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### MALE NATIONAL MODEL SCHOOLS.

THERE are three schools for boys on the premises, (in Dublin.) The largest, or principal school, which consists of about four hundred boys, is divided into five divisions, namely, first, second, third, fourth, and fifth: the first being the lowest or least advanced. To each of these divisions a certain number of desks, with a determined portion of the floor, is assigned, which they are never to leave without permission, or directions from the teacher. Over each of these divisions, a paid monitor, or pupil-teacher, is appointed, who is responsible for the cleanliness, good order, and proficiency of the children constituting his division.

As the pupil-teachers cannot possibly instruct all the children themselves, the *Monitorial* or *Mutual-instruction* method is applied to a certain extent. Each division is subdivided into *classes*, according to the proficiency of the pupils, and the subjects to be taught; and over each class a monitor is appointed, who instructs it under the guidance of the pupil-teacher in charge of the division, and under the general superintendence of the master. The number of children in a class assigned to a monitor should not exceed nine.

The *class-monitors* are selected from the best and most intelligent boys in the class—or rather, from the class immediately above it; and, as they receive no remuneration for their services, they are not required to act for more than an hour in the day, or a day in the week. To carry this arrangement into effect, the master should always endeavour to have a large number of pupils on his list, able