Carnarvon.

Llanrug.

LLANRUG.—This parish lies on the road from Carnarvon to Llauberis. It contains 1227 inhabitants, some of whom are employed in the neighbouring quarries, others are small farmers. The following school has been provided for the poor.

Llanrug Church School.—A school for boys and girls, taught by a master, in a room set apart for the purpose. Number of girls, 15; of boys, 49; number employed as monitors, 4. Subjects taught—the Bible and Church Catechism, reading, writing, and arithmetic. Fees 1d. each.

This school was examined December 2, when 64 children were present. Of these 14 could read a chapter of the Bible, and 6 were learning the Rule of Three. The writing was very inferior. Their knowledge of Scripture was very little, only eight being able to answer very simple questions correctly. None could repeat the Church Catechism perfectly. 18 children have been members of the school for more than two years, and 10 for more than three years.

The master was formerly a ship's carpenter; he professes to be able to teach navigation. He has

no power of maintaining discipline, and the children are rude and undisciplined.

The school-room is in bad repair; it is built close to a large pool of stagnant water. There are no outbuildings for the children.—S. Dew and John James, Assistants.

Llanwnda.

LLANWNDA.—Contains no school. The adjoining parishes of Llanfaglan on the west, and Bettws Garmon on the east, contain no school. The population of Llanwnda alone amounts to 1586. A National school is said to have existed in the parish, but it has been discontinued.

Llanystumdwy.

LLANYSTUMDWY.—This parish contains 1241 inhabitants, most of whom are small farmers or labourers. The origin of the following school was an endowment or endowments which will soon produce 301. 12s. per annum.

The Rev. John Hughes, incumbent, states that the master is old and superannuated, and

that the people have lost all confidence in him.

Llanystumdwy Church School.—A school for boys and girls, taught by a master, in a building erected for the purpose. Number of girls, 52; of boys, 50; number employed as monitors, 7. Subjects taught—the Bible and Church Catechism, reading, writing, and arithmetic. No payments required.

This school was examined December 14, when, owing to the severe weather, only 10 children were present. Of these 5 were able to read a chapter of the Bible, and 3 were learning arithmetic. Of 41 copy-books which were shown, 7 were well written. The children are taught to read in both Welsh and English.

The master has never been trained to teach. He has kept school on the private adventure system

for 40 years .- S. DEW, Assistant.

LI.YSFAEN.—An account of this parish will be found in the Reports upon the county of Denbigh, in which it is locally situate, although considered to form a part of the county of Carnarvon.

Melltyrn.

MELLTYRN.—There is no school in this parish or in the adjoining parish of Penllech.

NEVIN.—The town of Nevin lies on the north coast of the promontory of Lleyn. It contains 1656 inhabitants. On the south-west, the parish of Ceidio contains no school. In the opposite direction, there is no school provided for the poor along the main road from Nevin to Llandwrog, a distance of 16 or 18 miles, traversing the parishes of Pistill, Carngiwch, Llanaelhaiarn, or Clynnog, containing 3082 inhabitants.

The state of morality and general civilization at Nevin is represented as very low.

The Rev. William Jones, vicar of Nevin, states,-

"The people of this place are in the most wretched condition that I have seen, for insubordination, disorder, and ignorance—disorder in the most comprehensive sense of the word. The state of morality is very bad indeed. Pilfering and stealing are very common. There are three persons in my parish who are notorious thieves. They go out at night, each with a sack under his arm, for the purpose of stealing geese and fowls. There are many others who are dishonest: some of them have been detected, but the people are unwilling to prosecute. Dishonesty is very common. People in the middle ranks almost despair of obtaining faithful servants. All offences which are not punishable by law are rife in this country. Those crimes which are within reach of the law, if there be no immediate fear of prosecution, are practised also, but with more caution. Want of chastity is flagrant. This vice is not confined to the poor. In England farmers' daughters are respectable; in Wales they are in the constant habit of being courted in bed. In the case of domestic servants the vice is universal. I have had the greatest difficulty in keeping my own servants from practising it. It became necessary to secure their chamber windows with bars to prevent them from admitting men. I am told by my parishioners that unless I allow the practise I shall very soon have no servants at all, and that it will be impossible to get any.

"With respect to my school at Nevin, the present master is very incompetent as a teacher. We have not properly trained masters in Wales. The class of schoolmasters is composed of persons who are very incompetent to perform their duty, in every sense of the word. I have not funds to obtain a better schoolmaster for Nevin. There are only 51 subscribed for the support of the school. This sum is given by the lay rector; the deficiency must be made up by myself, and my income as incumbent has not hitherto averaged more than 1001 a-year, with a family consisting of 14 individuals. A landowner in my parish, who was in the habit of contributing towards the school, and whose income from the parish is about 5001 a-year, has discontinued his subscription, and will give nothing towards education. Two others have acted in the same manner. The income of one of them is about

350l. or 400l., that of the other about 200l, all derived from the parish.

"Two principal objections are made by the parents of my scholars; that attendance at church is

required, and that the Church Catechism is taught."

Nevin Church School.—A school for boys and girls taught by a master. Number of scholars 60; subjects taught, the Bible and Church Catechism, reading, writing, and arithmetic. Fees, 1d. and 2d. per week.

Llysfaen.

Nevin.