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#### COUNTY ROSCOMMON.

Deeply interesting intelligence has reached the Committee from many parts of this County, a part of which only will be brought forward here:—Of one spot where two Readers are stationed, the first number of the little Tract called 'The Irish Remnant,' published by this Association, treats, but since the publication of that Tract the following intelligence has been received respecting the state of the work there:—

"I am most happy to say, that everything is flourishing, and the Lord is evidently blessing the work. Miracles and Masses are almost at a discount, so that one of the Priests has been sent off; the Parish not being able or willing to support more than one. My Congregation is generally about 100, all Roman Catholic Converts; on the School-roll 130 children, and the greatest desire amongst the people to have the Bible. The Chapel Congregation, I am now credibly informed, seldom musters 40. How wonderfully has the Lord wrought for his glory, in the midst of the most violent opposition and lawless wickedness."

"We had our first Sacrament ever held here last Sunday, when 35 attended the Lord's Table, and received the Sacrament: I trust, worthy partakers. I had a Class, at which many attended twice a week, when I endeavored to explain the nature of a Sacrament, and on the Saturday previous I most earnestly warned all to examine well their motives in coming to the Lord's Table, and explained to them that they were by coming making an open profession of Protestantism. Notwithstanding they all came, and a more solemn and pleasurable scene I never witnessed. Every child that comes to our Day-school, appears to understand it as a matter of course, that it should also attend the Sunday School, and then wait for Church service as a matter of course also. The Readers are going on well, and I am happy to say, the work here never was more prosperous than at present. I trust I have got what is very rare to meet with, three men—two Readers, and a Master, who are truly converted Christians, working together."

In the last letter that has been received the same Minister writes:—

"The average attendance at the day-school here has been about 100, and at the Sunday School 80. The Sunday Congregation (all Converts) generally numbers from 100 to 120. The Readers are welcome to go into any house in the Parish, except a few where the friends of the Priest resort: and a very general feeling of dissatisfaction with Popery is beginning to exhibit itself among the people. It is truly gratifying to witness the rapid improvement the little children are making in the knowledge of God's word, and they are continually

reading it for their parents at home. The most distressing part of my work is, the harassing cases of painful poverty I am continually witnessing. Our Missionary Lodge which a friend of yours so kindly helped us in, is nearly finished, and then we shall have a regular place for holding public worship in."

#### COUNTY KERRY.

Before closing this Report, it may be well to give a few extracts of letters from Clergy, men and others craving the help of a Reader in their localities. They are given but as specimens of the numerous applications to which the Committee are reluctantly forced from want of funds to give a decided refusal—

"The anxiety of the poor Romanists in this neighborhood to be instructed in the Scriptures induces me to ask you to use your interest to get me a Reader. If your Association would grant me the salary, I could procure the Reader. I assure you I am pressed upon by them with an eagerness I cannot satisfy. Many coming to me from a distance of three miles to hear the glad tidings. There is a district here of more than eight miles in extent totally destitute of any such spiritual advantage, where a Reader would be generally well received, and anxiously wished for by many."

"Nothing can equal the change which has through the grace of God taken place in the minds of the people. Such numbers crowding upon us daily, all anxious to read the Scriptures, and be instructed in them. There are at this instant over 100 Roman Catholics reading the Scriptures in this immediate neighborhood, all willing to attend our Church, our day and Sunday School, but for want of funds to protect them from persecution, I am partially obliged to restrain them from public demonstration of their principles, and to urge on them the necessity of receiving instruction in private. The labors of a Scripture Reader would be invaluable."

"I am making anxious enquiry for a Bible Reader, but I cannot say a word if you cannot procure me from your Committee £15 a year as half his salary. May I therefore most earnestly hope you will apply for it, and I will try and procure the other half. The poor here are most anxious to have information in the Scriptures; and two Church of England Clergymen were here a few days ago, and had a large number to hear them preach."

"I grieve that your Society can do so little here, and can only afford to give £5 a year to my Reader, who is such a sober-minded, prudent, well conducted, and zealous man, that it is a great pity he cannot give his whole time to the work. This Parish consists of 27,000 acres. B— of 30,000 acres; and there are other adjoining Parishes, all Irish-speaking districts, and little or no work going on in them. W— cannot live on £5 a year and therefore can give but a part of his time to the work. The northern part of my Parish is remote from