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FOR

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The Annual Meeting of St. Brigid's Orphanage was held on the 20th November, 1861, in St. Kevin's Chapel, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough Street.

THE RIGHT REV DR. WHELAN, LORD BISHOP OF BOMBAY, IN THE CHAIR.

Amongst those present were, the Very Rev Monsignor Woodlock, Rector of the Catholic University, Very Rev Canon Pope, Adm., Very Rev Canon O'Connell, P.P; Very Rev Canon Roche, P.P, Very Rev Canon Farrell, P.P, Rev Edward Kennedy, P.P, Very Rev Father Curtis, S.J, Very Rev Father Russell, O.P, Rev Mr Purcell, C.C., Rev J Gowan, C.M.; Rev W Irwin, C.C., Rev P O'Neill, C.C., Rev N

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The Right Rev Dr Whelan, on taking the chair, said he had to apologise for the absence of his Grace the Archbishop, but though he was unavoidably absent, they had with them his blessing and his good wishes to co-operate with them in every way. They would hear his own letter, in which he stated the reason why he was not present.

The Rev Mr Purcell then read the following letter from His Grace the Archbishop:—

"19th November, 1861

" MY DEAR MISS AYLWARD,

"I regret that the remnant of a severe cold prevents me from having the pleasure of being present at the Meeting of the Ladies of the Society of St. Vincent of Paul to be held to-morrow I trust, however, that your Meeting will be crowned with success, and that a general feeling of sympathy will be excited in favour of all the good works of that Society, but especially in support of the most meritorious of all, I mean the Orphanage of St. Brigid. Snares are laid on every side for the tender lambs of the fold, and furious wolves are prowling about disguised in sheep's clothing, seeking to devour them. How sad would be the children's lot were they robbed of that Catholic faith without which it is impossible to please God, or deprived of the advantages

of belonging to the one, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, out of whose pale there is no salvation! How miserable are those who depend in matters of religion on their own private judgment, and who are continually tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, changing from day to day, and never having any certainty of the opinions they possess Yet, acting, as it were, on the example of the fallen angels, who, through envy, seek to involve the children of Adam in common perdition with themselves, many men, not knowing what to believe, and living always in uncertainty as to vital questions of religion, seem to set their hearts on destroying the peace which we enjoy, and depriving us of that safety which we possess by following the guidance of the Catholic Church, the pillar and the ground of truth. What a meritorious work to reveal the insidious arts and to defeat the projects of the tempter and the prose-Undoubtedly, the Ladies of the Association of the Orphanage have already acquired great merit by their labours in the great work of defending the faith, and the multitudes of children whom they have rescued from error and perdition prove with what eminent success these labours have been blessed.

"As we are now menaced with great distress, it is necessary for the Ladies of the Association to excite all the fervour of their zeal. The proselytiser and the tempter will be at the door of every dwelling where misery prevails, offering assistance, but only on the wicked condition that the souls of poor children shall be sold to heresy, and bartered for food and clothing. Such doings are unworthy of Christian charity, and merit the reprobation of every liberal and honest man, it matters not what his religious opinions may be. Oh it is disgraceful to refuse assistance to the poor unless they consent to become apostates and to renounce the religion inherited from their fathers, and which they believe to be true.

"Trusting that your Association will be successful in defeating such wicked schemes, and wishing all the Ladies of the Association every blessing,

I remain, your devoted servant,

PAUL CULLEN

"I enclose £5 as a donation to St. Brigid's Orphanage."

The following Report was read and adopted.

The Managers of St. Brigid's Orphanage beg leave to submit their Report for the past year to the Association and the Catholic public. But first, we give thanks to the Almighty God, ever good and ever merciful, that He has been pleased, during the past year, to consolidate and to bless this work. We give thanks to the ever Blessed Mother of God, to St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Brigid, St. Laurence, and all the countless Irish Saints who surround the throne of God, for their patronage. This is their work, and they have protected it.

BLESSING OF PIUS IX.

Two years ago we had the happiness of announcing to those engaged in our holy work of protecting the faith of the Irish Orphan, the Indulgences granted to them, at the request of our revered Archbishop, by our Holy Father Pope Pius IX, whom may God protect from the hands of his enemies. This year we have to thank him for a beautiful and appropriate present which he has bestowed upon the work of St. Brigid. He saw this institution assailed by heresy, and almost overwhelmed by the misstatements and calumnies of an unscrupulous press. He said, I will sustain them. To make the present more valuable still, he commissioned our saintly Primate to be its bearer. The Primate, with that kindly

and delicate discrimination which distinguish him, presented the gift on last St. Brigid's day. That the people of Ireland might see how Pope Pius IX feels for them, and that those especially of St. Brigid's Association might have a perpetual memorial of his goodness, we requested the Primate to authenticate the present.

Here is His Grace's letter:-

"Armagh, February 16th, 1861.

"MY DEAR MISS AYLWARD,

"The circumstances in which our Most Holy Father Pius IX so kindly made me the bearer to you of that beautiful present, which I had the honour of handing to you on St. Brigid's day, were as follows:-On the 10th of January, His Holiness graciously admitted me to an audience to take leave. On that occasion, he gave his blessing to the faithful of this diocese, and, indeed, to the people of Ireland generally, for it may be said, that the Holy Father avails himself of every opportunity to testify his affection and gratitude towards his children of Ireland. I then asked His Holmess for a special blessing for some, of whom you were one. He most graciously granted my request. When I mentioned your name, the Holy Father seemed as if he had been reflecting on your sufferings for the Catholic Orphan, for he had previously heard of your case from the respected Rector of the Irish College in Rome. His Holiness may have been also moved by the consideration of the storm which Satan had raised against himself throughout Europe, and nowhere more fiercely than in these countries, because he would not permit the child Mortara to be robbed of his faith, more valuable to him than his life. The Holy Father, therefore, not only blessed you most cordially, but added, "Ah la Poveretta I must send her a present." He then

gave me for you, that beautiful figure of St. Peter on precious stone, set in gold, placed in its handsome case.

"This is the authentic record of an event which has been to you, I am sure, a source of great joy, and will ever continue to be such.

I remain, my dear Miss Aylward, With sincerest respect, Most faithfully yours,

JOSEPH DIXON."

APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR.

The next gratifying fact which we have to Report to the Association is the appointment of a Director The work had outgrown our powers, and a Priest was necessary to direct, to superintend, and to stimulate. His Grace the Archbishop and the Primate most kindly interested themselves, and applied to the Congregation of the Mission for the appointment of the Rev Father Gowan. The Very Rev Mr Etienne, Superior-General of the Congregation of the Mission, and the Very Rev Father Dowley, its Superior in Iroland, took the matter into consideration, and made the appointment. Now our Association has, under His Grace, a Director, a bond and a guarantee of permanence. Thus, thank God, everything comes when its time comes, everything grows in St. Brigid's work with a natural growth.

THE ORPHANAGE ERECTED INTO AN ASSOCIATION.

Another sign of progress and of consolidation is the raising of the Orphanage into an Association. It must be remembered that the Pope, in granting us Indulgences two years ago, called us an Association. This year we have acted upon this high sanction, and with His Grace's approbation, Rules were drawn up, and a

card of membership prepared. The card is an engraving of St. Brigid protecting some Orphans. A round tower and an Irish cross are seen on her left arm, the oak of Kildare and the Saint's cell on her right, and the mountains of Ireland form the back ground. She bears a crosier, showing her authority of Abbess, and her eyes are raised to heaven for protection for her Irish Orphans. On the same page, underneath, are the Rules and Privileges of the Association. For this engraving, so beautiful and so appropriate, we are chiefly indebted to the Rev. Father Murphy, C.M., of the Irish College, Paris. The Rules are few and simple, and their observance within the reach of everybody The Privileges are very great, and will, we trust, induce Catholics at large to become members. For those who live at a distance, we append the Rules and Privileges.

Bules und Pribileges of St. Brigid's Association.

RULES.

1. The members seek their own sanctification, they say their prayers every morning and night, go to confession every month, and recite the Rosary every evening.

2. They offer up the following prayers daily, for the salvation of children in danger of loss of faith, viz. one Pater and Ave, then, Immaculate Mother of the Child Jesus, pray for us, and Saint Brigid, pray for us.

3. They contribute to the support of Saint Brigid's children.

4. They give notice, to the managers, of any opportunity they may find of apprenticing, putting to service, or otherwise providing for Saint Brigid's children.

5. If they discover any Catholic child in a Protestant school or orphanage, or otherwise in danger of loss

of faith, they will, with prudence and charity, speak to its parents or guardians, and this failing, to the Clergy of the Parish.

PRIVILEGES.

1. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered eight times in each month for the members.

2. The Orphans are taught to pray daily for their benefactors.

3. 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 the most Blessed Virgin, in the Metropolitan Church, Dublin, and a Plenary Indulgence provided they approach the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist on the feast of Saint Brigid, on the feast of Saint Laurence O'Toole, 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.

PIUS IX, May 12, 1859

By raising the Orphanage into an Association, we obtain the following results 1st. The prayers of thousands of fervent souls, which will ascend to heaven daily for the protection of the faith of the Irish Orphan and destitute child.

2nd. We secure a permanent organization, and, in these, we are only striving to carry out the injunctions of His Grace, who, in his letter of the 29th September, 1859, wrote thus "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.

3rd. The attention of the poor will be called to the necessity of sustaining each other against the common

enemy, their vigilance will be stimulated, and the authority of their Pastor will be brought to bear upon those who may be under the fascination of the serpent.

4th. The devotion of the Irish people for their Irish Saints will be increased, and thus our sainted forefathers, who trod this land and made it holy, will reign more and more in our hearts.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

But what will be especially gratifying to the children of St. Brigid is the establishment of a poor school. To combat the proselytism of Catholic infants, it is not enough to establish an Orphanage. Many children living with their parents are going to proselytising dayschools. To counteract these, it is necessary to establish more Catholic schools. Thanks be to God, we have made a small beginning. It was our intention to take a large room or a floor in the midst of the poor, set up a statue of the Blessed Virgin, and begin. As we were looking out for a suitable place, one of our Ladies saw the Very Rev Father Cooke, and casually made mention of the project. He said, at once, "I'll put you into possession of a room, and you can have it the first year rent-free." We thanked him. A charitable Gentleman, being told of the matter, most kindly thanked us for being permitted to furnish the school-room, and asked no earthly return but the concealment of his name. Thus, "St. Brigid's Catholic School" was opened in Crow Street without any formality, save the blessing of God, on the seventh day of October, 1861. It is, at present, full of poor children, the strictest discipline is maintained, and they are learning rapidly

It is necessary, perhaps, to state on what principles we hope to conduct our schools.—1. We will call them Catholic. We will endeavour to visit the poor of the school-district, and admit first those whose faith may be

in any danger, then the more destitute.—2. To the state is given power to rule society, but to the Church God has given a commission to teach. In our humble way we will do all in our power to strengthen the hands of the Church, believing that she alone can command the swelling waves of human passions, reach the heart, form the man, and save society.—3. We will try to fit the children for their position in society Over-education fills the poor with illusory hopes, and for one who succeeds, it leaves thousands prowling about the outskirts of the professions, filled with the bitterness of disappointment, angry with their fellow-man, railing against authority, assailing religion, and, at last, gnawing in their despair the very bonds of society We will try to teach the poor children reading, writing, and some ciphering. and the girls as much sewing as will enable them to mend and make for an humble family.-4. We will put ourselves absolutely and unreservedly under the Church. We will inculcate upon the children a great veneration for religion, reverence for the Priest, unbounded confidence in God, a spirit of snbmission to their parents and superiors, a love of honest work, and the constant practice of their religious duties.

To do all this, the Almighty God, through the prayers of our Lady, St. Brigid, and St. Patrick, will send us more teachers who will work, not for hire, but for God, who, by faith, will see Christ in each of these poor little children; who will walk in the footsteps of their Lord, teaching the poor, and thus earn an everlasting crown. Upon this one thing, the education of the poor, depend the future of Ireland and the future of society

THE ORPHANAGE .- CHILDREN SAVED.

The foregoing are facts which the Association and the Catholic public should know, and we come now to the business of the Orphanage. We are happy to be able

to report a large number of Orphans saved from proselytism. At the last Annual Meeting, the number we announced was 252 this year we have added to St. Brigid's family 59 Orphans and destitute children, making the total number of Catholic children saved from heresy 311. Of these, 18 have been returned to their parents or guardians, and are safe, 1 has been put to service, and 5 have died. In the admission of these Orphans no test has been applied but that of danger to their faith. Indeed, we have to thank the friends of the charity, very sincerely, for leaving us at liberty to receive or reject the cases which they sometimes presented.

On this account, the children received have been almost exclusively from the poorest of the poor They have been also, with two or three exceptions, in the utmost danger of losing their faith, and in some cases their lives have been saved, for they are all admitted without any medical certificate, and, consequently, in different states of health. They are likewise, in many instances, the children of sorrow and oppression. For, as we said in former Reports, though found in Dublin, they are from all parts of Ireland. Their poor parents, unable to live at home, or, perhaps, uprooted from that home of their childhood and their affections, drag their weary bones to Dublin, die, and leave us their Orphans. To show the usefulness of this Association and the necessity of maintaining it, we give a few of the cases admitted during the last year

John M'Kealy is a child that was presented to St. Brigid by Father O'Neill. The child's mother was a Protestant, but in her last sickness she sent for a Priest to reconcile her to God and his Church. After receiving the inestimable grace of the faith and the remission of her sins, she begged that the same favour might be bestowed upon her child lately born. Father O'Neill con-

sented, provided she appointed Catholic guardians for her child. The guardians were appointed, and the happy mother died. The nearest Protestant relative came to claim the child, but it was safe. How satisfactory for that Priest to have saved that child, and to have an institution ready to relieve him from the long and serious care necessary for the education of it

William Molloy was a child whose parents were both Catholic. It was an only child, and the mother was still quite young. She had an utter repugnance to enter the workhouse, and, out of it, she could not support herself and the child. In this difficulty, a Protestant relative took the child, and the mother went to service. It is only just to say that the child's Protestant friends took no pains to proselytise. But, there it was, going to school with Protestant children, learning Protestant prayers, and imbibing heretical ideas. The child was five years of age when our attention was called to it by one of St. Brigid's Guildsmen. We caused a search to be made for the mother. She was found, and she took the child and gave it to St. Brigid.

K—— B—— and E——— N—— are two children which we received from a good woman who came by them thus Two mothers having, between them, three children, lived in ——— Lane, and, being very poor were visited by some bible-readers, who gave them money and food at different times. The unhappy creatures grew poorer in their hands, and the proselytisers proposed to them to give up their three children. The bargain was made, the children were bought, and next day, were to be delivered, when our good woman heard of it. She went to the mothers, who showed her the following note, which had just been received:—

"Palace, Stephen's Green, 27th August, 1861.

"If Mrs. — will please call here any morning during the week, she will find a vacancy for her children, where they will be comfortably cared and attended to, to her satisfaction."

She offered to take the three children and rear them. God gave her power to touch the unhappy mothers' hearts. She brought home the three children. But her zeal had outstript her means, for she was unable to support such an additional charge. St. Brigid took one, and then, at the request of one of St. Pulcheria's Guild, another

John Duff is a little boy who, in his childhood, met an accident by which his spine was broken. His father is dead, and his mother is a servant with a salary of three pounds a year. She allowed two shillings a month to a poor woman in Johnson's Court to keep the little boy The poor woman supplemented this small pension by sending him to King's-Inns Street school, where he received some soup, and heard the Church of God reviled. Here he remained for nearly two years. It is not the habit of the proselytisers to take unhealthy or deformed children, but they would put Catholics in a false position. So, one of the females in charge went to a Catholic Orphanage and asked admission for Duff. The Orphanage was full, which we know to be a fact, and there was no admission. "There now," said the woman to his friends, "your own won't take you. Poor boy," said she, "we will provide for you and give you education, and you will be something good yet " It was on a Monday evening that one of our good Guildsmen was passing by and saw a knot of poor women talking very earnestly They said it was a pity the poor boy should be lost. The Guildsman inquired, and found that the bargain was made, and that the boy was to be delivered up next morning. He ran up to St. Brigid's. We sifted the matter, and found all his statements correct. J Duff is now St. Brigid's son.

We have selected these cases because they are ordinary They are, in fact, only samples of classes of children saved from imminent danger of loss of faith. St. Brigid has now saved 310 of these poor Orphans in five years. God be praised

EDUCATION OF THE ORPHANS.

To understand this part of our Report, it is necessary to keep in mind our mode of education. St. Brigid's children are not enclosed within walls, but grow up, as their fathers did, in the green fields of their dear Ireland. Thus they acquire health and strength, and learn a little to shift for themselves. When we question them, they always talk of their home, their mother, their sisters and brothers, their cow, or their pig, or their fowl. Poor things they have struck root again, and the tender fibres of their young affections have a genial and a holy soil in which to ramify and to grow strong.

During the past year, a more respectable class of nurses have presented themselves. In fact, many of St. Brigid's children now see the Priest coming to hold a station in their houses. Like the "Ark of the Lord," St. Brigid's child has brought a blessing to the house, and the neighbours of a higher class seeing it, wish to secure for themselves like favours.

The two public inspections and examinations were held, as usual, during the last year. The result was, that payment was not suspended in any case on account of want of care, but 4 children, who were not thriving, were removed to other localities. With these exceptions, all was satisfactory 42 Orphans received the premium of half sovereign for knowledge of prayers and cate-

chism, 11 for reading, 3 for writing, and 44 were confirmed. Indeed, if there is any fault here, it is that they are confirmed too young. The Archbishop has seen them in his visitations, and he has remarked that they are amongst the best-instructed of the poor of his flock. Indeed, the Priest of the place sometimes feels a pleasure in calling his Grace's attention to St. Brigid's children.

The greater part of our Orphans are yet but mere infants. Some, however, are ready for trades or service. Applications for apprentices and servants are beginning to come in. A respectable trades-woman applied the other day for a little girl. We sent for one of our oldest children, Margaret Bourke, who is twelve years of age. She came with her nurse, Mrs. Hopkins. We said that Margaret was to be put to a good trade. Margaret began to cry and Mrs. Hopkins began to cry, and both begged that they might not be parted. We said that she should now learn to earn her bread. Mrs. Hopkins said she would take her altogether, and make her her own, and do for her as one of her own children. We refused, but, at her own request, we allowed Mrs. Hopkins to come back at four o'clock. In the mean time, the Priest came and called the little girl. "Would you not like to come to Dublin?" he said to her "No, sir," she said, "I'd rather go home." "But your sisters live in Dublin, and you will see them, and you will get a trade." "I don't care, sir, let me go home." "But what will Mr Hopkins say?" "Oh sir," she said, "he told her this morning not to come home without me. Do, sir, let me go home." "But what has Mrs. Hopkins done for you?" "She makes me say my prayers, and she sends me to confession, and I got the premium for reading last summer, and I'll get the premium for writing next day, and I was the same as one of her own children in the house. Won't you let me go home, sir?"

At four o'clock, Mrs. Hopkins returned. "Is Margaret gone?" she asked. "No, thanks be to God," she said. "I was two hours and a half below watching the door for fear she'd go. That child," she continued, "took more care of me when I was sick than any of my own children." The poor child had neither father nor mother, so we thought it better not to put them asunder At the same time, we must say, that Mrs. Hopkins has lost nothing, for in Margaret Bourke she has a good child. Under this head of the rearing of our children, we have many very interesting facts to tell, but it would swell the Report into a volume.

SUPPORT OF THE ORPHANS.

Human means alone could never support the works of God, and, therefore, we have asked the prayers of many servants of God. We are happy to be able to inform all our Associates, that many prayers have been offered for them by the best, and the holiest, and the purest in the Irish Church. Very many of the Clergy and several Religious Houses are praying for them. Indeed, beside these, a few good Priests have most generously engaged to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice eight times every month, permanently, for the Association.

The amount of subscriptions, donations, and collections during the past year, has been £1,429 14s. $7\frac{1}{4}$ d.

For a portion of this sum we are indebted to the Jesuit Fathers of St. Francis Xavier's, in addition to many former acts of kindness, they have, this year given us a sermon in their church.

Besides this support in money, we have received from many Ladies valuable help in the shape of clothing for the Orphans. Some have given worn, but substantial dresses other Ladies have made, with their own hands, comfortable garments, and these have saved the outlay of a great deal of money We have also re-

ceived several rich presents for instance, one Lady has given her gold watch, another has presented, through the Archbishop, a rare book of beautiful engravings. It is necessary here to make a few observations: 1. This large amount of support has been obtained without a naid collector, and without a single shilling of per centage. 2. The Bishops and Priests of Ireland, and especially of this archdiocese, have contributed a large portion of this sum. 3. These subscriptions have, in many cases, been accompanied with letters whose beautiful and cheering words gave new energy and new life to the over-worked and weary who were serving the Orphans. 4. This sum, though large, is, when compared with the number of Orphans to be supported, small, and never could have supported them but for the strict economy practised in the administration of the charity 5 The guilds have made collections among the poor they have collected the pence and farthings of those whom our Lord has pronounced blessed, and these we value as the most precious offerings made to St. Brigid's children. What can we give to all these friends of the Orphan, and to many others whom we cannot name? It is fortunate for the Orphans that their friends do not expect a reward here. No, our Associates and Subscribers are, indeed, the defenders of the faith, the fathers of the fatherless, the support of the helpless, and the protectors of innocence, and surely, He who keeps the account, will give them an unfading crown.

THE FUTURE.

It is not necessary, this year, to give statistics of proselytism. Everybody now sees the wolf in our streets, on our walls, in our institutions, in the press, in our law-courts, in the dwellings of our poor, and beside their death-bed. The perils which encompass our

youth, and especially the defenceless children of our poor, have almost appalled the strongest minds. Let us then endeavour to keep the banner of St. Brigid flying. Ireland is an apostolic nation, she propagates the faith in every clime, but she must not forget to protect it at home. We, therefore, most humbly ask the Clergy to assist us. Our organizations and plans are only dried bones the Clergy alone can breathe upon them and give them life. We ask them to encourage their people to become members of St. Brigid's Association, to say a word now and then from the altar for it, to send us a few men from each Confraternity who will strengthen our guilds, to call the attention of charitable Ladies to our Friday meetings, that they may come and have a share in the good work. This work is truly the Propagation of the Faith, it is more; it is the preservation of the faith in the land of Patrick, the home of Brigid, the country of Columbkille, and Kevin, and Laurence, and Malachy It is a struggle against power, against darkness, against hypocrisy and bribes. It is a struggle to keep Ireland pure, and moral, and Catholic till the day of her resurrection. Yes, dear Ireland, ever verdant in thy beauty, ever young in the permanence of thy old faith, thy poor shall be protected, and thy Orphans shall not be robbed of their inheritance. Thy Catholicity is stronger than thy chains, it shall outwear them and outlive them. A second life awaits thee, and from the grave of thy oppressions, thou shalt arise a purer and a more Catholic nation.

ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

The following Donations and Subscriptions in aid of the above Institution have been received from 1st November, 1860, to 6th November, 1861:—

	£	s.	d.
His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin,	17	0	0
His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Armagh,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Derry,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Killaloe,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Cloyne,	1	0	0
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The Lord Bishop of Dromore,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Galway	1	0	0
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Jr. Browne, per His Grace the Most Rev Dr.			
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Mr. Patrick Harvey, £2, James Smith, 1	14 6	8	Mr. Patrick Byrne,	£1	3	0	
				£5	4	6	

GUILD OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

Per Mr. Coghlan, President.

Collected by

Campbell, Mr. Collier, Mr. Wynne,	£17	14 15	6 11 <u>±</u>			£0			
, -III,	2	10	$0\frac{1}{2}$	Brought forwa	ard,	£24	15	9	

Brought forward, £24 15 Messrs. Hartford, M'Cabe, & Lynch, 7 16	9 Mr. Finnegan, Messrs. Finnegan Shortall,	£2	2 111
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" Lynch, 9	3 Messrs. Finnegan	&	0
" Connolly & Son, 3 12	0 Shannon,		5 9
" Christr. Cullen, 1 4	6	-	
" Thomas Carroll, 18	2	£48	16 21
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Guild of Our Blessed Lady Immaculate.

Per the Rev W H. Anderd	on, C.U.,	£9 1 0½
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St. Joseph's Guild.

Collected by

Messrs. Hartford and			Messrs. Ware and			
M'Cabe, £8	1	5분	77.7 4	£0	5	1
Messrs. Grogan and		~	Messrs. Byrnes and			
Robbins, 7	0	6	Clarke,		4	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Mr. Grogan,	15	81	Mr Byrnes,	1	4	8
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	12	7	Byrne,	1	6	2분
Mr. Fox,	1	9	Messrs. Brooks and			2
Messrs. Fox and			Feeny	1	1	0
Byrne,	12	81			13	9
Messrs. Ware and			Mr. Edwards,		5	10
M'Auliffe,	2	8				
Mr. Ware,	1	7	Magney, 12 th . He	£31	9	81/2

ST. COLUMBANUS'S GUILD.

Instituted, October, 1861.

Per Mr. Corcoran, Per Mr. O'Donohue, Per Mr Dempsey,	£0 1	3 7	7 Per Mr. Timmon, 6 Per Mr. Delaney	£0	2 6	6 9
Jun.,		5	0	£2	5	4

PER ST. PULCHERIA'S GUILD.

Per	Miss	001011	£2	15 14	0 1	Per Miss Norris, £: ,, Miss Manning, (in-	10	9
99	Mrs.	White,		8	0	cluding her own sub.,)	10	0
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27	Mrs.		16		11	0 0,	2	6
"	MISS	Cullen,		11		Mrs. O'Connell,	5	0
"	Miss	Costelloe,	1				12	6
99	Miss	Gowan,		11	6	,, Mrs. Mara,	7	0
22	Mrs.	Caine,	0.00	19	9	TATE OUTIL	7 6 6 6	10
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,,		Byrne,		5	0	,	15	0
22		Carton,		10	0	Per Miss B. King, 1	1	4
,,	Miss	O'Connor		10	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Per Miss Beatty, 1	0	0
22	Miss	Corbally,		12	3	Per Anne Murray,	3	1
"	Mrs.	M'Evoy,		2	6	Mrs. Crawell, card,	5	0
22	Mrs.	M'Devitt,		9	2	Per Miss Beahan,	3	0
"		Devine,		7	2	Per Miss O'Meara,	8	6

SUNDRY COLLECTIONS.

Collected by

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Mr. P Doyle, £0	13	1=	Two Collectors, per	
Messrs. Doyle and		2	Rev. D. Heyfron, £0 7	2
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Messrs. Birch and			Box, October, 1861,	
Campbell,	10	0	(no name,) 14	0
Mr. Humphreys,	13	8	Collected from Work-	
" M'Caul,	1	6	men of Midland Gt.	
" M'Mahon,	1	10	Western Railway, 10 14	2
Messrs. Hartford and			Geographic American Acceptage	
M'Cabe,	1 1	0	£15 8	6¥

SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM LOAN FUNDS, &c.

The Dargan Loan-Fund Society, per Mr. Deegan, The Carmen's Followship Society, per Mr. Deegan,	£	s. 11	d.
St. Laurence O'Toole's Tenting Seriet Per Mr. Deegan,	0	5	0
Deegan,	0	90	0
	£1	5	1

Brought forward,	£1	5	1
Daniel O'Connell's and Old Erin Society, per Mr			
Deegan,	0	4	0
Andrean Patriotic Loan-Fund Society, per Mr			
Deegan,		10	0
St. Patrick's Loan-Fund Society, per Mr. Deegan,		9	0
Old Andrean Burial Society, per Mr Deegan,		0	0
The Workmen's Loan-Fund Society, per Mr Deegan,		10	0
The Erin-Go-Bragh Society, per Mr. Kinsella,	0	12	6
St. Joseph's and St. Teresa's Society, per Mr.			
Kinsella,	0	10	4
The True Sons of St. Kevin's Tontine Society per			
Rev W H. Anderdon,		8	$0\frac{I}{2}$
St. Clare's Society, per Rev W H. Anderdon,	0	4	31/2
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There are three ways in which you can assist it:—Ist., by your prayers; 2ndly by your alms; 3rdly by soliciting the contributions of others, and communicating the knowledge of this great work of Charity to your acquaintances.

St. Brigid's Orphanage was founded by the Ladies' Association of Charity, Metropolitan Parish), in the beginning of the year 1857, for the purpose of rescuing Catholic Orphans and destitute infants from the Proselytisers.

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It is proposed, with the help of God, to go on till five hundred or more are saved, and you are requested to put your hand to this work of God.

A work of God truly, for it has been enriched lately by our Holy Father Pope Pius IX with many Indulgences, and has received the blessing and support of sixteen Archbishops and Bishops, and a great number of the Clergy, and several of the Superiors of Religious Houses.

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You are requested to say one Ave Maria each day for the salvation of infants in danger of perversion.

You are also requested to give some little alms every week, every month, or even every year

Above all, you are entreated to take an active part in the work, to influence others, and to collect their subscriptions.

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