

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 dependent 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 re-appoint 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 of 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.”

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.

# St. Brigid's Orphanage

FOR

FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN,

(BOYS AND GIRLS).

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## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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### SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EMINENCE,

We beg leave again to report briefly to your Eminence, to the Bishops and Clergy, and to the Catholic Public, another year's work of Saint Brigid's Orphanage and Schools. It is the Sixteenth Year of the Orphanage, and has been probably, through the mercy of God, the most fruitful year of its existence.

During the year, December 1st, 1871, to December 1st, 1872, SEVENTY-SEVEN ORPHANS have been received into the Institution, making a total of ONE THOUSAND and FORTY-ONE admitted since the commencement of the Orphanage in 1857

During the past year, fourteen Orphans have been put to trades or placed in situations, thirty-three have been restored to their parents or guardians; fourteen have been adopted by the families that nursed them, and one has died. The Orphanage has now reared, educated, and provided for Seven Hundred and Sixty Three Orphans and destitute children, and has still Two Hundred and Seventy-Six on its books.

Of the 763 Orphans reared in the Institution, 220 have been kept by the good people in the country as their own children.

The seventy-nine Orphans received last year, were selected from more than 200 that sought admission. Those rejected were, indeed, objects of charity, but the funds at the disposal of the Committee were not sufficient to support all, and, therefore, a choice was made. In making the selection, three things were taken into consideration—the amount of danger to faith, the amount of destitution, and the question whether they could in any other way be provided for. If the orphan could in any other way be saved—in an Industrial School, or even in the Workhouse—it was rejected, if it was in destitution and in imminent danger of loss of faith, it was in every instance admitted, if the danger of loss of faith and the amount of destitution were trifling, they were rejected or allowed to wait. The seventy-nine children admitted last year represent, therefore, seventy-nine souls saved from heresy, seventy-nine Catholic children preserved to the Catholic Church; so great indeed was the danger to these poor children, that the majority of them had been inmates of proselytizing institutions, such as the Birds' Nest. Several were rescued from these dens of perdition by a special interposition of Providence. Here is a young widow in great destitution and in the last stage of consumption, she has one child, and it is in the "House in Townsend Street. She ekes out a miserable subsistence partly by her labour, partly on the price of the sale of her child. As death approaches, God speaks to her, and demands the child. She is terrified, and cannot sleep at night. But what can she do? She cannot support the child. God still threatens her, and

she cannot rest. She calls for a priest. He writes to St. Brigid's, asking admission for the child. Admission is promised. The unhappy mother summons up all her strength, demands the child, and, after a great struggle, gains possession of it, places it in St. Brigid's Orphanage, goes back to her lodging, and in a few days dies.

Here is another unhappy mother, with four little children who have lost their father. She sends the four to Luke Street School every day, in consideration of a little weekly allowance of money and the bread which the children eat in school while they are imbibing heresy. This continues for three years. One of the children dies, and faith is so blunted, or rather dead in her, that she permits the proselytizers to carry away the body in a hearse to a Protestant cemetery and bury it as a Protestant. She is, nevertheless, more miserable than ever, and thus we find it in most cases, that, where Catholics violate their consciences in matters of faith, a mental paralysis, the effect of remorse and corroding discontent, sets in, and deprives them of all energy and power of helping themselves. So this wretched woman bargains to part with the remaining three children, that they may be finished in the Birds' Nest. By accident a priest hears of it, visits her, and with great difficulty persuades her to consent to their being sent to a Catholic orphanage. St. Brigid receives them, and, just at the moment when all seemed lost, the poor children's faith is saved.

Here, again, is a poor woman on her death-bed. She has three very young children, the eldest seven years, and the youngest nine months, and her husband is a labourer and a Protestant. She knows very well that the husband cannot and will not keep

the children, and her sole concern is their faith. She exacts a promise from her husband that he will let them be reared Catholics, as they were baptized. Still she is not satisfied, how could she? But she has no Catholic friend in Dublin, so she sends to the extreme North for her mother but the poor old woman only arrives in time for the funeral of her daughter. An utter stranger in Dublin and penniless, the grandmother sets herself first to gain the consent of her son-in-law, and next to get a Catholic institution to take charge of the three children. Every day for a fortnight, she travels through the city seeking an asylum, she goes and returns, inquires, prays, and begs, knocks and tells her story, and is disappointed. Still this brave old northern Catholic holds out, for the faith is strong in her. At last, St. Brigid opens her door and receives the children. The poor old woman kisses them, and says, "Now, thank God, my mind is easy, you'll be with your mother, and I'll go back and die content."

The one thousand and forty-one Orphans received into St. Brigid's since 1857, were substantially the same as these, for, though differing in minor details, all, with very few exceptions, were in like danger of losing the precious gift of faith, and in like destitution. God be praised, who raised up in Ireland an Institution so suited to the wants of the time, so much according to the Sacred Heart of our Lord, and so beneficial to the poor. The generous benefactors who upheld the work, must permit us to congratulate with them now on the results. They have good reason to thank God and to rejoice, for blessed are the hearts that sympathize with these poor children, blessed are the hands that minister to them, and the lips that plead for them.

Besides the seventy-nine Orphans received into the Institution during the year, others have been saved in various ways. In the cases of two children that were in great danger, we corresponded with some of their near relations that lived in another country, and having discovered that they were good Catholics, and willing to take the children, we paid their passage. These were orphans, without father or mother. In several cases, where poor widows of good character applied for the admission of their children, we made small grants of money, and thus enabled them to set up some little dealing, by which they had the merit and the happiness of bringing up their own children. In several other cases, where the mothers were not capable of earning bread for their children, we persuaded them to send them to our Day Schools in West Park Street and Jervis Street, where we gave them food before and after school-hours. These children, growing up with their own mothers, will, at least in many cases, help and comfort them in their old age. Of these two last classes, there were not less than twenty widows helped during the year.

Our next duty is to report upon the state of the children who have been upon the books of the Institution during the last year. There have been within the year three hundred and thirty-eight Orphans under our charge, and notwithstanding the general prevalence of epidemics, and great mortality almost everywhere, yet only one of the children died, and even this child was in a dying state when admitted. This will appear almost miraculous when put alongside the fact that very many of these children had been quite wasted by privation, neglect, and the poisoned atmosphere of the worst parts of the city, when taken into the Orphanage. And it must be

remembered that the health of the children is not of that delicate kind that is secured by excessive care and medicine, no, it is of that robust kind that is of natural growth, the product of country air, country exercise, ordinary precautions, and common fare, consequently, the constitutions of these children, when matured by age, will bear the rough vicissitudes of their sphere of life.

In general, the families to whom we have intrusted the Orphans, have taken great care of them, in fact, the country people become attached to those children to a degree that we had no conception of. In the course of the past year, a girl whom we had put to a trade fell sick. Her mother was living in Dublin, yet, in her sickness, she did not seek the mother, but she fled to her nurse in the country. The sickness turned out to be small-pox; and this was at the beginning of the epidemic, when people trembled at the very mention of the disease, yet, the nurse received her foster-child, and cared her, and nursed her. The other members of the family left the house rather than send away the girl. The physicians of the district, however, ordered the patient to be removed to hospital lest the infection might spread. The nurse obeyed, and brought her foster-child to the hospital, but remained in the neighbourhood for twelve days that the little girl lived, attending to her in every way she could or that the authorities permitted.

With regard to the education of the Orphans, we have to tender our best thanks to the Clergy of the various districts in which the children are, for the great zeal with which they have instructed and prepared them for sacraments, and in many other ways watched over them. In the schooling, we

have always had difficulties. Our people have not that love of learning which, in other days, was one of the glories of Ireland. Many are remiss in sending their children to school, and when they do, it is for so short a time that it looks only like putting in an appearance. We have to contend against this apathy, for, left to themselves, the people would not be more solicitous about the schooling of the Orphans under their charge than of their own children. In order to secure schooling for St. Brigid's Orphans, the following regulations are observed. 1. The teachers of the several schools send us an account half yearly of the attendance of each child in school, and for this we thank them very much. If any child has been absent for any time beyond a few days in the half year, a portion of the pension is stopt from the nurse until full satisfaction is given. 2. All the Orphans are examined carefully twice in the year, and in case of any serious neglect, the child is removed from the nurse and placed in another locality. 3. Considerable premiums are given to the nurses, according as their Orphans master the several branches of knowledge required of them one half sovereign is given for prayers and catechism, a half sovereign for reading, another for writing, another for cipherng, and another for confirmation, that is, for the pains taken to prepare the child for the sacrament. During the last year, 199 half sovereigns were given in this way, and, in each case, after an examination sufficient to assure us that the child had really been educated in the particular branch for which the premium is given for instance, a child is received into the Orphanage that does not know the alphabet, in process of time, it is taught to read, then a strange book is put into its hands, and

if, without any assistance, it reads that book fairly, a half sovereign is given to the nurse. Thus we endeavour to secure for these poor children an amount of education befitting their condition in life.

The moral training of the children is more important than health or schooling, for, upon the moral training depends their everlasting happiness, and their well-being in this world also. In this respect, the Orphanage is very favourably circumstanced, for all the children are reared at a distance from large towns, in isolated country places, where there is the least amount of vice, and the least amount of danger of contamination. The children are located, likewise, in small groups, four being the largest number in any one house, and this only in three or four cases, where usually the nurses have no children of their own, and where they had proved themselves capable of taking good care of them. Every nurse applying for a child, must bring with her a recommendation from the clergy of her parish. But what, perhaps, helps most in the moral training of the Orphans, is the ample power of choosing the best among well-recommended nurses that Providence gives us, for there are always at least thirty or forty applications for Orphans beyond those that we want. This enables us to remove children at any time from families in which there is any danger to their morals, and, in fact, these families know well that in case of drunkenness, neglect of religious duties, or bad conduct of any kind by members of the families, the children will be taken from them. Thus, there is as much security for the morals of the children as can well be had in this corrupt world, and indirectly the people are benefitted, for they regard the loss of

their nurse-children as a great calamity. We have, therefore, to thank God again for His admirable providence over these little children, so that they are brought up with comparatively little expense or trouble—that good God providing for them, instead of their own father or mother, parents that love them with a true and constant love, who put up their little hands morning and night, and teach them to pray, who lead them to Mass and confession, who, by look and frown, more than by word, infuse into their souls a detestation of sin, and whose simple faith and deep-seated devotion gradually and insensibly transform them into living and edifying members of the Church.

#### SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH.

Nine years ago, a little school was opened in Crow Street, for the purpose of withdrawing many Catholic children from Protestant and proselytizing schools in the immediate neighbourhood. It was soon filled with children, in great part taken from these schools so dangerous to the faith of Catholics, and, apparently, it was only for want of room that these anti-Catholic schools were not entirely cleared of Catholic children. In the Catholic Church, one good work gives birth to another; and so, as time passed, and the good done was seen, the Sisters of Faith were requested to undertake other schools. At present, there are five houses, situated in the poorest localities, and containing ten schools, with a daily attendance of one thousand six hundred children. Four of these schools are for little boys under twelve, one for infants, and five for girls. In these schools, Catholic books alone are used, Catholic practices inculcated, and the inestimable

value of faith kept constantly before the minds of the children. It is to us a source of great gratification, that no government official has ever crossed the threshold of one of these schools, no mandate has ever been issued against the sign of the cross, or the veneration of the crucifix, or of holy images. The Schools of the Holy Faith were begun primarily, as we have said, to take the children of our Catholic poor from heretical schools, hence, they are situated in the poorest localities of the city. But there was also another end in view. They were an experiment, to try if schools for the poor could be maintained and efficiently carried on without the aid of government grants, and, therefore, untainted by any admixture of heresy, indifferentism, or infidelity. The experiment has so far succeeded, that we venture to say, that the ordinary National Schools, exclusive of the grant, cost more than they do. The Clergy of the parishes in which our Schools are situated, are our witnesses. They know that after having received the grant from the Board, they have still to raise a much larger sum from subscriptions to maintain those national schools, than they raise for the Schools of the Holy Faith. We believe that this fact will make itself felt, and that before long the Sisters of Faith will be requested to undertake schools in various parishes, in fact, the demand has already begun, and it will be necessary, as far as possible, to be prepared to meet it. Fortunately, there is an abundance of religious vocations among the females in Ireland, and these females are the most devoted, the most self-sacrificing, and, perhaps, also the most intellectual in the world. All they want, in order to become excellent teachers, is to get a good training. We propose to get up, with as little delay as possible, a training

establishment. We have some funds for the purpose, but not enough, and we mention it here with an assured confidence that some will read these lines who love Ireland and the ancient Faith, that, like an aureola, crowns her with glory, and who will help us to found an establishment that will in after years send out religious teachers over the land, to nurture and strengthen the faith in the infant mind of Ireland, and teach the young to walk in the footsteps of their fathers, preferring holy Faith before treasures, lands, liberty, and life.

Some of the schools that we have named are peculiarly circumstanced. They are in very poor localities, and many of the children who frequent them come in the morning fasting, because there was no breakfast for them at home. The West Park Street Schools are of this kind, and, consequently, we have been obliged to give these children breakfast each morning, and also a considerable amount of clothing once a-year. What makes their case worse is, that there is a large proselytizing school, within a stone's throw which offers them food and clothing. This is a great temptation. To realize its magnitude, we must picture a poor parent with her little children around her crying for bread. She has neither money nor credit, nor bread, nor anything to pawn. How great is the temptation then to send her starvelings to the place where, with the corporal relief, spiritual poison is administered! We beg, therefore, to recommend very strongly to the charitable consideration of our readers those schools of West Park Street. There are usually about 330 children attending them. 110 little boys in the Boys School, and 220 girls in the Girls' School. Though very poor, they are good children, quick,

intelligent, and easily trained in virtue. It would be a pity to abandon such children.

The Schools in Jervis Street are scarcely less deserving of support than those of West Park Street. We announced in our last Report that His Eminence had requested the Sisters of Faith to take charge of the Institution in Jervis Street, known as the "Queen of Charity" We promised then to open schools for the poor They have been opened, one for little boys under twelve, and one for girls. The schools are now full. Many of the children do not stand in need of alms, but there are many, also, who are, great part of the year, in very severe distress. Here, also, is the same temptation as that mentioned above, in proselytizing schools offering articles of food and clothing to the Catholic poor, to send their children to be perverted by heretical teaching Hence, we have been obliged to give breakfast to some of the children attending the "Queen of Charity's" Schools also. Besides the day schools, a Sunday school has been opened for young girls. This was necessary, on account of the large number of girls that are employed in several industries in the neighbourhood, and who, on account of their poverty, had to go to work before they were improved, or had had any amount of schooling worth while.

But, perhaps, the chief claim which the "Queen of Charity" makes for public support is the amount of relief given to families in distress. In dull seasons, and in visitations of sickness especially, this relief is the only means of saving many poor families from ruin. The Sisters who have been in the midst of the poor, and who have their children at school, know better than any one else can, the deserving objects of charity

We have now to report, in a few words, upon the income of the Charity It is little short of a miracle how so many Orphans have been supported, clothed, educated, and put forward in life, so many schools established, furnished, kept in working order, so many poor children educated, so many others partially supported and clothed in these schools, without any fixed income, depending from day to day and from year to year upon the good providence of God. May He be praised and blessed for ever!

The receipts of the Orphanage, from December, 1871, to December, 1872, have been £2818 2s. 1½*d.* This sum is greater than the average annual income, and is due to a large bequest from the late Mr John Burke, Architect, who was engaged superintending the completion of the schools in Clarendon Street when his lamented death occurred. Indeed, most of the considerable sums found in our Subscription List are bequests. The Orphans pray every night and morning for their deceased benefactors, and their prayers plead powerfully before the throne of Mercy We offer most heartfelt thanks to all that have subscribed to the funds, and more especially to those who have devoted themselves to the work of collecting for the Orphans. The Father of those poor children, who is in heaven, will reward them abundantly In the hour of death, the consciousness of having helped to preserve the corporal and spiritual life of one thousand little abandoned creatures, will impart a blessed peace and a well-grounded hope of obtaining mercy from Him who has said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy"

In conclusion, we have only to say, that the evil which gave occasion to the foundation of St. Brigid's



Orphanage still exists. The proselytizing orphanages, asylums, and schools, that we noted many years ago, still exist, and carry on an unholy war against the faith of Catholic orphans and destitute children, other similar institutions have been added to their number since that time, and the wicked agents of this base traffic have, by years of experience, become more expert in the work of soul-destruction.

The victims of this infamous traffic are the poorest, most abandoned, and most defenceless of the community—the orphans of our Catholic poor. We entreat, therefore, the supporters of the Orphanage to continue their exertions, and those who have not yet helped us, we invite to give some assistance in protecting the faith of God's dearest little ones.

## ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

FOUNDED IN 1857, TO RECEIVE 500 CHILDREN, BOYS AND GIRLS.

1041 HAVE BEEN ALREADY RECEIVED.

*The following Donations and Subscriptions in aid of the above Institution have been received from the 1st of January, 1872, to the 1st of January 1873.*

	£	s.	d.
His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop,	25	0	0
His Grace the Lord Primate,	1	0	0
His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Errington,	15	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Ferns,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Elphin,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Clogher,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Derry,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Dromore,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin,	1	0	0
The Coadjutor Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Cloyne,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Galway,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Kerry,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Ossory	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Kilmore,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Ross,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Capetown,	1	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Aylward	100	0	0
A Sister of the Holy Faith	60	0	0
Arnott and Co., Sir J	5	0	0
Armstrong, Thomas, Esq., S. America	2	0	0
Anonymous, given at St. Brigid's House, Eccles St.	3	0	0
Armstrong, Thomas, Esq., (2nd subscription)	5	0	0

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Esq., Belfast	0	10	0	(per)	1 0 0
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Esq.,	1	0	0	Mrs., for herself	
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Carroll, Mr. and Mrs.	1	12	6	Mrs. Hackett	0	13	0
Curtis, Mrs., per Card	0	5	0	Mr. Becker	0	12	0
Curran, Mary, per Cards	1	0	0	Mr Bourke,	0	12	0
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500 CHILDREN (BOYS AND GIRLS).

You are requested to assist St. Brigid's Orphanage.

There are three ways in which you can assist it:—1st., 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 Proselytizers.

Already 1,041 of these little innocent creatures (boys and girls) have been saved, and put to nurse with good Catholic nurses in the country. It is proposed, with the help of God, to go on till Two Thousand 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 the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland, and a great number of the Clergy, and several of the Superiors of Houses.

Many hundreds of these poor Orphans are at this moment calling to you for help from Protestant Orphanages, Schools, and Asylums. Many others, just ready to drop into these places, are making application every day to St. Brigid's Orphanage. Will you turn your face away from these poor abandoned infants of the Irish Church, leave them to be brought up in heresy, and perish for ever? Their angels see the face of your heavenly Father, and await your answer, that they may enter your name in the book of life.

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.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered once every Week for the Subscribers, and all engaged in this good work.

The Presidents and Members of the Guilds, who collect for the Orphans, receive no payment in any shape for their labours. All the moneys subscribed go to the Orphans, there being *no paid* officials employed in the Orphanage.

P.S. — Subscriptions or donations may be sent to Miss Aylward, St. Brigid's House, 46, Eccles Street, Dublin, where also collecting books, cards, and further information may be had. The Cardinal Archbishop and the Very Rev. and Rev. the Clergy of the city will also receive Subscriptions.

Amongst the subscribers are to be found the following:—

His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Dublin; His Grace the Lord Primate; His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Tuam; His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Cashel; His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Errington; the Lord Bishop of Meath; the Lord Bishop of Cloyne; the Lord Bishop of Ferns; the Lord Bishop of Cork; the Lord Bishop of Ossory; the Lord Bishop of Clogher; the Lord Bishop of Dromore; the Lord Bishop of Kerry; the Lord Bishop of Kilmacduagh; the Lord Bishop of Killaloe; the Lord Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin; the Lord Bishop of Elphin; the Lord Bishop of Derry; the Lord Bishop of Galway; the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor; the Lord Bishop of Kilmore; the Lord Bishop of Achonry; the Lord Bishop of Maitland; the Lord Bishop of Perth; the Lord Bishop of Ross; and the Lord Bishop of Capetown.

## TESTAMENTARY GUARDIANS.

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

### PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS AND DIRECTIONS 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., [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, 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 dependent 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 re-appoint 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 of 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."

**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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