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A Meeting of St. Bridget's Association was held on the 13th December, 1859, in St. Kevin's Chapel, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough Street.

HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN IN THE CHAIR.

Amongst the Clergymen present were, the Very Rev. Canon Pope, Admr Very Rev. Canon M'Cabe, P.P., St. Nicholas's; Very Rev. Monsignor Woodlock, President of All-Hallows College; Rev. E. Kennedy, P.P., St. James's; Very Rev J. Callan, S.J., St. Francis Xavier's, Rev Dr Murray, Archbishop's Secretary; Rev Father White, Provincial O.P., Very Rev Canon Forde, Catholic University, Rev. P. J. Gilligan, St. James's, Rev W Irwin, Cathedral Parish; Rev P. O'Neill, do., Rev J Butler, do., Rev. W. Purcell, do.; Rev N O'Farrell, do. Rev Jöseph Horgan, St. Laurence's, Rev E. Murphy, Prior, O.P; Rev J De-

lany St. Paul's Rev W Keon, Clontarf, Rev M Colher, Rathmines Rev Dr Russell, O.P., Lisbon Rev J Lynch, S.J Rev P Magrath, Baldoyle, Rev Dean O'Loughlin, Catholic University, Rev J O'Reilly, O C.

The following Report was read and adopted.

Our first duty, as indeed it is our first thought, in commencing this Report of St. Bridget's Orphanage, is to thank God. The blessings conferred upon the Orphanage, its success in saving so many children, and its gradual settling into form, strength, and permanence, are such that human power could never have compassed them. This will be seen in the following Report. We will try to confine ourselves to facts, and to compress these into the smallest possible space, under the three following heads. 1st, favours received 2nd, children saved, 3rd, perils to the Faith of Catholic Orphans.

FAVOURS RECEIVED.

In recounting favours received, we cannot follow the order of time. The blessing which St. Bridget's work has received from the Vicar of Christ comes first. It is very touching to see the Holy Pontiff standing calmly upon the rock and taking charge of the whole world, while the angry waves are breaking at his feet. Overwhelmed with cares, loaded with affliction, he looks to the West through the mist and spray of the tempest, and he sees the Orphan of his poor and faithful Ireland in danger of loss of Faith he cannot come to take him in his arms, but he raises his hand and he blesses those who do. It is, indeed, memorable, that we are, so to speak, the children of his sorrow, that this work has been built up "in the straightness of times," and that the

founder and finisher are the Great Pius IX and his Apostolic Delegate.

In the subjoined Rescript, and in His Grace's letter, will be seen the richness of our treasure, and the amount of our happiness.

"To the Ladies of the Association of Saint Brigid, and to all engaged with them in the work of protecting the Faith of the Orphans and destitute Infants of our Catholic Poor

"During last Lent, whilst we were in Rome, the centre of Catholicity, and near the tombs of the Apostles and of countless Martyrs who shed their blood for the Faith of Christ, we remembered your labours. Our heart was touched by the sacrifices you were making for the Orphans and children of the poor of our flock, and we thanked God for the blessings which he bestowed upon your work. These little ones—the treasure of the Church—were exposed to the assaults of "ravening wolves," and you rescued them from heresy and eternal death. Knowing that an account of your pious and zealous labours would be a source of consolation to our Holy Father in the midst of his afflictions and trials, we presented to him a statement of your good works, and asked the blessing of Peter upon St. Brigid's children. Filled with paternal benevolence for every portion of his vast flock, His Holiness was gratified by your piety and zeal, and opening the treasury of the Church, he bestowed upon you, and upon all who assist you, the richest spiritual gifts. We append the Latin document, where you may read his love for you, and the extent of his generosity

"You will perceive that the Holy Father holds out for your special devotion the Mother of God, St. Brigid, and St Laurence (formerly Archbishop of this see), three names enshrined in the hearts of Irish Catholics. Guided by their example, endeavouring to imitate their virtues, your labours will be fruitful, and veneration for the great Saints of Ireland will be promoted.

"You will also perceive that the partial Indulgences which the Holy Father grants, are to be gained by visiting Altars in our Metropolitan Church, thus, our Cathedral will be your centre, and you will be more

immediately under our pastoral care.

"We have learned with the most lively satisfaction that nearly two hundred poor Catholic Children have been already saved, that these were the most destitute and abandoned, and that more than ninety per cent of these were taken gratuitously We bless God for these merciful results, but they entail the necessity of continual exertion and perseverance. Pray, and pray fervently, for the success of the good work, and ask for the protection of God, without whom nothing good can be done then, associate and organize. Our Clergy, who have seen with satisfaction the growth of this Institution, will lend their countenance and co-operation. We recommend the good Ladies, of the city especially, to associate and work under the banner of St. Brigid for our holy Faith. We desire that the Confraternities of the Christian Doctrine in each church would give you some collectors, and we assure them, that they could be engaged in no greater work of charity We invite all the faithful to encourage and sustain you, and beg of them to remember that, for these poor helpless innocents, if the Faith be lost, all is lost. Out of the Catholic Church they may obtain trades, secular knowledge, riches, power, but not everlasting salvation.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

PAUL CULLEN.

"BEATISSIME PATER,

"ARCHIEPISCOPUS DUBLINENSIS, eo quo par est obsequio, S. Tuæ exponit pias quasdam feminas Dublini Orphanotrophium quod S. Brigidæ, Patronæ Hiberniæ, dicitur, instituisse, easque collatis vel collectis pecuniis plurimis orphanis et victum et Christianam educationem comparare. Cum vero spiritualibus aliquibus donis piæ istæ feminæ augeri velint, rogat Archiepiscopus orator ut omnibus istis feminis quæ curam gerunt Associationis Orphanotrophii S. Brigidæ, vel ejus res promovent vel administrant, Indulgentias sequentes largiaris, nempe Indulgentiam bis centum dierum quoties Altare Sanctissimi Sacramenti vel Beatissimæ Virginis in Ecclesia Metropolitana Dublinensi visitent, et Indulgentiam Plenariam, dummodo Pœnitentiæ et Eucharistiæ Sacramenta recipient, in festo S. Brigidæ, in festo S. Laurentii, Archiepiscopi Dublinensis, et in diebus infra Octavam utriusque festi in omnibus festis Beatissimæ Virginis, et in uno aliquo die Veneris in singulis mensibus.

"Quare, etc.

"Ex Audientia Sanctissimi habita die 12 Maii, 1859, Sanctissimus Dominus Noster PIUS Divina Providentia PAPA IX, referente me infrascripto S. Congregationis de Propaganda Fide Cardinali Præfecto, benigne annuit pro gratia juxta petita.

"Datum Romæ, ex Ædibus S. C. de Propaganda Fide die et

anno ut supra.

"Gratis sine ulla omnino solutione quocumque titulo.

"AL. C. BARNABÒ, PRÆF."

(TRANSLATION.)

"MOST HOLY FATHER,

"The Archeishop of Dublin most respectfully submits to Your Holiness that certain pious ladies have established in Dublin an Orphanage, called the Orphanage of St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland, in which, by monies, contributed or collected, they support a large number of Orphans, and give them a Christian education. Now, as these pious ladies are anxious to be enriched with some spiritual gifts, the Archbishop, your petitioner, begs that you will grant to all those ladies who take care of the Association of the Orphanage of St. Brigid, or who advance or look after its interests, the following Indulgences: namely, an Indulgence of two hundred days as often as they may pay a visit to the Altar of the Most Holy Sacrament, or of

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the Most Blessed Virgin, in the Metropolitan Church of Dublin; and a Plenary Indulgence, provided they approach the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist, on the feast of St. Brigid, on the feast of St. Laurence, Archbishop of Dublin, and on the days within the Octave of both feasts; on all feasts of the Most Blessed Virgin, and on any one Friday in each month.

"In an audience had of His Holiness on the 12th day of May, 1859, Our Most Holy Father, the Pope, by Divine Providence, PIUS IX, informed of the above facts by me the undersigned Cardinal Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide, benignly granted the favour sought for

"Given at Rome, from the Palace of the S. C. of Propaganda Fide on the day and year mentioned above.

"AL. C. BARNABÒ, PRÆF"

During last year, some holy Bishops, and many good Priests, have frequently offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our Orphans, and for all who are engaged in St. Bridget's work or who in any way assist it. A great number of these good Priests make a commemoration at the Holy Sacrifice every day for the same intention. Indeed our Associates are profoundly grateful to the Clergy for their assistance. They have supported us by their approbation, their subscriptions, their advice, and encouragement, and it is only persons engaged in works like ours, that can appreciate the nobleness and self-sacrificing devotedness of the Irish Priest. Several religious houses gave us a share in their holy prayers daily, and many of the poor and children say one Hail Mary daily for infants in danger of loss of Faith. A medical doctor had not only offered, but had commenced to give medical aid, which would have been of incalculable benefit. But, alas! he is gone. A brilliant future opened before him, and religion and his country expected much from him, he was, besides, the mark of man wanted now, gentle, modest, and of great capacity of mind, loving the poor,

and in the truth unswerving. May perpetual light

shine upon him.

Another favour, and which we esteem highly, is that of Dr Laphen. It is to us a sign of hope, that our first sermons commenced in the beautiful church dedicated to St. Catherine, to whom God gave wisdom at the age of eighteen to confound the greatest philosophers of that age. How beautiful is the Providence of God, who, when he chooses, with a reed smites empires. In God's works one door opens to another, and thus Dr Laphen's gift introduced us to the chief seat of learning and piety in Ireland, a circumstance which, with God's blessing, will lead to glorious results for the Catholic Orphan. Our thanks are due to the good young priests who preached for us. Yes, thanks be to God, the ancient fame of the Irish Church for learning is reviving, or rather, like some beautiful fresco that had been allowed, by an ignorant invader, to lie under dust and rubbish for centuries, it is now reappearing in the same colours, but mellowed, deepened, and chastened by time, and it is consecrated now, as of old, to works of mercy

In last Report, we announced the formation of three guilds of men, St. Patrick's, St. Columbkille's, and St. Kevin's, for the purpose of working out the end of the Association. During the past year four new guilds have been added, St. Laurence O'Toole's, of the Immaculate Conception, St. Malachy's, and the Guild of Our Blessed Lady Immaculate. A few of the guildsmen have fallen off, but on the whole, the guilds are increasing both in number and spirit, and we believe that a time is coming when the men of Dublin will stand around St. Bridget's children, and defend them

against their foe.

Several Ladies have given valuable help during the year They have visited and examined the children,

collected funds for their support, kept the accounts, and, in a word, kept the whole machinery in fair working order What we announced in our last Report, we, thank God, announce again, that in all this, there is no salary, no paid official; all are volunteers. But more are wanted, and we pray the good friends of St. Bridget in the city, and throughout the country, to send us their names that they may become members, and cooperate in the holy work. Should a Lady be only able to collect one shilling in the year, she will entitle herself to the Indulgences which our Holy Father has granted. But above all, we pray God to put it into the hearts of some Ladies of independence to give themselves entirely to the salvation and education of the Orphan child. There is now no work of charity more necessary, as there is scarcely any more holy.

The receipts of the Orphanage in money during the last year have been £946 7s. 534d. during the former year £1,010 19s. $6\frac{1}{2}$ d., but in this latter sum

there was a bequest of £500.

Several presents of clothing have been also received all substantial, some costly, and fit for the children of a princess. Oh how admirable is the Catholic Faith, which clothes in cambric and silk a little outcast because she sees in that infant the favourite of her Saviour!

A Lady sent her husband with a cross of diamonds set in gold, with a request that her name should not be known: the Lady who received it said, "I must go and thank her " "Oh no," he said, "you may thank her when you meet at judgment, not before." Another Lady went to reside in France, but could not forget St. Bridget, and sent her accustomed large subscription. A poor woman found one of our cards in the street she said, "God Almighty has sent this in my way. I'll see if I can fill it." In a few days she more than filled it. An Irishman, dying far away in Scotland, turns his

dving eyes to his dear Ireland, and he asks Father Kennedy, the Priest who attended him, to transmit to St. Bridget, £3, to assist her children in their struggle for the Faith. The valuable and beautiful articles which will form the prizes of our coming lottery, are all gifts. Thus, God has blessed St. Bridget's work, and has raised up friends everywhere may his Divine Majesty be for ever praised.

CHILDREN SAVED.

In our last Report, we announced 103 children saved now we have to add to that number 90 more, making in all 193. Of these, two were in little or no danger of loss of Faith, but still in very peculiar circumstances, and they were received upon condition of being no burden to the Institution. Five have died, two have run away, one was dismissed. To account for so many dying, it is sufficient to say that we have no health-test. Some have come to us all covered with sores and filth; a great many were weak and sickly But the nurses take great care of them, and several that were in a dying state have recovered. Indeed, one little infant was quite crippled, so that the Doctor thought that if it struggled into life it would be deformed. To our great surprise we saw it well-looking and healthy last July good woman had taken the greatest pains with it, and had fed it upon asses milk. The two children who ran away were eleven or twelve years of age when taken into the Orphanage. One is safe, the other, who had been bred to evil, has, it is feared, returned. The boy who was dismissed was near fourteen when taken, and had been three years with the heretics. The good woman to whom we gave him in charge, sent word that he was trying to corrupt her children. He was called in. She brought him, and said these terrible words

"May God forgive the mother that destroyed the faith in that child better that she had taken a knife and cut his throat."

Two examinations of the Orphans have been held during last year To understand the results, it is necessary to bear in mind the following. 1st. That where there is serious negligence on the part of the nurse with regard to teaching the child its prayers, the salary is stopped until the child is taught. 2nd. A premium of ten shillings is given for every child that knows well the ordinary prayers and more necessary part of the catechism. 3rd. A premium of ten shillings when the nurse presents the certificate of the child's Confirmation. 4th. A like premium when the child is found on examination to read fairly, and lastly, the same premium when the child writes a legible hand, and knows figures enough for housekeeping, fair and market. It must also be remarked, that it is scarcely three years since the work began, and that a very large number of the children are still under five years of age. The results of the two examinations were, that the salary was not stopped in any one case, that 22 children have taken the premium for prayers and catechism, that a considerable number are advanced in their spelling and writing, and will take the premium at next examination.

The examiners have handed in their opinions in writing, that they never heard children of their age repeat their prayers so well. In the schooling, the most difficult department, God every year raises up new friends. Indeed, He has already brought into our work a Lady who made us acquainted with some holy Nuns of the Order of St. Bridget. These are now cooperating in the good work, they have provided good nurses near their convent they take the children into their school and teach them; they prepare them for the sacraments, and see that they attend their religious duties. They

have undertaken, in fact, a laborious agency and this for God and St. Bridget, without any temporal remuneration. O Catholic Church "glorious things are said of thee, thou city of God."

In last Report, the system of rearing the children with families was explained at some length. We are happy to state, that since that time, this system has met with very general approbation. The hopes which we then ventured to hold out have been also realised, as much as the time permitted. The children appear to be strong and healthy The families with whom they reside have become attached to them, and they to their families. In the few cases where the children were taken from the nurses, the partings were exceedingly painful. Thus, a merciful and loving God binds with these delicate cords of affection the hearts of the family to St. Bridget's poor child. Indeed, the Ladies who conducted the examinations envied our children. They said, "What a fine country, and what happy associations around these children Here they grow up amid the spring's ploughing and the harvest's reaping, the bleating and playing of lambs, and the singing of little birds. Here the clear well, and the gushing stream, and the modest wild flower, speak to their young souls imperceptibly, dull the jarring elements of corrupt nature, and prepare their minds for the holy teachings of religion."

It is not possible to avoid saying a word upon the kind of Orphans which St. Bridget receives and supports. But first let it be remembered, that all who were presented, and who were believed to be in real danger of loss of faith, have been received. Secondly, it must be noted, that though it is ruled to take only Orphans found in Dublin, yet, there are not many of these whose parents belonged to Dublin. No, they were children of almost every county in Ireland. They are the victims

of hard laws and harder hearts, and therefore, without naming faith or charity, justice tells all Ireland to sup-

port us.

With few exceptions, the Orphans of St. Bridget are the poorest and most abandoned of the whole community. Hence, more than ninety per cent are supported gratuitously. Indeed, in most cases the very persons who presented them, or who called our attention to their case, had no interest in them beyond the bond of faith. The Orphan with a hundred pounds, and others with ten and seven pounds yearly, have been refused admittance, and the outcast lying in its blood, naked often and sick, has been taken. They are all the children of Catholic parents, the greater number having had both parents Catholic, and all saved from the burning of heresy. Our enemies try to circulate that we are, like them, lying in wait for the children of our opponents. Some have been deceived by their false statements. The Chief Justice of Common Pleas, in a reported charge to the jury in a case of proselytism, last winter. though charging in favour of the Catholic party, fell into this mistake. Alas! we cannot find half our own children, much less to look after those of Protestants. To show the kind of Orphans rescued, we give two or three rather ordinary cases.

Mrs. B———, in half a year after her husband's death, found herself unable to support her five children. She gave a great part of her substance with three of them, to some relations in the country. She hoped to struggle on with her lightened burden. All, however, went, and in her extremity, she applied to a person calling himself Rev. Mr. G———. "I am a Roman Catholic," she said. "Well, I should be glad to do anything in my power for a Roman Catholic; but are you prepared to go to Church?" A faltering tongue said, "Yes." "Come down to the office." She went. They pitied

her, went through the form of making a collection for her, and gave her five shillings. They supplied about five shillings per week for some time, inquiring occasionally if she was going to Church. They sent her to the Protestant Registry office. There she was told that the incumbrance of children was a great obstacle. She went back to the office, and here they agreed to take the two children, and thought they could also make room for the three she had sent to the country, and that Mrs. - had a very fine situation in her gift. She brought the two children she had by her. The next day they were to pass the Doctor's examination and to be given up. She watched all that night. It was a wretched lodging, and she was afraid, she said, that the rats might tear the infants. One of them was about two years of age, who having heard some other children sing a hymn, took up the words, "Star of the Sea." These she kept repeating from time to time. The mother was in an agony. "My God, my God," she repeated, "am I going to send you where you will be taught to blaspheme the Blessed Virgin?" One of our Ladies happened to hear of her state, and sent for her just three hours before that of the appointed doom. She was touched. She said, "It is surely a voice from heaven, I'll not resist God;" and thus the little chent of the "Star of the Sea" has saved a whole family

Church, in Ireland. The youngest, an infant born in London, she took away with her, and it appears, from H. M.'s letters, that he could never after discover his child. The two elder, H. M., a little boy, and M. M., he strove to secure, and it is on oath, that he used to carry in his arms M. M. a mile every day and place her on the bench before him, and carry her home at night again, lest the mother should seize her and make her a Protestant. Fearing, however, that his children might still be stolen and their faith blasted, he wrote to his former employer in Dublin, telling his story and asking work. "I'll give up London, work, and all," said he, "to save my children." His employer promised work. He came on a cold December's night to Dublin. Delicate before, he got cold and began to sink. He only worked three weeks. Calling his landlady, he said, "I fear something may happen, and I give my children in charge to you, save them from the mother If there is no other way put them into the Poor House, and have them registered Catholics." The landlady desired him to go to his employer's wife, that she could better protect the children. He went and gave the children to her and she accepted the guardianship. "Get them," said he, "into a Catholic School if you can, but if not, here," said he, weeping, "is the ticket for the Poor House do not give them to the mother, but have them registered Catholics." He was still afraid, and stretching out his hand, he said, "Give 'me your hand and word that you will do this," and she did so. What more could man do, that did not know the folds of the English law? This was three days before his death. He went to the hospital, and as he was drawing near his end, the nurse swears that he was speaking continually about his children. "Oh my poor children," he cried, "save my children the mother will make Protestants of my children, save my children," and thus he died.

These facts are averred on oath by four eye and ear witnesses. That poor man died a martyr for the faith of his children, yet two of them are already rearing in heresy, and the third, a dear child who bears the sweet name of Mary, has been taken away

PERILS TO THE FAITH OF CATHOLIC ORPHANS.

We will now enumerate some of the Institutions, machinery, and snares, contrived for the destruction of our poor children's faith.

1st. The Protestant Orphan Society, founded in 1828, supports at present 420 Orphans, has already provided for 978. Per last Report, annual revenue £3,923. Has 97 auxiliary associations in Ireland, 12 in England. Has driven its machinery into the army, militia, and constabulary depot, as may be seen by last Report, where the names of the officers who made the collections are given. It is impossible to find the number of Catholic children taken here. The working members are all well-known proselytisers.

2nd. Protestant Orphan Union, founded in 1830, supports 132 Orphans, has already reared in heresy and settled in life 142. Receives none, by its own confession, but the children of mixed; marriages, has 36 auxiliary associations, chiefly in Ireland. Receipts, by last Report. £831

3rd. Connemara Nursery, Office, 12 D'Olier-street, Dublin, was founded in 1849, for the purpose of rearing in heresy the Orphans of those who died of starvation. We give their own account from their last Report.

"The famine which was caused by the disease of the potato, in the year 1847, made dreadful ravages in this part of the country It was the only food of the poor people, and when that failed, they died of starvation by hundreds. The year after, the Rev A. Dallas and the

Rev J Gregg travelled together through the country and they saw such dreadful scenes of suffering and death and such a number of poor starving Orphans, that they could not rest till they made an effort to save them. The old Glebe House of Ballyconree was hired, and a great many poor little boys and girls crowded in." It has at present two houses, one at Ballyconree for boys. the other at Clifden for girls, the two containing 94 children. Latterly, infants are sent there from different parts of Ireland. From the beginning, they have taken 294 of our poor children, and their last Report says, "Not one of these has gone back to the false religion they have been rescued from." When their education is finished, they are "appropriated." In a long list of these, we find Michael Joyce appropriated by Rev W Sherrard, Kilcullen, and Mary Conneley by Mrs. Crampton.

Their last Report gives a yearly revenue of £1,674. 4th. The North Circular Road Female Orphan House, founded in 1790, for children of all denominations, has at present upwards of 100 children, nearly all, if not all, the offspring of Catholic parents, now taught to hate Catholicity—supported by a Government-grant,

and by voluntary contributions.

5th. We have discovered 24 Orphan Institutions more through Ireland, all founded between the years 1830 and 1850, containing in the aggregate 1,576 children having trained in heresy and settled in life, 3,292. According to their own account, all these are now open to the children of mixed marriages. They are at work in the most Catholic counties, such as Longford. The Orphans are kept not in a body, but separately in Protestant families, and they are usually nursed at a distance from the place where they were picked up.

6th. Society for Irish Church Missions, whose receipts for the month of last October alone have been £1,597

This immense revenue comes almost entirely from England, and is spent in corrupting the children of poor Catholics.

7th. The Dublin Visiting Branch of the last-named Society has had receipts last year to the amount of £833. Looking to the last Report, we find Mrs. J Smyly and the Misses Brownlow put down as having collected £377 They have the city divided into districts, and collectors appointed for each, those of Fitzwilliam Square being the Misses Lefroy, and of Mountjoy Square, Mrs. Napier This is perhaps the vilest machine of all. They pay fourteen agents, whose business it is to pry into the poverty of the city, and to find Catholic families in destitution and poor widows in distress, to whom they give a few shillings weekly, or put their names in the Protestant Registry Office, and thus they get their poor infants, and send them to some of the institutions already named. A poor man, named E-, died some time ago, and because his wife had been a Protestant, he was but three hours dead, when two of these agents came about the children. To make hell blacker, the agents are believed to be themselves perverts.

8th. The notorious Adelaide Hospital, out of 100 beds, has 30 for children.

9th. They have established a Restaurant at 101 Stephen's Green, to train the poor children to be waitresses and smart servants. One of our Ladies was served there with soup by a poor child that had been robbed of her faith.

10th. Public schools, such as the Marine School and the Blue-Coat Hospital, subserve the wicked ends of these enemies of the Church. We became acquainted not long ago with the case of two little boys, brothers, whose father, a good Catholic, was drowned from a pilot boat, and the harbour-master of the port got

them into the Marine School. They are now confirmed Protestants. How many such recommendations

11th. Catholic infants have disappeared lately in various parts of Ireland, and they are supposed to have been stolen by these traders in the souls of men. A poor woman going into a shop in Dame Street last winter gave her child to a woman to hold till she came back. The child was taken away, and though the police were informed, it has never been found.

12th. They employ agents to go into Poor Houses to seduce the poor creatures there who have infants. Thus, Mrs. Daniel had been three years an inmate with her two little boys. A woman said to her one day, "Why should you stay here for the sake of your children? Get a pass on Friday, and you can go to Townsend St., and get your children provided for "The poor creature fell, and gave up her children, who were put into a vile place in Chancery Lane. There St. Bridget found and rescued them. One of them who had epileptic fits while there, has had none since.

13th. The Providence Home, 34 Charlemont Street, though not for infants, must be noticed. It is now twenty years established, and has admitted, by last report, 3781 girls. The object of this Institution is to take in young girls in distress, train them to service, and place them in Protestant families. Some of our Ladies have gone to this place and spoken to the inmates, and they were told that the greater number were Catholic girls. In the Report for 1859, we find the following suggestive note.

> "School-house, 20 New Street. 9th March, 1858.

"The Rev H. R. Halahan presents his compliments to the Committee of the Providence Home, and begs to recommend the bearer, Selina She is very destitute, and is obliged by her mother to attend Mass," etc., etc.

There are agents in the city to watch poor girls, especially of the country, and when these have pawned their clothes and come to want, the Providence Home is proposed, and alas! too often they fall into the trap.

We stop our enumeration to make the following notes. 1st. That having examined all the documents that could be procured, it appears that Parsons and their superintendents, and the wives and daughters of both, are the chief actors in this unholy war upon the dear children

of our poor

2nd. That all these parts form one whole, directed to one end, contrived and guided by some master minds, which look far into the future, have a large grasp, and yet attend perfectly to details. It is a gigantic conspiracy against the Church of God in Ireland, to rob her of her infants. For this purpose, every place of offence has been seized, the School, the Regimental School, the Hospital, the Charitable Foundation, the Orphan House, the Government Grant, the Court of Justice, the Legislature, and all this while we were

dreaming that we were emancipated.

The people say now that there is no law for the Catholic Orphan. The Catholic mother has told a he, and her child is taken from her The Catholic father travels hundreds of miles to save the faith of his children, and loses his life in the effort, and with his dying breath implores the guardians he appoints to rear them Catholic, and the law brings in a verdict of Protestantism against them. If Catholic children are in the hands of Protestants, they must not be disturbed lest their religious sentiments should get a shock, but if they are in a Religious House, and fly for safety to the bosom of God's spouse, they are dragged away and flung to heresy If public Committees, using public

monies, drive hundreds of Catholic Orphans into Protestant Institutions and are brought to account and pursued with a cry of justice, they throw a dozen to their pursuers, and say, "Down, and thank us." If all other means fail, the Chancellor puts forth his hand and makes the poor little victim a ward.

In God's name, then, we turn our faces to another year, and take again the road of our forefathers, a road of trials, tears, fines, imprisonments, and blood, and we will try to fight out the fight they fought for the Faith which is found in the one Holy Catholic and Roman Church. Strong hands are knocking at the empire of Satan, perhaps it will crumble soon, perhaps the morning breaks and justice is coming to visit our poor land. Whether or not, our duty is clear—Under our Bishops and Clergy, and especially under the guidance of St. Laurence's successor, we will save as many Orphan children of our Catholic poor as we can. To every one who loves the Faith and the Orphan, we say, come and help us. In God's name, and our Lady's, and St. Bridget's, come.

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Amount received from the several Guilds, with the Names of the Collectors:

St. Patrick's Guild-Total amount received and handed in by the President, £39 17 $1\frac{1}{2}d$.

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Mr. P Kavanagh, £	12 16	$6\frac{1}{2}$	Mr. Kerrigan, £0 7	6	
Mr. I Ravallagil,	7 2	6	Fox 7	2	
,, Thos. White,		6	", Gilligan, 6	6	
" Heavy,	5 3			-	
, Patrick Gibney,	2 9	0	,, Lynam, 5	10	
Tales White	1 15	45	., Hanrahan, 4	6	
Tordon	1 15	5	Mahon, 4	2	
Bannon,	1 15	1	" M'Donnell, 4	0	
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Messrs. Bannon and					
Taylor,	1 6	7	house Porters' Society, 8	3	
Mr. Cassidy,	1 4	31	Recd. from Mr. Clarke, 17	3	
" T Moore,	12	0			
", Whitty,	11	8	£39 17	15	
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St. Kevin's Guild-Total amount received and handed in by the President, £28 18 03

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Mr. Goodwin,	£8	12	113*	Mr. Murtagh,	£1	10	9
Messrs. Quin and	d			" Groves,	1	0	6
Magrath,	7	9	7+	,, Berkely		19	4
Messrs. Osborn	е			" Donegan,		17	4
and Whelan,		11	4	,, Dunne,		14	10
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^{*} Including the whole amount received by all the Collectors during the months of January, March, and April.

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St. Columbrille's Guild—Total amount received and handed in by the President, £16 9 8½.			
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Mr. Thos. Deegan, £2 17 9 " Joseph Silver, 2 13 11 " Clarke, 2 6 2 " Litton, 2 5 0 " O'Dea, 1 14 0½ Byrne, 1 0 8½ Mr. Andw Kenrick, £0 " Thomas Long, " Daniel Lynch, " Walsh, Received from "The Old Andrean Burial	2 1	10	3
Messrs. M'Mahon Society, Triands	7		0 8
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Charles Putland, Esq., Bray, 10 0 0 Canon M'Cabe, Cabe, Canon M'Cabe, Ca	5,6	0	0
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Mr. Mullins, ,, Whelan, St. Columbkille's Guild.—Total amount received and handed in by the President, £2 4s. $6\frac{1}{2}d$.

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" Byrne, Clarke,	0 7	6	£2	4	6	

Guild of our Blessed Lady Immaculate.—Total amount received and handed in by the President, Rev W H. Anderdon, C.U.,

£1 2s.

Guild of St. Laurence O'Toole.—Total amount received and handed in by the President, £2 17s. 10d.

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Mr. Kinsella, ,, Kelly,		12 12		Mr. Nixon, ,, Morris,	£0 0	6 5	1 0
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Guild of the Immaculate Conception.—Total amount received and handed in by Mr. Meyers, £2 0s. 5½d

GUILD OF St. Canice.—Total amount received and handed in by the President, Mr. Smith, £0 14s. 6d.

Guild of St. Malachy.—Collected by Mr. Stokes, £0 7s. 01d.

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John D'A	£	S.	d.
John D'Arcy and Sons, Esqs.,	1	0	0
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Sister Mary Clare, St. Bridget's Convent, J. Lynch, Esq.,	0	15	3
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