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 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

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### EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

May it please Your Eminence,

The Managers of St. Brigid's Orphanage and of the Schools of the Holy Faith beg to submit to Your Eminence, the Clergy, and the Catholic Public, this their Eighteenth Annual Report.

The chief end both of Orphanage and Schools is to protect the faith of Catholic orphans and destitute children.

During the past year, that is, from December 1st, 1873, to November 30th, 1874, one hundred and seven Orphans and destitute children, boys and girls, have been received into St. Brigid's Orphan age, making a total, since the commencement, of one thousand two hundred and fifty-seven All these poor children were either in Proselytising establishments or in great danger of falling into the hands of the Proselytisers. With very few exceptions they were in want of everything—food, clothing, shelter, schooling, and Catholic instruction. The majority were total Orphans. During the past

year eighty Orphans have been provided for, and from the foundation, in 1857, nine hundred and four have been reared and educated, and are now earning honest bread in various trades and employments. There are no exceptions that we know of but two, and these two have been from infancy imbeciles.

The number of Orphans received into the Insti tution does not fully represent those that were rescued from the proselytisers, for wherever it is possible, with safety to their faith, to leave the children with their parents, it is done. Some mothers for instance, who are sober and who had some place of abode, but who, through extreme poverty, had been on the point of giving up their children, were assisted with a few shillings to set up a basket. Nearly all these succeeded; others were told to send their children to some one of our Poor Schools, where they got breakfast in the morning and bread in the evening. These children were saved from proselytism. Others again, who had been servants and were burdened with only one child, were helped, for half a year or so, to pay for the nursing of their children till, being established in a good place, they became able, out of their wages, to support their children.

In a word, the number of Orphans and destitute children saved from proselytism in these and similar ways, were not much less in number than those admitted into the Orphanage. Five children have died last year, but two were in a dying state when admitted.

There are, at the present moment, three hundred and forty-four Children in the Institution, varying in age from a few months up to fourteen years, but the majority are under ten years of age.

They are all reared in good Catholic families in various parts of the country, and attend the nearest village schools. Their health is at present very good. Their religious instruction and moral training is well attended to by the different families and the clergy, for whose fatherly care of the poor children we are very grateful.

At the two public examinations of the children in January and July, a considerable and progressive improvement was observed in every particular, but especially in the schooling. Hence, the number of premiums was greater than in any former year, amounting to one hundred and forty-four half sovereigns, each half sovereign being the reward and proof of the child having mastered one of the five sections of the Orphan education. These five sections are, Prayers, Catechism, Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. No child can take a half-sovereign premium twice in the same section, and thus progress is stimulated, and lest there should be any neglect, each child is examined twice a year in everything that he has learned.

The receipts for the past year have been £2,573 9s.  $4\frac{1}{2}d.$  This sum has been obtained without the aid of any paid collector, and, in a great measure, from the poor, who, at the same time, contribute to many other Catholic charities. We pray God to

bless all the Donors, especially the good Guildsmen, who spend a great part of Sunday—their only recreation day—in collecting the pence of the poor

But, alas how inadequate this sum is to enable us to contend with the proselytisers, who have funds to the amount of about £80,000 a year

We would be glad to have one or two collectors in every parish in Ireland, supposing that they collected only a few shillings each in the year, it would never be missed, and it would afford us the great happiness of opening St. Brigid's door to every Catholic Orphan in danger of loss of Faith. At present, we can only receive those that are in extreme danger The Propagation of the Faith is a great and glorious work, but this is not less, viz., the preservation of the Faith to the poor Orphan child. Each child receives the gift of Faith in baptism, and it is undoubtedly a matter of greater consequence to keep that child from heresy than to bring even an infidel to the Faith.

We appeal to the Clergy to aid us in this. We appeal to every one throughout the country who wishes to preserve to Ireland her greatest glory, stability in the Faith, to give or collect a few shillings every year.

The administration of the charity is done gratuitously, so that every shilling goes to gladden the heart of some poor child.

All the Orphans pray every morning and night for their Benefactors, the Sisters of Holy Faith recite the Rosary every day, and Mass is celebrated every week for them likewise.

#### SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH.

There are thirteen of these Schools, ten of which are for the children of the poor. In these ten Schools, two thousand children are educated.

They are situated for the most part in the poorest localities of Dublin, in order to counteract the proselytising day schools and save many poor chil dren, who would otherwise be taught by heretics and imbued with heretical errors. Many of these chil dren are so poor that we are obliged to give them food and clothing. During the past year, two hundred and twenty, boys and girls, have received food every day, and one hundred and thirty have received more or less clothing, which was, for the most part, warm and substantial.

All this must be continued, and, if possible, increased, for, in the poorer localities, especially the Liberties of Dublin, there are hundreds of children who go to bed supperless and rise in the morning without any provision for breakfast. If breakfast be not for them at the Catholic School, they will be sorely tempted to seek it in the proselytising school, and, as a matter of fact, several of them do yield to the temptation. Poor things! we find it easy to blame them, but if we were shoeless, with a thin covering, in which time had made twenty fissures for the winter's biting blast to enter, and had not a morsel to appease the gnawing hunger,

perhaps we might find it hard to resist the tempta tion of the proselytisers' blazing fire and breakfast ready O Saviour of the world! look on these poor children and touch the hearts of those who can succour them

These ten Poor Schools are not under Govern ment control, and consequently receive no government aid, for the obvious reason, that in order to weed the roots of heresy out of the children who had been in the proselytising day schools, and con firm them in their Faith, our schools must be thoroughly Catholic.

Reader, can you not do something to aid this necessary and important work?

The Orphanage was founded eighteen years ago, and the first School, fourteen. These have been truly years of warfare. The 'Evil Spirit,'-alarmed at the splendid triumphs of the Catholic Church, the multiplication of dioceses in newly-discovered countries; the revival of Faith in the old, the noble firmness of the Pastors of the Church in defending her interests; the calm dignity of the Chief Pastor standing on the tempest-beaten rock, the submission of sinner and heretic and heathen to the Church of God—has been stung into a more than diabolical activity, and has tried to make amends for his losses by stirring up fanatics to rob the poor children of Ireland of their Faith. It is only in this way that modern proselytism can be accounted for It is, indeed, the work of the Evil Spirit. What, in fact, can be more strange than to see men calling themselves Christian, compassing sea and land, and spending large sums of money to bribe Catholic mothers to give up their children to, what they call, the Protestant church—an Institution, now all but universally condemned. For it is cast off by the state, abandoned, day after day, by the learned and noble, and left a prey to internal commotions and divisions.

But the strangest phase of proselytism is the fact, that most of the money comes from England. Why do not those ladies and gentlemen spend their money at home, and rescue the many infants that are every year put to death by their unnatural parents in England? Why do they not look to their great Babylon, where thousands of children and youths are kennelled in dens not fit for wild beasts, growing up without God, immersed in physical squalor, with the instincts of beasts of prey, and, in fact, menacing at no distant day to wreak a terrible revenge on society These Pharisees send many thousands of pounds sterling to Ireland every year to seduce our children from the ancient faith, while all that misery, destitution, and crime, stagnates and putrefies at their own doors.

We have now given a brief, a very brief sketch of the work done and doing by St. Brigid's Orphanage and the Schools of the Holy Faith, and we shall conclude by reminding our readers of the peculiar position of Ireland at the present time. Ireland is now the nursing mother of nations. There is vastly more of the Irish race outside than within her shores. They have gone to the East, but generally have followed the setting sun and peopled vast regions, so that the name which St. Brendan gave to America in the eighth century, is now in substance verified—'Great Ireland' This little Ireland, so fresh, so elastic, and still so young, this have of men has been justly called an apostolic nation, and her people a missionary race, with a vocation from the great Creator to carry with them the Faith in all their peregrinations. And indeed, though some, at their departure, were not well instructed, yet, on the whole, they have been faithful to their vocation, and have fulfilled their mission. Many of them, in that simple love which stamps the race, have carried with them the shamrock, and planted it by the rivers and on the mountain sides, and in the gardens of their new countries, and where the shamrock was, the faith grew up, and the school was built and the church erected, at first, in rudely-hewn planks, afterwards, in the proportion and magnificence of a cathedral, and the congregation multiplied, and the Priest came, and then the Bishop, and in process of time, the venerable and mighty Hierarchy was founded. We say then, Ireland, be true to your vocation, guard the faith as the apple of your eye, give your children that education only that will enlighten, vivify, and strengthen their faith, lend St. Brigid a helping hand to meet the last curse, a curse worse than that of Cromwell, the curse of proselytism.

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Persons wishing to subscribe to this most necessary and meritorious work will please address "Miss Aylward, Saint Brigid's House, 46 Eccles Street, Dublin." His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop, and the Very Rev. and Rev. the Clergy of the city will also most thankfully receive subscriptions.

### St. Brigid's Schools of the Yoly Frith,

### WEST PARK STREET COOMBE.

There is a daily attendance of over Three Hundred Children at these Schools, the most destitute and most deserving of whom receive comfortable clothing at Christmas as far as the funds permit. The Sisters of Faith are enabled to give bread every day to a large number of these poor children, owing, in a great measure, to the collections made by a few good men, and the generosity of the parishioners.

The spiritual welfare of the Children is most zealously attended to by the Rev. Guardian.

Per Rev. M. M'Manus, P.P., fourth share of the

1st instalment of Mr. Delany's money for the	0	
Schools of St. Nicholas	£9 10	0
From an "Anonymous" Gentleman	1 0	0
Miss Brett, Capel Street	4 10	0
Per Rev A. O'Grady, C.M.	0 16	4

### Subscriptions per Rev. J Whelan, C.C

Mr. O'Flanagan	£2	0	0	Mr. Molloy	£0	5	0	
Mr. Sweetman	1	0	0	Mrs. Murphy	0	5	0	
Mr. Doyle				Mrs. Murray	0	5	0	
Mr. Bourke				Sundries	0	6	0	
Mr. Kelly		10	-					

### Collected by Mr. Redmond £4 10 0

The Sisters of Faith return very grateful thanks to Mr. John Burke, Francis Street, for 6 loaves of bread, supplied weekly for the poor children attending these Schools.

## St. Brigid's Schools of the Yoly Faith.

The following Subscriptions have been received in aid of the above Schools, which afford a religious and good secular Education to more than Two Thousand Children.

These Schools accept of no Government grant, and are independent of Government control.

From "Anonymous," per Very Rev Canon Pope, for			
St. Brigid's School, Crow Street	£2		0
Francis Gowan, Esq. M.O. yberd O.	1	0	0
Per Rev. J Gowan, C.M.	1	0	0
Sir John Arnott & Co., for St. Brigid's Schools,			
Jervis Street	5	0	0
Miss Brett, Capel Street, for do		10	0
Per Rev J Gowan, C.M. for St. Brigid's Schools,			
Glasnevin	1	0	0

### SOCIETY

OF THE

### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN OF CHARITY,

65 LOWER JERVIS STREET

This Institution was committed, three years ago, by His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop, to the Sisters of the Holy Faith. During the past year they have conducted two Poor Schools, one for girls, and one for little boys. The daily attendance in both schools has been Three Hundred children. Efforts have been made to give these children a solid education, and the crowded state of the schools is a proof that those efforts have been successful, for every available seat has been occupied. The religious instruction and training has been especially attended to; and to secure liberty in this department, the schools have been kept free from the interference of the National Board of Education. Besides the Day Schools, a Sunday School has been in operation during the past year, for the benefit of girls and young women who, during the day, are obliged to work. This has been of great service to those whose education was neglected in their younger days.

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 sixty 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.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass shall be offered twice every Month, for the Members, Subscribers, and Benefactors, living and dead, of the Society of the B.V.M., "Queen of Charity"

The Sisters of Faith gratefully acknowledge the following Donations.

From His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop	iiden		
(Christmas Alms)	£20	0	0
From "Anonymous," I. M. London	10	0	0
From "Anonymous," per Very Rev Canon Pope Henry O'Hara, Esq., Q.C.	2	0	0
Donation from Mrs Allingham towards providing	1	0	0
Dr. M'Donagh, Haddington Road	1	0	0
Mr. Williams, Rathmines	0	10	0
Mr. William Powell,	0	6	0
Mrs Lynch	0	5	0
	0	5	0
Per Mr. Malone	3	1	4
Per Mr. Thompson	1	9	0
Per Mr. Fitzpatrick	0	12	8

### ST. BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

46 ECCLES STREET, DUBLIN.
FOUNDED, IN 1857, TO RECEIVE
500 CHILDREN (BOYS AND GIRLS

1257 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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 1257 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.

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 Coadjutor 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., &c., by this my " of "Will or Codicil) appoint C D., of &c., ] to be the Guardian "[and E. F., of "[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 Guardian. ship 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,

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 Ordhanage, 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

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