

## IRISH IN NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DERRY JOURNAL.

A CAIAD—As there have been a number of queries in regard to the "Alternative" Irish programme for fees for Irish as an "extra" in the National schools in Ulster, you would much oblige by re-publishing the enclosed, which the National Board have sanctioned for a local school and which they state they are prepared to sanction for any school in Ulster upon the application of the manager. This Programme is the one in use by the Inishowen Coirde Ceannair and in many schools throughout Ulster. All pupils from third standard and upwards who have not earned fees for Irish before may be entered for the "first year's course," which, as shewn, may consist either of Anthony O'Doherty's books or Craig's. Those who have earned fees before should be entered for the second year's course or the third or fourth, according to the number of times fees have been earned by them. The half-hour before roll call is to be regarded as outside the "fixed" school hours, and hence Irish can be taught during this time for fees. National teachers should make a note of this Programme and request their managers to get the Board's formal sanction for its use in their schools. Thanking you in anticipation—*í míre, le meaf móir, do cáirde buan,*

*m. ua maoláin.*

Carndonagh, March 26, 1908.

### ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMME IN IRISH AS AN "EXTRA" IN ULSTER.

First Year's Course (third standard)—(a) Gaelic Primer and 10 pages of First Irish Book (both by Anthony O'Doherty, N.T., *Dáil uilrí* series); (b) Irish Terms for parts of "human body," articles about home and school, names of common animals and birds, and simple phrases on these. Models for Irish Phrases. Michael O'Doherty's Object Lessons—the introduction sections; (c) Poetry and Writing as in Board's Programme; or (a) First Book of Craig's Progressive Studies; and (b) Poetry and Writing as in Board's Programme.

Second Year's Course (fourth standard)—(a) Second Book and half of Third Book, Craig's Progressive Studies; (b) Poetry, &c., as in Board's Programme.

Third Year's Course (fifth standard)—50 pages of *íarzáineáct* (Craig.) Poetry, Grammar, Conversation, &c., as in Board's Programme; or 35 pages of *íarzáineáct* and 15 pages of the Irish matter (on direct method) in Michael O'Doherty's Object Lessons. Poetry, Grammar, Conversation, &c., as in Board's Programme.

Fourth Year's Course (sixth standard)—*Clann Uir, Clann Uirniġ*; 2 Books *Sneann na Saeóitige* (Morris). Grammar, Conversation, &c., as in Board's Programme; or 50 pages of these Texts and 20 pages of the Irish matter in Michael O'Doherty's Object Lessons (on direct method). Grammar, Conversation, &c., as in Board's Programme.