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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EMINENCE,

The Managers of St. Brigid's Orphanage beg to submit to your Eminence, the Catholic Clergy, and Catholic Public, this Seventeenth Report of the last year's work.

We give a summary of what has been done from November 30th, 1872, to December 1st, 1873

It is scarcely necessary to repeat what has been said in so many former Reports, that the chief object of St. Brigid's Orphanage is to save poor Orphans and destitute Children in danger of losing the faith by proselytism.

During the last year, that is, from November 30th, 1872, to December 1st, 1873, ONE HUNDRED and TEN Catholic Orphans have been rescued from proselytism, and taken into St. Brigid's Orphanage. This is the largest number ever admitted in any one year since the establishment of the Orphanage. The number similarly rescued and received into the Orphanage, since the commence-

ment in 1857, is ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED and FIFTY. The number of Orphans supported and educated during the last year was Three Hundred and Eighty-Six, and the number at present in the Orphanage is Three Hundred and Twenty Six. The children who have been reared, and educated according to their state of life, since 1857, in St. Brigid's Orphanage, and now earning honest bread for themselves in various trades and situations, are very numerous, they amount to the large number of EIGHT HUNDRED and TWENTY-FOUR, and of these, TWO HUNDRED and THIRTY NINE have been adopted by families that reared them, and are treated by their foster-parents as their own children.

The mortality of the Orphans during the past year has been greater than in former years. Four have died. But this is very low compared with the mortality of children in Dublin during the past year. Many of the Orphans on entrance were quite worn and spent, and but for their removal to the country, would certainly have died. The health of the Orphans at present is excellent.

The religious education of the children is best provided for by placing them in sober, honest, industrious families, where the practice of religion is, through the grace of God, an inheritance. These families are found in the rural districts. They are the same, generation after generation. Working on their bit of land, God blesses their honest toil. They go to Confession, attend Mass, are faithful to morning and night prayers. To the care of such families St. Brigid's Orphans are intrusted, and we have found, year after year, that the children be-

come like their foster-parents, moral and religious. In fact, but for these families we could not succeed. Many of our Orphans had been in the Bird's Nest, and in places like it, for several years, and had been steeped through and through in heresy. In the past year, we received some children that had been six years in those dens they had grown up from infancy in them, and when brought to St. Brigid's, manifested a demoniac hatred of everything Catholic, yet even these were disinfected by the example of the good families that took charge of them.

The Schooling has been always our greatest difficulty. We try to overcome it by getting an account of the daily attendance of each child at school, by long and searching examinations, and, especially, by giving substantial premiums. In former reports we explained that the premiums were given, not by competitive examination, but upon clear proof of the acquisition of the different branches of knowledge required by those poor children in their condition of life. In the past year, sixty-four pounds sterling were given in premiums of a half sovereign to each, thus:—for prayers and Catechism, 43; Confirmation, 5—that is, for the trouble of preparing them for this sacrament, Reading, 26, Writing, 31, Arithmetic, 22, very special improvement, 1. The fact which these premiums prove is this, that a number of children represented by the number of premiums, from total ignorance, became fairly educated in those several branches of knowledge.

DAY SCHOOLS.

The Day Schools were established for the same purpose as the Orphanage, that is, for the protection of the faith of poor Catholic children. They grew in fact, as a matter of course, out of the Orphanage, for it was found that the heretics had established day schools for the purpose of perverting the children of the poor, as well as Orphanages for the purpose of destroying the faith of Catholic Orphans. "St. Brigid's Schools of the Holy Faith" were founded to counteract this evil, by withdrawing Catholic children from Protestant and proselytizing day schools. There are now six of those houses; four in the city, and two in the country, containing twelve separate schools, teaching in the aggregate two thousand children, and with an average daily attendance of one thousand five hundred children.

A few brief observations may be given here

- 1 These Schools are unaided by Government grants, because, in imparting education to poor children, many of whom had been in heretical schools for some time, we wanted to be free from Government control, and from all taint of the mixed system, in order to nourish and strengthen their souls with the purity and fullness and power of the faith.
2. In some of these Schools the children are so poor, either from the misfortune or fault of their parents, that we are obliged to give them food and clothing. This is notably the case in the Schools of West Park Street, near the Coombe. There are

large proselytizing schools beside them, with food and clothing offered in exchange for the priceless gift of faith, and if we did not supply those children that are naked and hungry, they would be placed in very grievous temptations. But this, with the other expenses of rent, repairs, school furniture, requisites, and numerous small items of daily outlay, renders the maintenance of these Schools a work of considerable difficulty, and one, we submit, deserving the aid of all who love the faith.

3 To carry out the education of children in these Schools, it has pleased God to call together a number of ladies, and to unite them by holy vows, in a congregation called the "Sisters of the Holy Faith." Besides their own sanctification, they have only one object, one purpose, one work, that is, teaching. They are the daughters of Ireland, working on Irish soil, and teaching the children of Ireland. They carry, as it were, the crucifix in one hand, and the shamrock in the other, to preserve to Ireland, according to the measure of their ability and the opportunities afforded them, that faith, one and unchangeable, which illumined Ireland's shores in the ancient days of her glory, strengthened her children in the days of combat, and gave an assured hope of deliverance in the days of bondage; that faith, which, if preserved to Ireland, will be to her an ark of safety amid the deluge of conflicts and calamities that now impend over the rest of Europe.

We cannot close this report without thanking the many friends and benefactors who have so generously contributed to the work, and enabled us to

save, support, and educate, so many poor abandoned little ones. Above all, we adore, most profoundly, the mercy of God, and bless Him for the success that He has granted the undertaking from its commencement. It will be gratifying to the patrons of St. Brigid's Orphanage to hear that the Institution is not in debt, and that from the commencement, up to the present time, the people who nurse the children have been paid punctually in full. This could not have been done but for the large amount received in bequests. These gifts have come occasionally to us from remote quarters, from persons also who, during life, had never helped the Orphanage, and who at death were not solicited or reminded of this work of charity. God Himself has done this, and herein He has fulfilled His promise of being a Father to the Orphan. Hitherto these legacies have accrued more or less every year, with almost the uniformity of a fixed revenue. May the same good God illumine the minds of those who wisely turn their thoughts in time to a future world, and give them the grace to make provision for the dread judgment, by dealing mercifully with the Orphan Child exposed to the danger of losing the precious gift of faith. Such legacies are acts of charity, and a profession of faith as well, and must be most profitable to him who prepares to appear before God.

The amount of Subscriptions, Collections, and Bequests, to the Orphanage, for the last year, is £2484.

It has been observed, that within the last year, non-Catholics have manifested a more tolerant and

generous spirit in many respects. This is, to some extent, undoubtedly true; but, unhappily, we have not to deal with individuals only, but with an organized system of proselytism, and with institutions established for the avowed purpose of perverting the Orphans and children of our Catholic poor. Now, it so happens, that proselytism is carried on by Parsons, Agents, Readers, Tract Distributors, and the widows and daughters of dilapidated families, who all depend for their daily bread upon proselytism, without this they would either starve or have to work, both of which they have an equal horror of. In fact, the chief principle of vitality in proselytism at present is the large number of paid officials who carry it on. To earn their living and keep their places, they must scatter tracts, parade insulting and blasphemous placards, hold mock discussions, entice drunken and destitute parents to send their children to their schools, or place them in their orphanages. In fact they must have something to show, or their occupation, with its emoluments, is gone. Thus, this vile system of hypocrisy, deceit, and traffic in the souls of men, has become an institution in this country. The whole world knows that it is a lie, and yet, such is the activity of those interested agents who live upon it, that they realise every year large sums of money, to carry on their nefarious trade.

Many destitute Catholics have declared to us that they have been offered five pounds and eight pounds a head for their children, on the condition of allowing them to be reared in heresy. There is scattered through the country a considerable number of ladies,

who, under the guise of philanthropy and charity, induce poor parents to intrust to them their children, with an engagement that they shall be sent to good schools, receive a good education, and afterwards be promoted to lucrative situations. These children are all sent to proselytizing institutions, and in several cases that came under our own observation, the unhappy parents saw through the deception practised on them too late, when their children scoffed at the Catholic religion, and ridiculed their parents themselves for adherence to it.

This system is supported by an annual revenue, little short (when all its sources are reckoned) of one hundred thousand pounds.

It is against this moral and social evil that St. Brigid's Orphanage has struggled for the last seventeen years. We cannot touch the heart of it, for its heart and life-blood is money, and chiefly English money, and the pulsations that impel it through the system, is the throbbing and feverish anti catholic opinion of England, over which we have no control. We can only wait and watch, and rescue as many as possible of the poor little Orphan Children that are its victims.

ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

FOUNDED IN 1857 TO RECEIVE 500 CHILDREN BOYS AND GIRLS.

1150 HAVE BEEN ALREADY RECEIVED

The following Donations and Subscriptions in aid of the above Institution have been received from the 1st of January 1873, to the 1st of January, 1874.

	£	s	d.
His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop,	20	0	0
His Grace the Lord Primate,	1	0	0
His Grace the Most Rev Dr. Errington,	15	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Clogher,	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 Kerry	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Ossory	5	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Ross,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Kilmore,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Capetown,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Ferns,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Elphin,	1	0	0
The Lord Bishop of Derry,	1	0	0
A Friend, per Most Rev Dr Furlong	500	0	0
Part Bequest of the late John Cleary Esq., per James Cleary, Esq.	100	0	0
Arnott & Co., (Limited),	5	0	0
A Sister of the Holy Faith,	50	0	0
Anonymous, per Miss Aylward,	5	0	0

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Esq., made void				Mrs Catherine	
by law	20	0	0	Molloy, per the	
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Aylward	1	10	0	Hunt, C.C.	1 0 0
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Convent, Warren-				per do	6 0 0
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Brock, Very Rev				Mrs	2 0 0
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The House called popularly the "Queen of Charity" is situated in the midst of a poor and thickly populated locality, and in consequence, the Sisters of the Holy Faith have been obliged to give relief to the poor and the afflicted to a large extent. They have given substantial help, during the past year, to more than two thousand persons that were in great want. One of the peculiarities of this work of charity is the old and truly Catholic practice of supplying a Christmas dinner to the deserving poor who cannot otherwise obtain it. On last Christmas Day two hundred and twenty families have had from this Institution a good meat dinner, with vegetables.

All who desire to have the children of the poor receive a solid and really Catholic education, are earnestly requested to subscribe to these schools, and those also who would wish to relieve the deserving poor, to wipe away a tear from the eyes of the afflicted, are entreated to send their Donations and Subscriptions to the House of the Queen of Charity, 65 Lower Jervis Street, or to St. Brigid's, 46 Eccles St., Dublin.

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FOUNDED, IN 1857 TO RECEIVE

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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 1150 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 Religious 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.

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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 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 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,

W H. G. BAGSHAWE.

28th of April, 1858.

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.

With Miss Hayward's compliment

St. Brigid's Orphanage

FOR

FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN,

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