

**DIGEST  
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**Parish**

# Highworth

**Name of Minister Signing the Return**

**Edward Rowden**

**Population of each Parish**

Containing tythings of

Eastrop.....410

Highworth.....601

Westrop.....519

Broad Blunsden Chapelry...493

Marston South Chapelry.....288

Sevenhampton Chapelry.....203

**Particulars Relating to Endowments for Education of Youth**

A Charity day school at which from 60 to 70 children attend;  
the master has 28/ per annum arising from stock in the public funds.

### **Other Institutions for the Purpose of Education**

Six small day schools consisting of 93 children and one boarding school for boys.

Two Sunday Schools supported by the Parishioners, one for boys attended by 95 and another for girls containing about 153, to which all the poor children are admitted and about 15 children receive instruction in the workhouse.

A School at Broad Blundsen, consisting partly of boarders and partly of day scholars; also a Sunday school established by the voluntary contributions of the inhabitants for all the poor children, consisting of about 42 children; and five day schools containing 63.

Three day schools at South Marston containing together 30 children and a Sunday school attended by 35.

Two day schools in Sevenhampton in which 14 children are instructed and a night school attended by 10.

### **Observations**

The Minister states that one third of the poor children of the parish are without any means of education, excepting those supplied by the Sunday school and that the want of a schoolroom has rendered the adoption of the nation system impossible; but if a commodious room could be built and the charity school now providing education ... to 70 children only were thrown open to all, under certain regulations, each child paying ?1*d* per week, the vicar conceives ample means of education would be provided for all who choose to accept them.

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