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.

# St. Brigid's Orphanage

FOR

### FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN,

(BOYS AND GIRLS).

## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

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### TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

May it please your Eminence,

The Managers of St. Brigid's Orphanage, and Schools of the Holy Faith, beg to submit to Your Eminence, the Clergy, and the Catholic Public, a short account of their stewardship of the past year, that is, from the 1st of December, 1876, to the 30th of November, 1877 And, first, thanks and praise are due to Almighty God, who has brought the Orphanage to the close of the twenty-first year of its existence, blessing it at every step, raising up friends for it in every quarter, diffusing charity and harmony among its active Associates, and, above all, strengthening and purifying the faith and morals of so many hundreds of Orphans, reared and educated under its protection. To Him alone be all honour and praise for ever Amen.

It is already well known, that the purpose and aim of St. Brigid's Orphanage, is to protect Catholic Orphans and destitute children from proselytism.

It is also well known that the children most exposed to the danger of loss of faith by this wicked proselytism, are the poorest, most abandoned, and most helpless members of the Catholic Church. Hence, two great works of mercy meet, and are carried out in the Orphange,—the spiritual and the corporal. The Orphan child is saved from heresy or infidelity and everlasting perdition, and is strengthened in the faith, by instruction and the practice of religious duties, and this is a spiritual work of mercy of the highest order the same child is clothed, fed, housed, and placed in a family who, most commonly, act towards it as good parents, brothers, and sisters, and this is clearly a great corporal work of mercy

FIFTY-SIX Such Orphan children (TWENTY-NINE boys and TWENTY-SEVEN girls), were received into St. Brigid's Orphanage during the past year Several of these children had been in proselytising dens, and subjected to a process of perversion, nearly all the rest had been, it might be truly said, on the threshold, and in imminent danger of loss of faith. The few received last year, whose faith had not been greatly exposed to danger, were in the midst of moral corruption. These fifty-six Orphans, added to those received in former years, makes a total of one thousand four hundred and seventy-three admitted since the foundation of the Orphanage.

The following table shows substantially the statistics of the Orphanage, both for the past and foregoing years:—

No. of Orphans admitted during last year	56
No. ,, ,, since commencement No. of Orphans adopted by their foster	1,473
parents during last year	14
No. ,, since commencement	354

No. of Orphans apprenticed, and placed in	18
situations during last year	10
No. of Orphans restored to parents or	28
guardians during the past year	4
No. of deaths during the past year	
Total No. of Orphans provided for since	1124
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The health of the children during the year, was satisfactory No doubt, four deaths occurred, and, this is more than the average annual mortality in the Orphanage. But there were, during the year, THREE HUNDRED and FIFTY-ONE children in the Orphanage, and four deaths in the year out of so many, is a very low rate of mortality It must, moreover, be taken into account, that during the last year, several infants, only a few days old, were admitted, and many of the older children had been sickly and neglected before admission. In fact, one of the blessings of the Orphanage, is the restoration of health to many poor children. A little boy may be seen in St. Brigid's House on almost any admission day, whose appearance gives but slight promises of health or even life. He is dwarfed from bad air, cold, hunger, and want of care. He is pale, withered, wasted, his hair on end and matted, his thin lips adhering to the teeth as if glued to them. He sits there dull and almost motionless. This little boy is taken into the Orphanage, and sent to the country In twelve months all is changed, there is life now in every limb, bloom in the face, and light in the eye, and, after some years, he is a hardy and healthy young man, able and willing to fight the battle of life.

But what is better still than health, the religious education and moral training continues to be good, and is, in fact, a reward, in this world, of the labour and solicitude spent upon them. What sweeter pleasure is there indeed, than to see these Orphans grow up well conducted, moral, and religious, fearing God, and practising the duties of religion?

This is the result of several causes. First, the selection of good localities and good families. For little children, above all, are formed by circumstances, imitate what they see, do as those above and around them do, and are led by example. Hence, being separated from corrupting influences, and placed in good families, it is no wonder that they grow up moral and religious. Another, and a powerful cause, is the affection that subsists between the Orphans and their foster-parents. Those who have not witnessed it, cannot conceive the intense attachment of the foster-parents, or the tenacity with which the children cling to them. And this is not a passing sentiment. It outlives for years their separation, for in many cases they must part. Then the foster-parents look after them, correspond with them, make considerable journeys to visit them, and exert all their influence over them to preserve them from evil, and keep them up to the practice of religious duties. On the other hand, the children call the house and place of their foster-parents their home, and thither they turn their steps when out of place, or otherwise in want of a home. And, be it said to the credit of Ireland, there was always a welcome for them. Almighty God, who has promised to be a Father to the fatherless, sweetly disposes all these things.

Efforts have been made from the beginning, to secure for the Orphans sufficient schooling, and with a fair amount of success Except in cases of sickness, all that are old enough, must go to school, and to stimulate the nurses to co-operate with the Teachers, a considerable sum is spent every year in premiums. The amount given in this way last year was 116 half-sovereigns. The instruction is comprised under five heads. Catechism and Prayers, confirmation, reading, writing and arithmetic. An examination passed successfully in any one of these (supposing the child to have learned while in the Orphanage), secures for the nurse, a premium of half a sovereign. They were obtained as follows:—

Prayers and Catechism Confirmation, that is for the pains taken to prepare the children for this great	42
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Sacrament	28
Reading,	17
Writing,	2
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With regard to providing for the Orphans, when they are reared, strange to say, there is very little difficulty Many are returned to the surviving parents, or guardians, many are adopted by their foster-parents, and the remainder are not sufficient to supply the demand for them as apprentices or servants. What has been said in former Reports, can still be said with truth, that of the many hundreds of Orphans reared under St. Brigid, not one is a burden to the Orphanage at present All that have gone out are self supporting, so far as they can be traced.

All the good recorded above, and much that has been passed over, and very much more that must be the result in the future, is mainly due, under God, to the Subscribers

Without the material resources, little, very little, can be done for those destitute children. In their name, therefore, thanks are given to those who contributed last year to the amount of £2,126 2s. 8d. This sum includes subscriptions, donations, and bequests. Thanks are due, particularly to the Brothers of the Guilds, who collect the pence of the poor on Sundays, and more especially to Mr Steiner who, besides, has from time to time, suspended his own employment, to collect in various parts of the country, and this without any per-centage, salary or payment whatever.

Perhaps an apology is due here to several charitable persons, who recommended Orphans for admission without success, or who were required to pay or collect something towards their support, as a condition of their admission. The fact is, Orphans are received only to the extent, that there is a fair prospect of meeting the expense, for it is easy to get into debt, but sometimes hard to get out of it.

However, no child that was in imminent and immediate danger of loss of faith was refused. It is undoubtedly desirable that every Catholic child that is destitute, and in danger of loss of faith, should be admitted without delay, but to do this more funds are required, and those who can give help in any way, are earnestly requested to do so. Whoever reflects well on the following reasons for helping St. Brigid's Orphanage, will certainly do something:—

- 1 There is a wide-spread and wicked proselytism of Catholic children. There is no need to prove this now. The question is, shall I allow those poor children to be robbed of their faith, through the temptation of a bit of bread, a rag of a garment, or the prospect of a situation, and do nothing? Or shall I wait? Next year, those that are in present danger will be past recovery
- 2. Some have said, "if I could find a large establishment that was capable of receiving all the children in danger of proselytism, I would make a great sacrifice to save them" Here is such, in St. Brigid's there is room almost without limit.
- 3. All the work of the Orphanage is done gratutously—superintendence, collection of funds etc., so that all contributions, go directly to the salvation of the children.
- 4. The most inexpensive mode of rearing and educating the Orphans, consistent with efficiency, has been adopted.
- 5. The church has blessed the work. The Cardinal Archbishop petitioned our Holy Father Pius IX, to bestow a special blessing upon St. Brigid's Orphanage, and he opened the treasury of the church, and granted the following indulgences to those who assist the Orphanage:—namely, an Indulgence of two hundred days, as often as they may pay a visit to the Altar of the Most Holy Sacrament, or of the most Blessed Virgin, in the Metropolitan Church, Dublin, and a Plenary Indulgence provided they approach the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist on the feast of Saint Brigid, on the feast of Saint Laurence O'Toole,

Archbishop of Dublin, and on the days within the the Octave of both feasts, on all feasts of the most Blessed Virgin, and on any one Friday in each month. PIUS IX, May 12, 1859

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Behold, then, the little Orphan children of holy Ireland, supplecating you to stand between them and the greatest evil that could befal them, loss of faith, and consequent loss of God. Their forefathers lost all, home, land, and often life, rather than renounce their faith. Shall their children perish? No. God will inspire those, to whom He has given the goods of this world, to raise to themselves, monuments grander than marble, and more lasting than brass, in the salvation of these little children, who are taught to pray every day for their benefactors, and whose angels will plead before the throne of God for those who helped to save them from ruin.

### SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH.

The Schools of the Holy Faith were established for the same end that the Orphanage was, that is to protect the faith of poor Catholic children.

Everybody knows that, besides Asylums, and Nests, and Homes, and Orphanages, for interning Catholic Orphans, the proselytisers have dayschools for the Catholic children of indigent parents. They allure these poor children to their schools by bribes of food, clothing, and promises of assistance to better themselves in life. Various motives influence the parents in sending or

permitting their children to go to these schools. Agents, who are commonly perverts, or hypocrites, visit the poor and sometimes prevail on them to send their children Intemperance, especially when both father and mother are addicted to it, renders them reckless as to the schooling of their children, provided they are able to subsist. Sometimes it is the just reprimand of the Priest, or the refusal on his part to accede to their repeated demands upon him for money that vexes them, and forthwith, to spite him, as they say, they sacrifice their poor children. Ignorance and neglect of religious duties, leaves some of these poor people almost indifferent about the salvation of their children. Some of those parents too, had been in their youth, pupils in "common Christianity' Schools, and are of course more liberal now in matters of faith. The pressure of want is, however, what more commonly influences them. They say, "I can't see my children hungry, I'll send them for a while, till the times get better, and I'll take them away before they are old enough to receive any harm. Sure such and such a neighbour has done the same." Thus the gap is broken, and instead of emerging from poverty, they often sink more deeply Most of these poor people could be reclaimed by great efforts and constant vigilance. But the surest prospect of reformation, is the instruction and Catholic education of their children. To do this, the temptation of the proselytising school must be removed, that is, those children that are in great want must get food and clothing. The schools of the Holy Faith were founded to counteract proselytism. There are nine of them, that is, nine distinct schools in four houses, with an average daily attendance of one thousand five hundred children. Many of those

children are not in danger of loss of faith, for they belong to parents who would not on any account, send them to schools condemned by the church. It is, thank God, only a minority of the 1500 children that are exposed to the temptation, and most of these are found in the "Liberties" Hence the imperative necessity of maintaining, in a state of efficiency, the schools in West Park Street, which are within a stone s throw of the large proselytising school on the Coombe. This, however, is very difficult for they are not under the National Board, nor, indeed, any of the schools of the Holy Faith for solid reasons given in former Reports. Besides, there is an outlay every year of about £150, in supplying the poorer children with food and clothing. There is moreover another difficulty in the West Park Street Schools, which increases the labour of teaching The house consists of only two large rooms, one for little boys, the other for girls, the attendance in both amounting ordinarily to 500. But there is no separate place for the infants, who over-crowd the girls school except, on fine days in the summer months, when they are taught in the play-ground. Not only this, but little girls come to school with their infant sisters or brothers in their arms. The mother is washing or charing to earn a shilling, and if the infant is not admitted, the girl is kept at home without any instruction whatsoever, and in danger of being sent to the proselytising school. How hard the life of those Religious, who spend weeks, months, and years buried among masses of the poorest children, inhaling the odours emitted from rags, labouring to subject to order, and discipline, the children of the street, teaching instructing, and forming them to Christian habits of life!

It must be noticed, that there are three classes of expenses incurred in conducting these Schools: 1st house-rent, repairs, etc., 2nd, all the expenses incidental to teaching, 3rd, the alms given to the very poor Most sincere thanks are given to the few who have subscribed or collected for this most meritorious work. But, whoever will take the trouble of looking at the list of contributions to the Schools, will be amazed that so much has been done with such slender resources, and in fact, it could not be done only that the Sisters give their services gratuitously It is hoped therefore, that Almighty God will raise up friends for this work, in order that, with increased resources, the dayschool proselytism of Catholic children may be more vigorously and efficiently counteracted.

There are two or three things in connection with these Schools that ment a word of notice. The first is the Lending Library for the poor By the help of a few friends, one library was started in one of the Schools three years ago. This succeeded so well, that a second and a third, attached to two other Schools, were attempted, and so far all are doing well. The books are almost exclusively religious four hundred and sixty, big and little, make up the three libraries, many of them indeed being only penny Lives of the Saints. However, the children are anxious to get them, and often work hard at their lessons to deserve them. These books are read with avidity in the houses of the poor, chiefly on Sundays, and are always returned, though sometimes a little soiled from thumbing Contributions of books, or the means to buy them, will be thankfully received at St. Brigid's 46 Eccles Street, in order to extend and perpetuate this good work.

The second thing to be noted in connection with the Schools of the Holy Faith, is the practice of giving relief to families in their own homes, during short periods of temporary distress, from the Convent, 65 Lower Jervis Street. This house was founded many years ago by some good men, under the title of the Society of the Queen of Charity, and the relief of distressed families was one of their laudable undertakings. This has been continued. The number of distressed families relieved during the year was 475, and by this means, many have been saved the necessity of pawning furniture or clothing during the temporary sickness of the head of the

Another very Christian work is carried out at the House of the Queen of Charity, that of giving a good meat dinner, with, bread and vegetables, on Christmas Eve. One hundred and seventy families, that is upwards of 700 individuals, are made happy on Christmas Day, in honour of the new born Saviour His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop directed this to be done, and each succeeding year, has chiefly supplied the means to dispense this beautiful charity

It is perhaps needless to add here, that all these details of the Orphanage and the Schools are given not for the mere purpose of publishing them, but in the interest of the Orphan and the poor so dear to God, to enlist the sympathies of the charitable, for the maintenance and perpetuation of those works of faith and mercy

One other note may be made, which may at first sight appear trifling, but which probably will have a lasting and extensive influence for good on many

children. It is a reunion of all the children of the Schools of the Holy Faith, which takes place once a year. The children look forward to it and try to secure as many good marks for attendance, conduct and lessons, as will entitle them to a ticket of admission to a solemn Procession, which is held in the Convent Demesne of Glasnevin, on the Sunday within the Octave of the Assumption, in honor of our Lady and St. Joseph.

The march, in measure, of so many children dressed in white, following the image of our Lady with their many banners, chanting their litanies and hymns is something very impressive. But, to these children it must be an epoch in their lives, and in after time they will look back to that day so innocently and so joyously spent—the glorious sunshine, the great wide-spreading green trees, the shady walks, the flowers, the grand procession the consecration of themselves to the service of God, made on that day, under the protection of our Lady and St. Joseph, and the final Benediction imparted to them by our Lord Himself in the Adorable Sacrament. In after life, in difficulties or dejection, in grave temptation, nay, perhaps after misspent years, this vision of early enjoyment, interwoven with religion, will light up the soul with a ray of hope, and enable her to recover true peace and happiness, which are found only in friendship with God.

### ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

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St. Nicholas of Myra's Society, per Mr W Walsh	£1	9	4	
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The Warehousemen's Society, per do.	0	5	0	
The Patriotic Loan Fund Society, per Mr Warner	1	15	5	
The Junior Leinster Tontine Society, per Mr Ryan	0	12	0	
The Olive Branch Society, per do.	0	10	0	
St. Andrew's & St. Mark's Tontine Society per Mr				
Nolan .	0	10	0	
The Great Britain Christian Burial Society per Mr				
M'Cann & Mr Marlow	0	12	0	
The Mater Misericordia Society per Mr Barret	0	9	0	
St. James's Loan Fund Society, per Mr Moore	0	7	6	
The Dublin Alliance Loan Fund Society per Mr				
Moore & Mr Brennan	0	6	0	
St Kevins Loan Fund Society per Mr Henry Adams	0	7	6	
The Dublin Partnership Loan Fund Society per				
Mr J Clancy	0	5	6	
St. Dominic's Burial Society per Mr T Maher	0	5	2	
St Crispins' Tontine Society per Mr Knight	0	5	0	
Mount Argus Tontine Society, per Mr Bermingham			0	
& Mr Cunningham	0	4	6	
The Charlemont Tontine Society, per Mr Henry				
Murphy & Mr Bermingham	0	5	0	

P.S.—Donations of Clothing, old or new, or materials for making same; boots, shoes, etc., will be most gratefully received at St. Brigid's House, 46 Eccles Street Dublin.

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. Frigid's Schools of the Yoly Faith. WEST PARK STREET, COOMBE.

There is a daily attendance of over Four Hundred and Fifty 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 at-

tended to by the Rev. Guardian.

Mr Murphy's Annual Bequest, per Rev J Whelan,	,		
C.C.	£5	0	0
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Per Rev A. O'Grady, C.M.	0	16	4
Per Rev M. M'Manus, P.P., from the Delany Fund,			
for the Schools of St. Nicholas	£24	5	0
Interest on the Delany Fund, per Doctor Ryan,	9	16	6
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## St. Brigid's Schools of the Woly 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 no Government grant, and are independent of Government control.

From Mr James Gorman, Drumin Park, De	elgany,			
for the poorest of St. Brigid's Schools	50	0	0	
Mr J P Levey Manchester, for St. B	rigid's			
Schools, Glasnevin	1	0	0	
Mr & Mrs Daniel Ryan, Brighton, for do.	0	5	0	
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Messrs Arnott & Co. (Limited) for do.	5	0	0	
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M Doyle, Admr., for St. Brigid's Sci	hools,			
Clarendon Street	5	0	0	
An "Anonymous" Gentleman, for do.	1	0	0	
Mr Michael Sweeny, for St. Brigid's Sc	chools			
Glasnevin .	1	0	0	

### SOCIETY

OF THE

### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN OF CHARITY,

#### 65 LOWER JERVIS STREET

This Institution was committed, six years ago, by His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop, to the Sisters of the Holy Faith. During the past four years 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.

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 two thousand seven hundred and fifty five 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, Five hundred and twenty persons 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 is 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 Archbi	shop		
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The Sisters of Faith return very grateful thanks to Mr. Joseph Downes, for several donations of bread, supplied for the poor children attending these Schools.

### ST. BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

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

1473 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 1473 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 Most Rev Dr. M'Cabe; the Lord Bishop of Cloyne; the Lord Bishop of Ferns; the Lord Bishop of Ossory; the Lord Bishop of Clogher; the Lord Bishop of Dromore; 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 Down and Connor; the Lord Bishop of Galway; the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor; the Lord Bishop of Kilmore, the Lord Bishop of Achonry

### 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 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 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 Lincoln's Inn, W H. G. BAGSHAWE.

28th of April, 1858.

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## 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 1638. Is valid, unless it be signed at the root 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.

