explained) will consider that on a female guardian marrying, her powers as a guardian came to an end, and it will consider whether, taking into account the character and position of her husband, it will be beneficial for the children to reappoint her.

Note by Mr Bagshawe.

I have considered the above suggestions, and in my opinion they are an accurate statement of the English Law on the subject to which they relate.

(Signed)

Lincoln's Inn, 28th April, 1858. W H. G. BAGSHAWE.

applied to the uses and purposes of said Orphanage, and for which the Receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge."

*** Devises of Land or of Money charged on Land, or secured on Mortgage of Lands or Tenements, or to be laid out in Lands or Tenements, are void; but Money or Stock may be given by Will, if not directed to be laid out in Land.

Note.—It should be particularly noticed, that no Will whatsoever, whether of real or personal property, which bears date after the first day of January, 1838, is valid, unless it be signed at the foot by the Testator, or by some person in his presence, and by his direction, and said signature acknowledged by him in the presence of two witnesses, who shall sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

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A Meeting of the above Association was held on the 16th November, 1864, in St. Kevin's Chapel, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Marlborough Street.

HIS GRACE THE LORD ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN IN THE CHAIR.

Amongst those present were, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Very Rev Dean O'Connell, P.P Very Rev Mgr Forde, P.P., V.G Very Rev Canon M Cabe, V G., P.P; Very Rev Dr Maher, P.P, Very Rev D P. O'Reilly, O S.F C., Rev M. A. Fricker, Rev M O'Callaghan, C.M., Sir John Bradstreet, Rev M O'Donnell, C.C., Very Rev Walter Murphy, Adm., Marlborough Street, Rev W Irwin, do., Rev Mr O'Neill, C.C., do., Rev Mr O'Farrell, do., Rev N Donnelly, do., Rev Mr Purcell, do., Very Rev Dr Murray, Eccles Street, Rev J G. Horgan, C.C., Rev James Murphy, Rev. J Gowan, C.M., Rev James Lee, C.C., Booterstown, Very Rev Canon Kennedy, P.P, Rev Mr Heffernan, Rev J Walsh, C.C., Rev Mr. Carberry, Rev Mr Byrne, Very Rev Father Callan, S.J, Rev Mr Mullally, Ignatius Kennedy, Esq, Rev Mr. Fagan, Black-

rock, Rev Mr Doran, Very Rev Dr Spratt, Rev. Thomas O'Reilly, Rev Mr Dillon, Kingstown Very Rev Canon Roche, P.P., Very Rev Canon Butler, P.P., Rev. F Doyle, Alderman Dillon, Very Rev Canon Redmond, Arklow, R. J Devitt, Esq., T.C., A. M Sullivan, Esq., T.C., Dr N E Whyte, Rev Joseph O'Carroll, etc.

The following Report was read and adopted.

May it please Your Grace,

For the eighth time it becomes the pleasing duty of the Managers of St. Brigid's Orphanage to submit to Your Grace, the Clergy, and the friends of the Institution, their Annual Report.

An Institution which has for its object the apostolic work of defending the faith, must expect contradiction, and this St. Brigid has had from the beginning, partly from the misapprehension of friends, partly from the enemies of the Church, and chiefly from the malice of the evil one. But long ago Your Grace said that prejudice would be dissipated, and truth prevail in the end, and so it is coming to pass.

During the past year some Catholics have tendered support, expressing regret for having hitherto supposed St. Brigid's to be a proselytising Institution. Several Protestants too have begun to see that there is nothing in St. Brigid's but what the smallest sect claims, viz., the right to defend its principles and protect the faith of its weaker members by lawful means.

A Protestant gentleman in England was solicited lately for a subscription he replied, that he would give

nothing till he had the means of understanding the nature and working of the Orphanage. A Report was sent him. He remitted a subscription, with the following words "I cannot help admiring this work, where the greatest amount of good is done at the least expense."

A noble Lady, a Protestant also, wrote to inquire the conditions of receiving and the system of rearing and educating the Orphans, and on receiving an account, engaged to give each year a considerable portion of the support of two destitute children that were in danger of falling into the hands of proselytisers. Several other Protestants, though in a less marked way, have encouraged and supported the work.

Thus the Institution, like a ship when the storm is subsiding, begins to right itself and proceed more prosperously in its blessed course, while, on the other hand, the vile arts by which Catholic Orphans were ensnared and robbed of their faith, are more and more unveiled every day, and upright Protestants, as they come to see their deformity, shun and condemn them.

This inspires the hope that God will not desert His faithful Irish Church. Let us look forward to better days, and in the mean time, let us console ourselves that we have one great treasure. "The miserable," says a great poet, "have no other medicine but only hope." Like the first Christians, we would be the most miserable nation on the earth without the faith. But with this, we have that medicine which, if properly applied, in the end cures all ills, dries every tear, makes all things new, and puts us in possession of an inheritance that is beyond the reach of the legislator's craft and the tyrant's sword.

Some good Catholics thought that this Institution would fail, some even withheld the support they would

have given to an Institution of the kind if they had found it recommended by marks (humanly secure) of success. In a word, the vast number of Orphans received upon the strength of only a moderate income, affected the nerves of some really good but calculating men.

After eight years existence, it becomes under these circumstances a very pleasing duty to announce that St. Brigid's Orphanage is secure so far, and that during the sad and gloomy years that have just elapsed, Almighty God has enabled the managers to meet their liabilities.

Before going into the details of the Report, we must make known to the friends of the Institution the glad tidings that the struggles and trials and working of the Orphanage have been again laid before His Holiness Pope Pius IX, and again he has been pleased to listen with the greatest attention and interest to many of its details, again he who holds the keys of the kingdom of heaven has blessed the work and those who manage and support it, and what is of still more consequence, has expressed his approval of it.

In an humble confidence of the continued protection of Heaven, we give the details of our Report under the following heads — Reception of Orphans, rearing, education, revenue, present state of proselytism, schools, and prospects.

ORPHANS RECEIVED.

It is now twelve months since our last Annual Meeting, and during that time sixty-five Orphans have been admitted into this Institution. It was announced in last Report that four hundred and sixty had been received from the commencement, add this year's

increase, and it gives the total number received from the beginning, five hundred and twenty-five. Of these, thirty-seven have been provided for since last Annual Meeting, and in former years two hundred and ten, leaving at present two hundred and seventy-eight. Here is great cause to bless Almighty God, first, that He has enabled the Managers to save from loss of faith and from many of the miseries, temptations, and afflictions of extreme poverty, in eight years, so many Orphans, and secondly, for the still more gratifying fact that in such a short time (deducting those that died and those that were taken back by the Proselytisers) two hundred and twenty-eight have been provided for

The pledge that was given some years ago, of receiving five hundred Orphans, was thought by some to be rash and chimerical, but now, thank God, that pledge is more than redeemed, and that, too, in a comparatively quiet and silent way

With regard to the sixty-five Orphans received this year, it must be observed, first, that in the cases of about seventeen, some help has been given or promised, and in forty-eight cases no help nor promise of help could be obtained, and with regard to the two hundred and seventy-eight children in the Orphanage, it must be repeated, that more than eighty per cent. have been received gratuitously Thus, spiritual and physical destitution has been the chief recommendation in candidates for admission.

Secondly, of the sixty-five Orphans received since last Report, five have been taken out of the Birds' Nest, twenty-six from other proselytising institutions and schools, such as Townsend Street, and in most cases, the rest had been bargained for, to be sold body and soul to the devil.

There were, we must admit, some cases where the heroic conduct of poor widowed mothers, in rejecting great bribes, influenced the Managers to bestow rather a reward than to meet a necessity by receiving their children.

Thirdly, it must be remarked, that sickness, weakness, or deformity have been no bar to the admission of Orphans, when their faith was really in danger

Fourthly, these sixty-five children received into the Orphanage last year, were not taken as they came to the door, but were picked out of about two hundred. They were not admitted by the amount of interest made for them, but they were admitted where it became manifest that they were in immediate danger of losing the faith, and indeed, in some cases their morals were exposed to the greatest danger also, as some Clergymen and others know who rescued poor female children just before they could understand the evil that surrounded them, or could drink the draught of sin administered by their mothers. It is not necessary to add that they were in physical destitution, because, in most cases, it is only through extreme poverty that they are exposed to the danger of loss of faith or morals. Three had not received any Baptism.

Happy those who have enabled St. Brigid to save those sixty-five children during the past year, and those 525 during the past eight years! They have defended the faith, enlarged the kingdom of God, protected innocence, and relieved destitution. In a word, they have performed both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and in the children's children of those Orphans their good works will be multiplied and their reward increased.

REARING OF THE ORPHANS.

The Managers feel great pleasure in making a satisfactory Report of the health of the children during the past year

There were but two deaths during the year, one, that of an infant a few months old, the other, a little girl of six or seven: a relative of the latter blamed the Orphanage. But the child was sick from the day she entered, and great pains were taken to preserve her life. There was a third who fell sick under our care, and the mother though grateful for the attention paid her child, preferred to take him out of the Orphanage, that he might die in her own arms. When it is borne in mind that sick and delicate children have been frequently admitted, and that infants from their birth are admissible, and have been admitted, this scale of mortality must appear exceedingly low—one per cent. per annum, the like was scarcely ever heard of!

It is right, also, to Report how the children were managed, and how disposed of.

During the year, forty-six Orphans were removed and put to other nurses and in other localities some for the promotion of their health, but, in most cases, for better school accommodation. To secure to the children all the benefits of the out-door system, close inspection and strict vigilance are required, and these removals were made after public examinations and private and unexpected visits to the cottages and to the schools.

During the past year, thirty-seven Orphans have been provided for Of these, six have been put to trades, or placed in situations, fifteen have been restored to their parents, the child being reared and able to help the

parent, or the parent having acquired a way of living, and able to support the child, and fourteen have been adopted by their foster-parents. Since the commencement of the Orphanage, in 1857, fifty Orphans have been adopted. This is the most satisfactory result of our work, for it is appalling to think of the danger of a poor Orphan thrown alone into society without family ties to bind him, without family reputation to uphold, and without family authority to be responsible to. It is yet more appalling to think of his danger and his temptation when he loses or is dismissed his situation.

No one, of course, expected that St. Brigid would have every child, of the hundreds committed to her care, a credit to her Yet, thank God, not more than three or four, out of the immense number that left the Orphanage, have turned out badly, and even these have not become thieves or profligates.

But, with regard to the fifty that were adopted, what an inexpressible delight to think that the poor things have found a home, though humble, a father and a mother, a brother and a sister, and enjoy all the many endearing associations that surround the home and the family

During last year, we procured a good situation for a little boy of twelve, and we sent word to his nurse to bring him to it. She announced it to him, and told him to get ready "Well, mother," said he, "you may bring me to the situation, I'll go, but I'll be home with you before to-morrow night." His affection touched her, and she said, "Well, in the name of God, if you are let to stay, I'll be your mother"

We went unexpectedly one day into a cottage to see another Orphan , it was a little girl : the nurse kept a

little shop of grocery. She was laid up with a sore leg, and unable to attend the shop; and there was the little Orphan girl, with her little gown tucked tidily around her, weighing tea and sugar for three or four customers at the counter These children are, in many cases, a treasure to their foster-parents. Many others like these we could recount had we space and time. But there is one remark that we must make, viz., that this system of rearing children is peculiarly suited to those Orphans who come under St. Brigid's care. Many of these had been under heretical teaching, and had imbibed more or less of the poison.

All Catholic Divines say that sins against faith are the most dangerous, and the most difficult of reparation. What is done in the case of our child? He is removed totally out of the reach of heresy, he is separated completely from all his companions in misfortune or in guilt, he is placed alone in the midst of a Catholic family, surrounded by Catholic neighbours who loathe heresy he sees nothing, hears nothing but Catholicity Thus, he is at first ashamed of the heresy, and, gradually, by the force of example and precept, he recovers the faith, and, of course, when he becomes fixed amid a Catholic population, as he often does, his danger of relapse is very small.

There was a little girl rescued from the Birds Nest two years ago who had been immured there four years, and who was thirteen years of age when presented to St. Brigid. We had scarcely hope of reclaiming her, but admitted her, to give her, so to speak, a chance. We put her to a good woman close to a Convent school. She is now almost full grown. We felt the greatest anxiety about her To bring her into Dublin and put her in a situation was full of danger, and to keep her longer on the books was what could not be done.

We told the good woman to get some situation near herself where she could still watch over her, and that it was impossible we could pay longer for her. "Well," said she, "my own little girl died a short time ago, and perhaps God Almighty took her to make room for Mary, and so, if you are pleased, she will be to me instead of my own daughter"

EDUCATION

The Managers of St. Brigid's Orphanage endeavour to secure a suitable education for the children by inspections, examinations, punishments, and rewards.

Should there be neglect, the nurse is fined or deprived of the children, according to the gravity of the fault. On the other hand, premiums are given to the diligent. It was considered best to offer really substantial premiums. Each premium is a half sovereign. The premium, however, is not a test of relative merit, but of absolute knowledge. Thus, in reading, for example, it is not the child that is best of a dozen that obtains the prize, but, if the twelve read well, they all win the premium.

During the past year, 131 premiums, or £65 10s. sterling, were given to the nurses for the proficiency of the children in the several branches of the education suitable to their state. These premiums (as was fully explained in former Reports) were given publicly, so as to stimulate to the utmost the diligence of both children and nurses.

When it is borne in mind that the majority of our Orphans are yet mere infants, and also, that very many can read and write pretty well that have not yet taken the premiums, this will be evidence of a fair amount of education acquired by the Orphans.

There are many things, however, that go to make up education besides the schooling. Goldsmith very justly remarks, that little children of four or five years undergo a considerable portion of their education in the country before they are able to go to school, they observe things about them—the pebbles, flowers, trees, birds, animals they contend with one another in play, get into little difficulties in their little excursions, and learn to surmount them, observe the buildings and other works of men, and try to imitate them. Thus their mental powers come into play, are developed and sharpened. In their rural homes, our children are away from many of the temptations of the world, and what, perhaps, is of more consequence in the formation of character, they are exposed, not all at once, but gradually, to the dangers that every one must meet in the world. Hence, the good foster-mother watching these dangers as they arise, forms the tender mind to virtue, and impresses it with an enduring aversion to things that are bad.

Children in the country, too, have their faith strengthened and their religious feelings deepened by visits to the church-yard and to the monuments of the faith of our fathers which lie scattered upon the bosom of our country Almighty God was pleased so to teach his people. When they had passed the Jordan, dry-foot, he ordered them to erect a monument of stones, 'that it may be a sign among you," said he "and when your children shall ask you to-morrow in future ages), saying, What mean these stones? you shall answer them, The waters of the Jordan ran off before the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord." Thus, our poor children near their country homes will see some little cell or some church in ruins, with its chancel window still standing to receive the first beams of the eastern sun, or perhaps

a great abbey, clothed in the colour of the land that bore it, and here and there retaining beautiful specimens of tracery in its windows, or curious sculpture on the capitals and bases of its pillars; and the child will ask, "What mean these stones?" and they will say to him, "These stones were erected in memory and in honour of the Blessed Eucharist," (blasphemously called by the proselytisers a breaden God). This was once a beautiful church, but it is all roofless now and desolate, for it was destroyed by the first proselytisers. See the work of their hands. Here was the altar, where, a thousand years ago, the Priest said Mass for the living and the dead-there the people knelt to adore, this was the choir where those holy men, who had renounced the world, rising even at midnight, chanted the praises of God. Yonder is the holy water font, and above is the place where the bell swung for hundreds of years, calling the people to the house of God. There was not a Protestant in all the land then, neither was there a poor-house, for the blind and the lame and the Orphan were regarded as the special friends of God, and religion took care of them round these holy walls.

It is in a thousand ways like this, that a strong Catholic education is superadded to the plain schooling which St. Brigid's children receive in the country

REVENUE.

There is no fixed revenue for the Orphanage.

A few charitable individuals indeed, including three parents, have given small sums for particular children, these added, would not amount to more than £60. The remainder is, in a special manner, the gift of God, who has disposed the minds of many charitable people to subscribe or to collect for our Orphans. There was

one little girl who had scarcely any means of knowing even the existence of the Orphanage, and, when dying, she called her father and begged of him to give one pound for her to St. Brigid's Orphans; and we shall never forget the emotion of the good father as he was in the act of fulfilling her dying request.

There are two or three instances of persons who were unwilling to subscribe while living, and who, when death approached, changed their minds, and gave liberally to St. Brigid. "In all ages," says John Philpot Curran, "the hour of death has been considered an interval of more than ordinary illumination, as if some rays from the light of the approaching world had found their way to the darkness of the parting spirit, and revealed to it an existence that could not terminate in the grave, but was to commence in death."

We mention these instances merely because, amid the fears and anxieties of great responsibilities, they are so many signs from a good God telling us to go on with the work.

The revenue of the year was £2,555 17s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$. In this, there are a few large sums, but, in general, the subscriptions ranged from a pound to a penny. The donors will be pleased to look upon this work as their own, and accept the good done as thanks, for we have no words sufficient to thank them.

We may mention, however, that each of the Orphans is taught to pray every day for all their benefactors, and the Community of St. Brigid's offer the Rosary each evening for the same intention, and what is still better, some good Priests volunteered to offer the Holy Sacrifice at least eight times each month for all who, in any way, assist St. Brigid's Orphans.

The good men of the Confraternities who are associated in Guilds, under the patronage of the Irish Saints, and the ladies likewise, are of the greatest assistance. Their zeal is so great, that many of them would travel from one end of the city to another to enlist a penny subscriber If we could recruit these Guilds to their full strength, we might defy the proselytisers. Their collections amounted, last year, to £417 11s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$., those of the men being £313 16s. 9d., and those of the ladies, £103 14s. $4\frac{1}{2}d$.

It must be observed, that none of those who collect for St. Brigid receive any temporal remuneration. The whole service of the collections as well as the superintendence of the Orphanage and the teaching of the Schools, is the hearty and enthusiastic work of volunteers, who devote themselves to the defence of the Faith, and to the protection of the poor children of holy Ireland. It seems scarcely possible to meet the expenses of the greatly increased number of Orphans without paid collectors, unless subscribers will have the goodness to take the trouble of sending St. Brigid's rent.

In this age of business it is little short of a miracle that such a large Orphanage should be carried on without salaries or even per centage. In God's name, let us go on as we began, and fight the good fight of faith under the volunteer flag. Again we repeat, this depends entirely upon the friends of the Orphanage. The little trouble that each one will take to remit his subscription, will save for the Orphana a very considerable sum annually

PRESENT STATE OF PROSELYTISM.

The devil, enraged at the progress of Catholicity throughout the world, but especially in his stronghold. England, where so many men illustrious for their position, talents, and acquirements, are every day coming into the Church of God, many of them at great personal sacrifices, vents all his spleen upon us, and employs men, who, by lies, bribes, and deceit, purchase and ensnare the children of our poor They hope to have a little set off, in the helpless Orphans of depraved Catholic widows, whom they purchase, against the bright array of great men who come to swell the ranks of the Church. It is probable, however, that the devil has made a mistake, and that the faith of Ireland, which has withstood so many assaults, will, as the rock flings back the wave, cast him down, now also, in disappointed rage. But our resistance must be determined, must, in fact, be proportioned to the assault.

The proselytisers are still active, the sums of money at their disposal are prodigious. The Irish Church Missions' income last year was £26,073, and this sum is entirely spent in buying Catholic Orphans, bribing starving adults, or paying a gang of men to insult Catholics by hand-bills, placards, &c., containing the most revolting blasphemies against the most cherished doctrines of their religion. It is to be lamented that some traders of Dublin and professional men who live by Catholic patronage, subscribe to the funds of this institution, and thereby employ men to offer Catholics the grossest insults. It is a disgrace to us that we enrich those who, by deputy, brand us with idolatry

The men who conduct the affairs of this institution were denounced last year by the very Ministers of their

own persuasion for bribing Catholics to commit sin, for paying Protestants to personate Catholic disputants at their discussions, and for other malpractices, and, in fact, the Protestant Incumbent of Irishtown ordered them to quit his parish. We refer our readers to a pamphlet published by Hodges and Smith, containing the charges made by Mr Webster, Protestant Chancellor of Cork, against the managers of this society

The Church Education Society's Report gives the receipts of last year as £43,702. They set down the number of Catholic Children attending their schools in various parts of Ireland as 9,662. This is exaggeration, but it is certain that many poor slavish tenants are compelled by their landlords, or by the wives and daughters of their landlords and agents, to send their children to these schools to learn to hate the Catholic religion. We ourselves saw some Catholic children coming out of their schools and bringing home their premiums. These premiums were pictures representing the Pope as a furious man running after some affrighted children to destroy them.

The Protestant Orphan Union Office, 9, Upper Sackville Street.—The receipts of this institution, last year, were £1,533. It receives no children but those who have had at least one parent Catholic. A Catholic parent cannot, under pain of eternal separation from God, give his children to be reared in heresy Besides, we must charitably believe (what, in fact, almost always happens), that the Catholic parent has had his children baptized in the Catholic Church. Here, then, is an institution which has at present 201 Catholic Orphans rearing in heresy, and, since its foundation, in 1830, has provided for 245 Catholic Orphans, many of whom are now fathers and mothers of Protestant families. This institution does not publish the names of the chil-

dren, but they do the parishes in which they are reared; these we give in an appendix, and we beg of our readers in their localities to find out the names and addresses of the parents of these children and transmit them to us. Those poor parents very often do not know where their children are, and we have frequently found them most anxious to reclaim them. Besides, if we could discover the parents, we would be able, in many cases, to find out the consideration for which the children were given up.

The Birds' Nest, Kingstown.—This institution was founded as a mortuary testimonial to the late Miss Whately Its income must be near £2,000 a year We have frequently helped to rescue children from it, and at the present moment we have ten or twelve Catholic Orphans that had been undergoing a process of perversion there. It is exceedingly difficult to obtain one of their reports, and, as yet, we have not succeeded in seeing a single one.

The General Orphan Home, 7, Richmond St., Portobello.—This institution is nine years in existence. The object of the founders of it, in their own words, is, "to Christianize Orphans of both sexes without religious distinction," and in true Cromwellian style they add, "Its doors are open to all, no matter of what creed or caste, provided the surviving relatives consent to have the child brought up by the written word, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, for that heavenly house in which there are many mansions."

They have had, since the commencement, 59 boys and 5 girls. They purpose erecting a large Orphanage to accommodate one hundred children. We give, in an appendix, the names of the Orphans in the establishment it will be seen that they are almost all Catholics.

We entreat our readers to institute, speedily, such inquiries as will lead to the discovery of the parents or guardians of these poor children, in order to rescue them from shipwreck of faith and everlasting ruin. This institution has a revenue of £400 a year

Female Orphan House, North Circular Road.— This institution was commenced in the year 1790, for destitute Orphans of all denominations. Very few Protestant Orphans are destitute, so that, independent of proselytising mania, scarcely any but Catholic Orphans could have found their way into this place. Per Report, 1863, revenue £1,571—orphans in the house. 71. The first sermon preached for this institution was by the unfortunate Blake Kirwan, in 1792. Five Orphans were received in 1790. The numbers speedily rose to one hundred and sixty In 1800, the Imperial Parliament voted a yearly grant of £500, in 1803, the same was increased to £978, and continued, either at this figure or somewhat above it, till the year 1835 From that time to the present the grant is £500 yearly The institution has about £8,000 in the funds, and has landed property besides, making a rough calculation, it has received, from government, about £46,296 of the public money for the purpose of robbing of their faith about 500 Catholic children. This institution was presided over for many years by Mrs. Peter La Touche, who, at the same time, kept a somewhat similar establishment at Bellevue. Is there no Catholic Member of Parliament to call in question this grant?

Connemara Nursery, Office, 12, D'Olier St.—This institution consists of two Orphanages, one for boys at Ballyconree, the other for girls at Glenowen, containing 42 boys and 38 girls.

It was when the famine had desolated this unfortu-

nate country and the corpses were found lying by the roadside, that Mr Dallas and Company opened these houses, to destroy the souls of helpless infants.

Their income, per Report 14th, is £1,725 Several of the children are, thank God, rescued every year from this condemned place, last year, Michael and Thomas O'Donnell, John Tracey, John King, Mary M'Loughlin, Julia Wade, Catherine Lee, Bridget West, Eliza Sullivan, and Mary Lynn, were of that number We give, in an appendix, the names of the children immured in this nursery of heresy last December, in the hope that they may be recognised by their guardians or others who may be able to influence the guardians for their rescue. Only that they have avowed it, no one could believe that men would be so callous as to take advantage of death and starvation for the purpose of robbing helpless infants of their faith, and depriving them thereby of eternal happiness.

Protestant Orphan Society, Percy Place.—This Society professes to receive none but children both of whose parents were Protestant. Undoubtedly, many of them are the children of Protestant parents, but, strangely enough, we find one-third of them bearing names that are, in Ireland, eminently Catholic, such as Kelly, M'Cann, O'Flaherty, Geraghty, &c.

The truth is, that several adults, who live hypocrites upon the bribes of the proselytisers, are sometimes taken away in their sins, and then the Orphans become the prey of this Society Its income, per last Report, 1s £6,128, and the number of Orphans at present is 432 and the number received, since its foundation in 1829 is 1,673.

The Ragged School and Refuge, Lurgan St. There are three departments in this establishment, viz., a

Day School, into which destitute Catholic children are enticed by the prospect of getting a little bread, a Sunday School, where adult vagrants find a breakfast, on condition of listening to the Bible-reader and a Home, where the "friendless forsaken or Orphan boy is received, lodged, and supplied with food gratuitously," on the condition that he renounce his faith. The receipts, per Report for 1863, were £552 £237 of which were expended on bread bribes. Among the subscribers we find the Earl of Carlisle for £5 Were he not a public man, we would be ungenerous now to make a remark, but for the benefit of his successors, it becomes a matter of necessity to say that the Representative of Majesty in Ireland gave three pounds to a starving Catholic province, and five to a little nest of proselytism!

The Masonic Female Orphan School, Burlington Place, Dublin.—This indoor school, or Orphanage, contains 38 children. Its revenue, last year, was £1,982. It is superintended by two Protestant chaplains. Some children of Catholic parents, who, unhappily, had been members of this Society, are found in the Orphanage, and are, of course, reared Protestants.

Scripture Readers' Society for Ireland.—Fifty-seven ignorant men are still paid by this Society to go through the country to insult Catholics. They are, thank God, failing, ten readers were dismissed last year for want of funds, still their receipts were £2,183 last year. It is a lamentable thing to see enlightened men, holding government offices of great moment to Catholics, supporting this and similar institutions.

Not satisfied, however, with this Society for Ireland, they established one for Dublin, and called it the Dublin City Mission, Office and place of Meeting,

Merchant's Hall, Wellington Quay The income of this Society was, per Report of 1862, £786 per annum. They pay agents to go about through the dwellings of our most destitute poor They hold what are called "Mothers Meetings," where some wretched women given to drink assemble. "At these meetings," says the Report, "the mothers have received good, both temporally and spiritually" "On different occasions we invited," continues the Report, "all the mothers regular in attendance to a tea party" The result is given in the following words "50 children have been sent to day-schools, 122 to Sunday schools."

Male and Female Ragged and Sunday Schools, 27 Townsend St., and Female Dormitory, 18, Luke St.— The income of this institution last year was, per Report, £884. Of this, M1ss Whately collected £337, Mrs. Smyly, £155, and the Hon. Mrs. J Lefroy, £12, &c. During the year, they say, they gave £540 worth of bread and soup, and £112 worth of clothes, and by this means secured the attendance of about one hundred children of poor Catholics in their day school, and about 22 more grown girls in their dormitory These grown girls are prepared for situations, and are generally sent to Protestant families in England. They contrive to inspire those poor girls with pride, self-conceit, and hatred of their religion in this institution, as we know from experience, and thus put them on the road to inevitable ruin.

In the Report published this year, we find the following "Note.—It is important that our friends should remember that the Luke Street Female Dormitory is not only a shelter for its regular inmates, but also for all the girls of whatever age who are to be sent on to the 'Birds' Nest, or the Spiddal, or Galway Orphan Refuges."

The Broomer and Messenger Society, 3, Grattan St.— This Society, together with its twin sister of Chancery Lane, was established twelve years ago, to receive such little boys from the proselytising day schools as were willing to put themselves body and soul into their hands. The Report says—"The ways the boys are employed are, in attending at Gentlemen's houses. to sweep before the hall-doors, clean boots and shoes, knives, windows, &c. The boys receive as pay what they earn at the different houses they attend during the week. The collector calls at all houses where these boys are employed, to receive their earnings, and the committee particularly request the public on no account to pay the boys themselves." They are gradually trained to imbibe the poison of heresy in the evenings, and marched to church on Sundays. The prospect of good situations is held out to detain them, and a few are put into Protestant families, but the greater number become thieves, and are sent to the prisons. From thirty to fifty pass through this place every year The superintendent and collector is James O'Neill With a small yearly income of £246, £100 of which the boys themselves earn, this institution does considerable mischief to religion and to society

Sleeping Asylum, Grand Canal St.—This establishment, like the last, was contrived for the purpose of finishing the perversion of innocent children that had been allured to the proselytising day-schools, or of children that had been induced to leave the workhouse. We found last year a little boy, named Thomas Farrell, in these places, who had left the North Dublin Union. He knew his Catechism well, and had been to Sacraments several times. He told us that one of the rules was, that a boy when leaving, should get a substitute, otherwise, he would

not be allowed to bring his supply of clothes with him, and that in fact he was at the time looking for a substitute. This work is carried on by the joint efforts of some young ladies of Dublin, as Miss Whately, Miss Lyster, Miss Poole, and some young gentlemen of Trinity College, as Messrs. M C. Proby, T Hall, M. D Day, &c. From the cash account it appears they spent £816 on this work last year The number of boys admitted since its foundation, in 1858, was 759, and the number in the house 31st December, 1863, was 58. There are a tailor, a shoemaker, and a carpenter employed to teach them trades. Besides these, we have discovered thirty-one Protestant Orphanages scattered over the country, containing 2,202 orphans, having already reared in heresy and settled in life 4,658. Three of these orphanages have been founded so lately as 1862, viz., in Mayo, Waterford, county and city

In Mayo, several parishes are found in which there is not a single Protestant, and throughout the country the poor are to a man Catholic. But, the truth is, they found that their time and money were wasted in buying adults; helpless children are a more secure prey

There are many other institutions which are very dangerous to the Faith of Catholics. For instance, the "Providence Home," Charlemont Street, receives poor servant girls out of place, obliges them to Protestant practices while in the house, and secures Protestant situations for them afterwards, 232 were admitted last year, and 4,024 during the last twenty-five years. Eight years ago we denounced the Royal Hibernian Military School as a proselytising institution. A deputation was got up, soon after, of Catholics and liberal men, who went out with much formality,

lunched there, and declared that it was a capital school for Catholic children. We were, of course, silenced fortunately, however, the Catholic Chaplain succeeded in getting his case brought twice before parliament. It then appeared that, although the Catholic children were more than one third, yet all the officers of the house were Protestant, all the school-masters were Protestant, that even the school-monitors were all Protestant, that the school-books were all anti-catholic, and that somehow the Irish Church Missions and other such societies had the means of supplying these poor children with tracts, the most wicked and dangerous to their faith, and, in effect, that some of them had lost the faith. The British parliament was ashamed of this, and strongly recommended concessions to the Catholic demands, yet to this day nothing effectual has been done.

Let us observe before going farther,—1. The annual income of these institutions, without reckoning the Hibernian Military School, Providence Home, or the thirty-one orphanages scattered over Ireland, is £88,450.

2. At least £60,000 of this sum is sent from England.

3. The men in power, both in England and Ireland, and their families, are among the chief supporters of these institutions.

4. These enormous money bribes are not things of to-day or yesterday, but of three hundred years' standing, and yet, thank God, Ireland is Catholic.

5. We have not even glanced at many other proselytising works, such as the Royal Marine School, the Blue Coat Hospital, the Regimental Schools, the Commission of the Patriotic Fund, &c.

But, more deadly perhaps than all the institutions, are the efforts of individuals scattered over the country to destroy the faith of our poor children. It is very sad and saddening to think that ladies and gentlemen

make the renunciation of faith the condition of their giving an alms. A poor woman, suppose, comes to the hall-door of a cold winter's evening, to ask a little relief. She is but half covered with a few tattered garments, in her bare feet she stands upon the cold ground, and perhaps the sleet is drifting upon her; she holds a little child in her arms, and an elder one is trembling by her side. The young lady of the house leaves her fire-side or her piano, and, with many expressions of sympathy, offers her relief if she will give up her children to be sent to the Birds' Nest. Thank God, there are many and very many Protestants who abhor this work. We were obliged to receive into the Orphanage last winter three children that had been dragged from the Birds Nest by an order of the Queen's Bench. Their name was Rooney, and they were three sisters. They belonged to the neighbourhood of Drumsna, county Leitrim, and had been in the Birds Nest eighteen months. It was Lady Mary King that kindly sent the orphans so far away from their mother, and it was the Rev E Canon Keogh, the Parish Priest, that assisted this poor creature to claim them. We have not space to state the case fully, but the following documents will tell a little of it.

(Copy.)

"Mrs. Rooney,—I was much surprised at getting a letter from you this morning. It would have been the right thing to have let me know you were going to town to take your children. Had you let me know your intention, I would have told you that you would not get them without my order, as you know you solemnly gave them up to me before a magistrate and in the presence of witnesses, and also that you must pay their expenses at the institution. I now send an order for you to get them on paying what has been laid out on them. If you intended to take back your

children, I wonder you never sent me a message to that effect before you went away I have had messages from other parties, but none from you, and after all the kindness I have shown you and B——, I think you have not acted well. "M. King.

"Charlestown, Drumsna, Nov. 10th, 1863."

(Copy)

" Nov 19th 1863.

"To the Matron of the Birds Nest.

"Madam,—Please to give Mrs. Rooney her children on her paying you the expenses incurred for them.

"Charlestown, Drumsna." "Mary King."

(In the same hand-writing as the above two documents)

(Copy)

Mrs. Rooney debtor to the Bird's Nest institution a year and six months for 3 children, at £6 a year for each £27 0 0 Clothing ditto at 30s. each per year 6 15 0

£33 15 0

Poor Lady King you are a simple lady after all the orphans came out of the "Nest," in spite of the magistrate, in spite of the witnesses, and worst of all, in spite of the bill. "Other parties did the right thing," and there was nothing more heard of their children but in our humble opinion the widow Rooney really did the right thing in not acquainting your ladyship. The hundredth part of these cases cannot be crushed into a report we have the materials of many others; all that is wanted is time to arrange them for publication in a separate volume, but the collection of funds for the orphans support swallows up all our time.

SCHOOLS.

Three schools have been established under the patronage of St. Brigid, one in Crow Street and two in Strand Street, for the purpose of withdrawing the children of the poor from proselytising and Protestant schools. Upwards of three hundred children are in daily attendance, and the number would be greater if there were accommodation. We beg to thank all those who contributed to build the schools in Strand Street. But it must be added that there is a debt of £80 still to be paid perhaps some kind friends, who have at heart the Catholic education of the poor, would help us to pay off this debt, and let us commence another school. If it please God, St. Brigid will endeavour, in an humble way, to follow in the track of the great and glorious works that have arisen in Ireland during the last half century for the education of the poor But we must adopt the motto of the old Normans—Boutez en avant. When one school is fully established, we must, with the help of God, begin another It is alarming, that even a few poor Catholics have bartered the faith of their children. The poor of our times are not so strong in their faith as their fathers, because, for the most part, they have been educated in mixed schools. The most secure way, therefore, to defend the faith is to found Catholic schools. The great King Ferdinand of Spain besieged Granada in the end of the 15th century, but the Moors defended themselves bravely and successfully Queen Isabella came to the camp, and seeing no immediate prospect of taking the city, ordered a counter-city to be built, and called it 'Santa Fe -the city of the Holy Faith. The Moors seeing the new city, and believing that the Spaniards were determined to besiege them for life, lost courage and capitulated. So Ireland must raise counter and

permanent works to defend the faith. It is said by many, "there is nothing against the faith in mixed and Government Schools." But this is not enough, there ought to be everything in the school and about the school to strengthen the faith, in these times, when so many temptations are held out, especially to the poor. to set aside or renounce their faith. It is also said. that religious practices are observed in mixed schools, but, in these places, they are like the religious paintings of the old masters we meet in noblemen's galleries they excite admiration, but do not inspire the devotion they used when enshrined in the houses of God. For the system of education pursued in St. Brigid's Schools, we refer our readers to last Report, and in conclusion. we place the work under the protection of Almighty God, and we implore the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, St. Brigid, and all the saints, especially those of Holy Ireland, to sustain it by their prayers.

Let us sum up briefly St. Brigid has received 525 Orphans, has provided for 228, maintains and educates at present 278, maintains three day schools with a daily attendance of more than 300 children, pays for postage and printing, and all this with an average income of less than £2,000 a year

PROSPECTS.

Looking into the future, the prospects, humanly speaking, are very gloomy. On one side the enemy of our faith has money, emolument, and education without limits to offer, and on the other we are exposed to temptation by a corresponding amount of poverty. To maintain our position we must depend upon Almighty God, but at the same time neglect not an iota of the means necessary to succeed. We would therefore say to Catholics, 1st, don't throw all the

burden upon the Priest of the parish, or upon the Orphanage: let each one do what he can. 2nd, When cases of the perversion or attempted perversion of Catholic children occur, publish them be temperate however in language, but strong in facts. 3rd, When Catholic Orphans can be registered Catholics in the Workhouse, place them there, and the parsons and others who are enjoying the plundered property of Catholic Charities will have to pay for them whereas in Catholic Orphanages we alone would have to pay, and thus leave the others more free to support proselytising institutions. 4th, Where Catholic Orphans are in danger of falling into the hands of Protestant relatives, procure the appointment of Catholic Guardians, in time, by the dying parent. 5th, Do not advise poor widows or widowers to put their children into any Orphanage two evils arise from this, society is injured by weakening or dissolving family ties, and the poor parent loses the support of the child in old age, for children reared in Orphanages do not usually feel the obligation of supporting their parents. 6th, When both parents die, it is better to provide for them among their uncles or aunts, for thus they will grow up in their own families, and help them in their old age. By following these directions, Catholic Orphanages will be relieved of undue pressure, and a greater number of children will be saved.

Finally, let us remember that the cause in which we have embarked is the highest and holiest on earth. It was to make known the faith, and to preserve and transmit it, that the Catholic Church was founded. For more than eighteen centuries her life has been a warfare, grappling with heresy, struggling with heresy and overthrowing it, and when the last trumpet shall sound, its notes will interrupt the Pastors and Doctors

of the Church denouncing error What glorious names those are that defended the faith-Athanasius, and Cyril, and Cyprian, and Augustine, and Gregory, and Dominic, and Ignatius, and so many others who shine like luminaries in the firmament of the Church! And those heroic soldiers of Christ, whose resting-places in the catacombs are indexed by the phial of blood and the palm-branch—who went boldly into the arena and staked all for the faith; some of them were weak women and delicate maidens SS. Felicitas and Perpetua, Agatha, and Lucy, and Agnes, who endured the fire and the rack, and heard with joy the yelling of wild beasts bounding from their dens to devour them. This was the victory that conquered the world-their faith. To permit the poor children of Ireland to sever communion with those glorious conquerors, and herd with Henry VIII, and Elizabeth, and Dallas, &c., would be baseness indeed. Let us then rally for the faith, the whole world is but a little dust compared with it, and there is no folly equal to his, who in this dark and dangerous world parts with his guiding lamp and perishes.

Appendix

CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF THE GENERAL ORPHAN HOME*,

Since its Foundation in January 1851.

The brief statement attached to the Children's names applies to their circumstances when admitted.

1 William Fanning, intern, aged ten years, Dublin. Father dead; mother living.

2. Michael Fanning, intern, aged nine years, Dublin. Brother

to the above.

3. Emily Holland, extern pupil, aged fourteen years. Both parents dead. Father was a clerk in a public office; mother kept a respectable ladies' boarding school in St. Audoen's parish, Dublin. Totally destitute.

4. Robert Pike, intern, aged five and a-half years; Dublin. Both parents dead. Father murdered, August, 1850, at Monas-

terevan; was Mr Cassidy's sub-agent.

5. Thomas M'Loughlin, intern, aged ten years, Dublin. Father dead; mother living; a poor sempstress, with an orphan girl

6. William Martin, intern, aged ten years, Dublin. Father

dead; mother living; an urgent case.

7 John Roberts, intern, aged fifteen years, Newtownbarry County Wexford. Imperfect eyesight. Father dead; mother living, and destitute.

8. William Thompson, intern, aged twelve years, Dublin.

Both parents dead.

9. William James, intern, aged eleven years, Rathmines. Father dead; mother living, but unequally yoked to a second husband.

10. George John Walsh, intern, aged ten years, Dublin. Father dead; mother living, with seven other children, and depending on what she can earn by her needle.

* This is the Proselytising Orphanage referred to in our Report it will be seen that most of these children were Catholic.

11 William M'Carthy, intern, aged eleven years, Killarney Both parents dead for some years, leaving three orphans unprovided for, and very much exposed to evil influence.

12. Michael M'Carthy, intern, aged ten years. Brother to the

above, &c., &c.

13. William Sullivan, intern, aged eleven years, County Waterford. Father supposed to be dead; deserted by mother.

14. William Kirwan, intern, aged ten years, County Tipperary

Father dead; mother living.

15. Robert Fivey, intern, aged seven years, County Down. Both parents dead. His father possessed large property in his native county, but died extremely destitute in St. Thomas's Parish, Dublin, leaving three other children totally destitute.

16. George F. Mathews, intern, aged thirteen years, Dublin.

Father dead; mother living, with five other children

17 John W Mathews, intern, aged ten years. Brother to the above.

18. William H. Baily, intern, aged nine years, Dublin. De. serted by his father; mother dead five years.

19. George J Baily, intern, aged seven years. Brother to the above.

20. John Sillery, intern, aged twelve years, Creg, Nobber, County Meath. Father dead; mother living, with five other children. No means whatever for their support.

21. Michael Leech, intern, aged twelve years, St. Peter's Parish, Dublin. Father dead; mother living, with three other

children unprovided for.

22. Mary Ann Norris, extern, aged eight years, St. Paul's Parish, Dublin. Father died in Crimea; mother living.

23. Agnes Arnott, extern, aged five years, St. Paul's Parish, Dublin. Father died in Crimea; mother died in Cork.

24. Edward Burne, intern, aged nine years, Drumcullen, King's County Both parents dead. Father had been a respectable druggist in Dublin.

25. Patrick Hynes, intern, aged eleven years, St. Michan's Parish, Dublin. Father supposed to be dead; was mate of a

26. Herbert Newman, intern, aged five years, Dublin. Father dead.

27 William Johnston, intern, aged ten years, St. Bridget's Parish, Dublin. Father dead; was a soldier.

28. Thomas O'Brien, intern, aged eleven years, St. Mary's Parish, Dublin. Mother dead; father gone to Australia.

29. John Carney, intern, aged eight years, Jersey. Father dead; was a shoemaker.

30. James Butler, intern, aged thirteen years, St. Peter's Parish, Dublin. Father dead.

31. James Mountain, intern, aged seven years, County Cork.

Parents dead.

32. Michael Butler, intern, aged ten years, St. Peter's Parish.

Dublin. Father and mother dead.

33. Samuel Thornton, intern, aged eleven years, St. Peter's Parish, Dublin. Father and mother dead. Father was a shoemaker

34. Thomas Abbott, intern, aged eight years, St. Mark's

Parish, Dublin. Father dead.

35. Henry Mathews, intern, aged nine years, St Peter's

Parish, Dublin. Father dead.

36. Robert Thompson, intern, aged thirteen years, Dublin. Father dead.

37 Richard Taylor intern, aged six years, Dublin. Father was adraper. Dead.

38. Timothy Riordan, intern, aged thirteen years, Bandon. Father and mother dead.

39. William Acton, intern, aged nine years, Monkstown. Mother dead.

40. Edward Smith, intern, aged six years, Kilkenny Father and mother dead.

41. William T Jackson, intern, aged ten years, Loughlinstown.

Father dead. 42. William H. Landey intern, aged eleven years, St. Andrew's

Parish, Dublin. Father dead. 43. Charles H. Coleman, intern, aged thirteen years, St. Paul's

Parish, Dublin. Father dead.

44. Peter Neille, intern, aged ten years, Parish of Rathfarnham, County Dublin. Father dead.

45. William H. Bell, intern, aged four years, Kingstown. Father who was a mason, was killed.

46. William Fee, intern, aged nine years, St. Peter's Parish,

Dublin. Father dead.

47 James Griffin, intern, aged nine years, St. Thomas's Parish. Father was engineer on board a steam vessel, and was

48. Thomas Hill, intern, aged ten years, Bray Mother dead. 49. Blennerhassett Pinchin, intern, aged seven years, St.

Peter's Parish, Dublin. Father dead.

50. Robert Hagerty, intern, aged nine years, St. Thomas's Parish, Dublin. Father dead.

51. William M'Berney intern, aged nine years, St. Anne's Parish, Dublin. Father dead.

52. Edward Gallagher, intern, aged nine years, St. George's Parish, Dublin. Father and mother dead.

53. George Jackson, intern, aged ten years, Loughlinstown,

Father dead; mother living.

54. Charles Blunden, intern, aged twelve years, St. James's Parish. Father and mother dead.

55. George M'Entee, intern, aged nine years, St. Peter's Parish. Father and mother dead.

56. Rebecca Baird, extern, aged ten years, Mullahara, County Monaghan. Father and mother dead.

57 Charles Jordan, intern, aged seven years, St. Peter's Parish. Father dead; mother living.

58. George Benson, intern, aged seven years, St. Audoen's

59. Arthur Jones, intern, aged nine years, St. Thomas's Parish. Father dead; mother living.

60. Henry M'Kay, intern, aged eleven years, St. Thomas's Parish. Father dead; mother living.

61 John Coyne, intern, aged seven years, Dublin. Father dead; mother living.

62. Matilda M'Donagh, extern, aged twelve years, Richmond, Golden Bridge, Dublin. Father dead; mother living.

63. Henry M'Dona, intern, aged ten years, St. Mary's Parish. Mother dead; father living.

64. W D. Pennefather, intern, aged eight years, Dublin. Mother dead; father living.

LIST OF THE BOYS

IN THE INSTITUTION AT BALLYCONREE, 31st December, 1863.

Name Peter McGrath	Age 15	Appropriated by Rev T Campbell
Joseph O'Donnell	14	Sunday School children, Whal-
Thos. Hyland	8	ley Range, Manchester Miss Masters
Michl. M'Donough	16	Miss A. F Wallace
Martin Glynn	11	Lady Lighton
Thos. Nicholls	11	Mr Burnley
Thos. Malone	10	Miss Pollock
Stephen Thomas	13	Miss Maunder and friends
Thos. Early	16	Miss Stewart, Cape of Good Hope
W O'Malley, jun.	16	Mrs. W F Hunter

Name	Age	Appropriated by
Creighton, Edw O'Malle	v 6	Mrs. Bruce
Henry Ward	11	Miss Taylor
Charles Langston	6	Miss Baillie
Charles Preston	5	Lady Baillie
R. O'Malley & twin	7	Mrs. Crampton
J O'Malley bros. ?	7	Mr. Dalton
Geo. Creighton	12	Belfast Assoc., Rev T Campbell
James Creighton	5	Mrs. Macpherson
S. M'Cullagh	12	Mrs. C. Langston
Richd. Armstrong	12	Miss Lumsden
Benjamin Williams	7	Miss North
Patrick Mannion	6	
Patrick Henue	13	
John Dunn	11	Mrs. F Maitland
William Carroll	11	Miss Stewart, Cape of Good Hope
Samuel O'Malley	5	Miss Potter
Michael Brennan	14	
William M'Dougal	8	Miss Mathison
Charles M'Dougal	6	
Sydney M'Dougal	4	Miss Thackwell
James Brown	5	Mrs. J G Howard
James Watson	5	
Peter West	11	Mrs. Cheales
Martin Holleran	10	
Joseph Regan	12	
James Briscoe	10	
Luke Welsh	8	Miss Bagshaw
James Welsh	7	Mrs. Heywood
William Dixon	8	to the time of the second
Alex. Dixon	6	
James Dixon	4	Mrs. Roch
Matty James	4	

LIST OF THE GIRLS

IN THE INSTITUTION AT GLENOWEN,

December, 1863.

Bridget Lee	16	Miss Childers
Mary Stuffle	20	Miss Cox
Ellen Sullivan	17	Lady Maria Scott
Mary Nicholls	12	Miss Fanny Hope
Nannie Farthing	12	Rev Dallas Harrington
Anne Warren	15	Mrs. Tucker
Honor Birmingham	12	Mrs. Shawe Taylor
Marianne Alley	15	Miss L. C. Bickersteth

Name	Age	Appropriated by
Julia Cunningham	11	Miss Emily Dallas
Fanny Mulligan	15	Miss Powell
Catherine View	11	Mrs. and Miss Charlesworth
Ann Folan	17	Mrs. Cheales
Teresa Carr	14	Lady Cairns
Marianne King	17	Miss Hyndman
Catherine O'Malley	15	Mrs. Tate and Miss E. Lane
Jane O'Malley	13	Mrs. H Bridges
Elinor O'Malley	12	St. George's School Miss. As-
		sociation, by Miss Uniake
Margaret Blaney	14	Miss F Maitland
Mary Travers	14	Miss Potter's Juvenile Miss.
		Association
Nannie Travers	13	Miss Lucy A. Garton
Eliza Smith	16	Hon. Clara E. C. Strut
Eliza Langston	15	Lady Cairns
Sarah J Langston	12	Miss Nicholls & Miss Langston
Marianne Langston	11	Miss Minna Annesley
Margaret Langston	9	Miss Thompson
Charlotte A. Langston	5	Lady K. Boyle
Mary Creighton	9	Lady S. Boyle
Nannie Armstrong	11	Miss Massingberd
Anne S. Neville	12	Miss Lumsden
Bridget Mulkerin	9	Miss Nunn
Ellen Mason	11	Mrs. Foote
Emily M'Dougal	12	A party of young friends at Kenil-
		worth, per Miss H. E. Draper
Sarah Barnaby	9	Mrs. Fuller Maitland
Susan Howard	13	Mrs. A. W Fforde
Eliza Bolton	12	Miss Anna Porter
Kate Kane	9	Mrs. Little and Mrs. Cop
Charlotte Dickson	11	Lady Elizabeth Orde
Jane M'Donough	5	Miss Briggs

The following is a list of the parishes where the children of the Protestant Orphan Union are placed:—

	T wro I	naccu.
	Celbridge, Clontarf, Delgany, Donnybrook, Downpatrick, Dunlayin,	Newcastle, Portarlington, Powerscourt, Rathdrum, Stillorgan,
Belfast, Blackrock Bray	Downpatrick,	

ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE

(FOUNDED TO RECEIVE 500 CHILDREN, BOYS AND GIRLS).

The following Donations and Subscriptions in aid of the above Institution have been received from 23rd November, 1863, to 6th November, 1864.

	£	s.	d.
His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin,	50	0	0
His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Armagh,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Meath,	3	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Derry,	.1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Cork,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Dromore,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Galway,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Achonry,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Ferns,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Elphin,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Kerry, .	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Ardagh,	. 1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Saldes,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Beverley,	0	10	0
Bequest of the late Mrs. Pardy, per — Moore,			
Esq.,	50	0	0
From the representative of the late Richard			
Spring, Esq.,	50	0	0
Anonymous, per His Grace the Archbishop of			
Dublin,	25	0	0
From a Member of St. Brigid's Community, 42,			
Eccles Street,	15	0	0
The Council of the Propagation of the Faith,			
Paris, per His Grace the Archbishop,	11	18	0
The late Mr P O'Donnell, Carndonagh (Dona-			
tion),	10	0	0
Bequest of a deceased benefactor, per Rev. J			
Clarke, C.C.	8	0	0
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bishop,	6		0
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TESTAMENTARY GUARDIANS.

Extract from a Pamphlet published by his Lordship the Bishop of Southwark, and kindly presented by him to St. Brigid's Orphanage.

PRACTICAL DIRECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS AS TO APPOINTING TESTAMENTARY GUARDIANS.

No particular form of words is necessary for the appointment of a testamentary guardian, nor is any legal assistance necessary

The following would be sufficient: "I, A. B., "of &c., by this my "Will (or Codicil) appoint C. D., of , &c., by this my "[and E. F. of , &c.] to be the Guardian "[or Guardians] of my children after my decease, and I "direct that my children shall be brought up in the Roman "Catholic Faith and the state of the state o

"Catholic Faith, which I profess." A Testamentary Guardian may be appointed by any Will or Codicil, whether containing any disposition of property or not, and whether the father has any property to leave or not. It must, like any other Will, be signed (or marked in lieu of a signature) by the father in the presence of two witnesses, who must sign their names as attesting witnesses in the presence of the father and of each other. A Will or Codicil appointing guardians can be revoked

at any time by being destroyed by the father with that intent. or by his executing a subsequent Will or Codicil. It need not be proved after his decease unless it also disposes of personal property or appoints Executors; and even if it ought to be proved, it is effectual, and can be acted on, as regards the guardianship, although it has not been proved. The guardians may be of either sex, and one will be sufficient, though it will be better to name more, to provide against death or refusal to act. The Guardians need not be also appointed Executors or Trustees, and need not have any control over the infant's property given to them. Persons residing, or who are likely to reside out of England and Wales, (or out of Ireland, if that is the residence of the children) should, if possible, not be appointed. Married women may be appointed guardians, but in considering of the propriety of appointing married women, or women likely to marry, it must be borne in mind that the powers of Guardianship given to them will mainly be dependant on their husbands. The Court of Chancery (in cases where it interferes as above explained will consider that on a female guardian marrying, her powers as a guardian came to an end, and it will consider whether, taking into account the character and position of her husband, it will be beneficial for the children to reappoint her.

Note by Mr. Bagshawe.—I have considered the above suggestions, and in my opinion they are an accurate statement of the English Law on the subject to which they relate.

Lincoln's Inn, 28th April, 1858. W. H. G. BAGSHAWE.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE.

"I give and bequeath the sum of unto the Treasurer for the time being of St. Brigid's Orphanage, Eccles Street, Dublin, the same to be paid within months next after my decease, and applied to the uses and purposes of said Orphanage and for which the Receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge."

*** Devises of Land or of Money charged on Land, or secured on Mortgage of Lands or Tenements, or to be laid out in Lands or Tenements, are void; but Money or Stock may be given by Will, if not directed to be laid out in Land.

Note.—It should be particularly noticed, that no Will whatsoever, whether of real or personal property, which bears date after the first day of January, 1838, is valid, unless it be signed at the foot by the Testator, or by some person in his presence, and by his direction, and said signature acknowledged by him in the presence of two witnesses, who shall sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

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