

Transcribed from: List of Charity Schools maintained by the S.S.P.C.K., giving names of schoolmasters, numbers of pupils, etc. Printed. Papers of James Beveridge MA, Linlithgow. GD215/1501. National Records of Scotland, Edinburgh.

(SSPCK = Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge)

The notes at the end of the list state that there were 113 schools at April 1733 but, as two schools are numbered 58 in the list, there were probably 114. There are also two schools that were erected after 1733, numbers 109 and 113. The total number of pupils is slightly awry: my spreadsheet calculates 2988 boys and 1117 girls rather than the 2906 and 1092 stated.

There appear to be some issues with the dates of erection too. Nathan Gray lists 13 schools set up before 1714, including the one on Hirta, St Kilda (Gray, Nathan P (2011) 'A publick benefite to the nation': the charitable and religious origins of the SSPCK, 1690-1715 (PhD thesis, Univ. of Glasgow) p 178. <http://theses.gla.ac.uk/3389/>). At least six of them are not named at all in this 1733 list (Hirta, Auchintoul, Abertarff, Braemar (Castleton), Shapinsay, Tomnavillan) while the dates of the others are later (Blair Atholl, Durness, Earlish(beg), Glenelg, Harray, Lairg) with 1714 the earliest date for any school. The omission of Hirta may be because the SSPCK employed a teacher who was already there rather than establishing a new school.

Spelling is as in the original document. 'Mr' indicates that the teacher held an MA degree.

LIST of CHARITY SCHOOLS

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The SOCIETY in SCOTLAND for Propagating Christian
Knowledge, April 1733

Bearing the Dates of their Erection, Names of Places, Parishes and Presbyteries wherein each School is settled, Names of the School-Masters, and Number of Scholars at every School, according to the last Accounts therefrom; but divers have not, for more than a Year, send any Reports, and some of the Schools having been lately erected, there are no Reports yet come from them. Where the Sexes are not distinguished in the Reports, the whole Number is put in the Column of Boys; and some of the Masters having dy'd, others having demitted, and a few of the Schools only lately settled, the Master's Name stands Blank in some Places, the Correspondents not having returned an Account of the New Master's Entry: Also there is added three Ministers Missionaries in America.

No	Date of erection	Places	Parishes	Presbyteries	School-masters		Boys	Girls
1	July 6 1726	Clauchinmore	Southuist	Longisland	Alexander	Macdonald	20	6
2	September 16 1731	Bara	Bara		Alexander	Gun	16	
3	November 7 1729	Northuist			Donald	McDonald	23	10
4	June 5 1729	Balnakile	Uig		Malcolm	Gregory	18	2
5	November 3 1729	Borbh	Harris		Norman	McLeod	17	12
6	June 2 1729	Minginess	Braccadale	Sky	Alexander	McLeod	8	6
7	May 25 1725	Erlishbeg	Snizort		Mr Donald	McLean	18	8
8	June 22 1726	Rum	Egg and Muck		Allan	McLean	10	5
9	June 8 1727	Muck			Angus	McLeod	15	4
10	June 8 1727	Egg			John	Stewart	14	11
11	March 8 1722	Killichuiman	Boleskine	Abbertarff	James	Anderson	33	9
12	December 7 1727	Glenshiero	Lagan		Kenneth	Bethune	21	6
13	February 6 1729	Miltoun of Urquhart	Glenmorison		Henry	Urquhart	65	13
14	November 7 1729	St Richards			Alexander	Dallas	30	2
15	July 17 1729	Locharcaig	Kilmalie		Peter	King	13	7
16	October 24 1728	Maryburgh			Mr John	McBean	73	14
17	November 4 1725	Tomnacharig	Kilmanivaig		Alexander	Cameron	14	9
18	November 4 1725	Glenroy					25	3
19	September 28 1730	Glenspean			James	Thomson	15	6
20	December 3 1730	Lochbroom	Gairloch	Gairloch	Duncan	McNab		
21	April 7 1726	Lochcarron	Lochcarron		Alexander	McKenzie	20	4
22	August 17 1732	Lochalsh	Lochalsh		Malcolm	McLeod		
23	June 1 1721	Glenelg	Glenelg		Norman	McLeod	35	14

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24	November 7 1729	Glenshiel	Glenshiel		Evan	McLean		
25	December 3 1730	Lismore	Lismore and Appin	Lorn	Robert	Man	60	
26	December 3 1730	Glenco			Charles	McArthur	19	
27	June 6 1721	Kilfinchen	Kilfinchen	Mull	Iver	Campbell	32	5
28	November 7 1729	Morvern	Morvern		Mr John	Campbell	27	6
29	September 16 1731	Morinish	Kilninian		Lauchlan	Mclean	47	25
30	November 7 1729	Strontian	Ardnamurchan		John	Anderson	39	8
31	September 14 1732	Ardnamurchan			Alexander	McDonald	17	1
32	December 4 1729	Collonsay	Collonsay and Jura	Kintyre	James	Muir	20	5
33	June 6 1728	Sallachy	Buchannan	Dumbartoun	George	Moir	35	17
34	August 13 1728	Gartinstarry	Drymen		Mr John	Dove	4	3
35	April 7 1726	Duchlidge	Luss		Archibald	McWalter	15	8
36	April 3 1719	Gartmore	Port		William	Crawford	39	14
37	March 20 1719	Bridge of Kelty	Callander	Dumblane	George	Brown	46	14
38	April 23 1730	Strathgartney			John	Campbell	22	2
39	April 23 1730	Lochearnhead	Balquhidder		James	McCallum	28	7
40	May 8 1714	Lochearnend	Comrie	Auchterarder	James	Drummond Junior	27	9
41	May 8 1714	Glenartney			Hugh	Cameron	34	22
42	May 8 1714	Glenlednock			James	Drummond Senior	26	15
43	November 3 1729	Glenalmond	Monzie		Duncan	Drummond	26	4
44	August 1 1732	Glenroar	Muthil		John	McGrowther	22	19
45	January 10 1723	Culmullin in Rannoch	Kilchonan	Dunkeld	Mr John	Menzies	54	4

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46	November 18 1731	Aulich			Daniel	Menzies	17	3
47	November 21 1728	Drumour in Strathbrand	Little Dunkeld		George	Park	57	24
48	November 7 1729	Strowan	Blair Athol		Donald	Robertson	33	7
49	November 7 1729	Foss	Dull		John	Forbes	27	6
50	November 1 1731	Lawers	Kendmore		John	McIntyre	68	3
51	November 17 1729	Ardeonaig	Killin		Duncan	Wright	60	4
52	July 15 1731	Glenquach	Kenmore		Charles	McHardie	64	17
53	September 1 1727	Little Kanore	Glenmuick	Kincardin-oniel	Mr Andrew	Rule	67	26
54	April 1 1725	Inverey	Tullich		Alexander	Farquharson	34	9
55	October 9 1729	Greystone of Micras			John	Tastard	33	8
56	February 27 1728	Altanlague in Corgarff	Strathdon	Alford	Mr John	Young	31	12
57	December 7 1727	Broadley	Rathven	Fordice	Mr William	Symon	27	12
58	November 18 1725	Kinnore	Huntly	Strathbogie	Alexander	Slorach	22	15
58	November 3 1726	Glenrinness	Mortlith				40	
59	March 23 1725	Dellavorar	Kirk Michael	Abernethy	Peter	Constable	35	10
60	September 26 1734	Miltoun of Benchar	Kinguissie		Grigor	Nicolson	25	6
61	November 6 1736	Corigass	Abernethy		Thomas	Donaldson	24	6
62	April 4 1728	Culphern	Edinkilly	Forress	David	Cuming	9	15
63	July 3 1729	Dounduff			John	Calder	9	8
64	November 24 1714	Drummoind			William	Falconer	9	7
65	November 24 1714	Tillidivv			William	Gowie	16	17
66	June 6 1717	Darnway	Dyke		George	Harvie	16	4
67	April 4 1728	Earl's Seat	Auldearn		Walter	Forbes	17	3

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68	June 8 1717	Raining's School	Inverness	Inverness	Mr Alexander	Moncrief	111	39
		Raining's School	Inverness	Inverness	Donald	McEnduy, Assistant		
69	July 18 1732	Bona			Mr James	Steuart	10	6
70	November 7 1729	Strath of Farigag	Dores		James	Rhind	11	3
71	April 13 1727	Glenconvinth	Kiltarlaty		Alexander	Downie	10	9
72	April 13 1727	Eskidale			Arthur	Tause	13	3
73	September 16 1731	Drynachan	Moy, Calder and Ardclath		Hugh	Ross	13	6
74	August 17 1732	Glenurquhart	Cromarty and Rosemarkney	Chanoury	Mr James	Douglas	21	14
75	May 15 1717	Kilmorack	Kilmorack	Dingwall	Mr John	Robertson	32	11
76	April 4 1728	Crochel in Strathglass			William	Fraser	14	4
77	June 22 1736	Milton	Contane		John	Paip	8	5
78	July 6 1727	Inchnalion	Criech	Dornoch	David	Ross	20	2
79	July 6 1727	Shiness	Larg		John	McKay	26	2
80	June 20 1728	Kilfederbeg	Clyne		Frances	Wright	30	11
81	September -- 1733	Kildonan	Kildonan		John	Gun	42	15
82	December 23 1725	Knockbreck	Duirness	Tong	John	Ross	20	20
83	June 5 1729	Leadabeg	Assint		John	Henderson	16	
84	September 26 1734	Gnubbeg	Farr		Robert	McKay		
85	May 2 1733	Stroma	Cannasbie	Caithness	George	Gibson	21	13
86	November 7 1729	Kiess	Wick		Donald	Calder	13	17
87	October 22 1730	Ulbster			David	Sutherland	11	12
88	October 22 1730	Riess			James	Miller	8	5

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89	October 22 1730	Clardon	Thurso		John	Tulloch	96	
90	November 1 1736	Landhallow	Latheron		Hugh	Sutherland		
91	August 16 1719	Graemsay	Hoy and Graemsay	Cairston	William	Flet	18	12
92	May 12 1724	Konsger	Sandwick		Benjamin	Brown	67	28
93	November 21 1728	Harray	Birsay and Harray		James	Loutit	52	28
94	June 12 1719	Stenhouse	Firth and Stenhouse		William	Smith	40	44
95	June 27 1723	Orphir	Orphir		John	Loutit	33	11
96	October 22 1730	Walls	Walls and Flotta		James	Smith	48	34
97	May 15 1717	Lubban	Evie and Rendal	Kirkwall	Robert	Brown	22	24
98	June 2 1729	Costay			Henry	Flet	14	17
99	June 2 1729	Yarpha	Deaness and St Andrews		Thomas	Purse	32	32
100	August 17 1719	Bacaland	Stronsay and Edday	North Isles	George	Charles	33	10
101	May 12 1719	Westray	Westray and Papa Westray		George	Spence	27	6
102	September 25 1729	Sorren	Rousay		David	Marwick	26	19
103	December 11 1729	Tresta	Fetlar	Zetland	Francis	Beatty	23	21
104	March 19 1730	Cuningsburgh			Robert	McPherson	8	8
105	October 22 1730	Fairisle			William	Strang	31	28
106	October 22 1730	Foulla	Walls		Thomas	Henry		
107	November 3 1720	Halfmorton	Langholm	Midlebee	Samuel	Bell	17	11
108	November 1 1733	Orphan Hospital	Edinburgh	Edinburgh	George	Brown	50	16
109	November 1 1736	Chappilton of Dillyward	Glenbervie	Fordon	Mr Adam	Henderson		

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	The following four Missionaries Ministers are employed by the Society partly upon the Fund mortified by the Reverend Dr Daniel Williams								
	deceast, for instructing Infidels Abroad, and partly upon Contributions of charitable Persons in England and Scotland								
110	February 25 1732	Blockhouse on	George's River [where the Indians trade most]	New-England	Mr Joseph	Secomb			
111	October 7 1732	Fort Dummer on	Connecticut River		Mr Ebenezer	Hindsdale			
112	November 15 1732	Fort Richmond on	The Eastern Country		Mr Stephen	Parker			
113	October 15 1735	New Darien on	The River Altamaba	Georgia	Mr John	McLeod	19	10	
							2988	1117	

[Notes following the list of schools)

The Number of SCHOOLS, at present is 113 as above; at which are 2906 Boys, and 1092 Girls; in all 3998. But there being some Blanks in this List, it is very probable, there may be a great many more Scholars. These Schools are frequently visited, not only by the Ministers of the respective Parishes, but also by Committees of the Presbytery, and other Correspondents, named by the Society, who enquire into the Faithfulness, Diligence and Deportment of the Masters, the Number of Scholars, the Time of their Entry and Attendance, of which the Masters are order'd to keep exact Accounts: And once every Year, before the first of March at furthest, a List of the Scholars at each School that Year, with an Account of their Proficiency, Time of Entry, and what they are learning, duly attested by the Visitors, is appointed to be transmitted to the SOCIETY, which is examined by their Committee; and if herein any are found any defective or faulty, the same is noticed and censured. From these Accounts, it appears, That not only Children are instructed, but in some Places, Servants leave their Service for a Time, to attend these Schools; yea, even married Persons come to some of them, and Children of Popish Parents are taught the Protestant Religion therein, and many of them come to Church. The Scholars are taught the Principles of Religion, and to read English, Writing, Arithmetick, and the Tunes usually sung in the Church, but no Latin. The Success of the Undertaking (by the Blessing of GOD) is very remarkable, and has given great

Divers of these SCHOOLS being settled in remote Islands and Corners, where Ministers have two, three, or more Churches, at which they preach by Turns; and in some of them but once, twice, three, four, five or six Times in the Year at most; the SOCIETY takes Care, That their School-masters, sent to such Places, be duly qualified, and at the Minister's Direction, do, in his Absence, convene their Scholars in the Church, or most central Place, on the LORD'S Day Forenoon, and pray and sing Psalms with them, and read the Holy scriptures. And in the Afternoon, the Scholars repeat the Catechism publicly, and catechise them, and such other Persons as will submit thereto; and People near to those Places do attend these Exercises, and join therein. All the School-masters, by their Commissions and Instructions, are required to catechise the People near to their Schools as they can have Opportunity, on LORD's Days or Week Days. Any Contributors, who desire further Satisfaction in the Premises, and the State of the Society's Affairs, may have it from their Treasurer, Secretary and Clerk, and these employ'd under them in the Society's Hall every Week Day, and may also have it in the Account of the Rise, Constitution and Management of the foresaid Society, printed Anno 1720, and State thereof Anno 1729; also a short State of the foresaid Society, an Abridgement of the Statutes and Rules thereof, both printed Anno 1732, where may be had some Sermons preached before the Society in Edinburgh, all sold by the Relict of William Brown Bookseller in Edinburgh, who is instructed by the Society, to furnish Books to their Schools, and transmit the same thereto, according to the Number and Sort of Books, given her in Writing by the Committee of Managers.