M'Lean . . . Sewing School . . . D. M'Lean, Ground-officer
2. Mary M'Fadyen . . Sewing School . . . Angus M'Fadyen, Tenant.
3. Flora M'Innes . . . Gaelic School . . . John M'Innes, Crofter.

This report has extended to such a length, and is necessarily so much occupied with matters of detail, that I shall not attempt to trespass on your patience by adding more. It would be unpardonable, however, to conclude without expressing, in name and in behalf of my parishioners, the sense we entertain of the repeated kindness and liberality of the Celtic Society, and of the laudable exertions they are making to promote the welfare of their remoter and poorer Celtic Countrymen. With every wish for their prosperity and success, I remain, Dear Sir, your's faithfully,

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