

# MONIMAIL PARISH

MANUFACTURES.-The only manufacture worthy of notice is the weaving of linens. The value of the labour employed in it may be between L. 2000 and L. 3000 per annum. The hours of labour are very long, and allow little time for reading or relaxation. Our manufactures, therefore, can hardly be said to afford a fair remuneration to those employed, or to be favourable to health and morals.

There are in the parish 1 insane person, 1 fatuous, 2 blind, and 1 deaf and dumb. During the last 3 years there have been 3 illegitimate births in the parish.

Cases requiring the administration of discipline occur but seldom. Of the more flagrant offences within the last seven years there has been one murder, the murderer being a stranger; and five persons have been convicted of adultery, three of whom were dissenters.

EDUCATION-There are five schools in the parish. The parochial teacher has the full salary and the accommodation prescribed by law. With school fees and some other small emoluments, his income may be about L. 65 or L. 70 per annum. There are two other schools taught by male teachers, partly supported by private subscription and partly by fees, the emoluments being about L. 18 per annum. Two female teachers are similarly maintained, having about L. 15 each. The branches taught are reading, writing, arithmetic, mathematics, grammar, geography, Latin, and in the female schools knitting and sewing. The school fees are 2s. or 3s. per quarter. The people are fully aware of the benefits of education. Very few, indeed, are ignorant of reading, though a good many have not been taught to write. No additional schools are required. The number of scholars during the winter season averages 150; but the classes are not so well attended in summer. Children of eleven and twelve years of age are sent to learn trades or to herd cattle, and consequently the amount of education that many of them receive is very small.

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