

St. Brigid's Orphanage

FOR

FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN,

(BOYS AND GIRLS).

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May it please your Grace,

The Managers of St. Brigid's Orphanage and Schools of the Holy Faith beg to submit to your Grace, the Clergy, and the Catholic Public, this their Twenty-Third Annual Report.

Twenty-two years ago a very remarkable fact happened in reference to the Orphanage. The old Parish Vestries of Dublin, which used to take up poor children and rear them Protestants, at the expense of the citizens of Dublin, had been deprived, some time previously of the right of levying taxes for this purpose. The only resource then was to put these children into the poorhouse. But to secure their perversion, the opinion of the then Law Adviser to the Castle was procured, to the effect that all children, the religion of whose parents was unknown, should, on entering the poorhouse, be registered Protestants.

It was hard in those times to find Protestant nurses for all the infants, and thirty-seven of them were left with Catholics during infancy. But these poor Catholics, being unable to support them without payment, reluctantly brought the infants into Dublin, to place them in the poorhouse. They were persuaded, however, to return to the country, pending some negotiations set on foot to save the children's faith, for the good people had got them baptized. Nothing, however, was done, and a second time the children were brought into town to be put into the poorhouse as Protestants. St. Brigid's Orphanage was, at this time, in its infancy, without funds, character, or credit, still willing to take charge of the thirty seven children. But the nurses knew not St. Brigid's, and how could they trust that payment would be forthcoming from the Orphanage. In this difficulty, the Parish Priest of St. Nicholas, Francis Street, stood in the gap and saved the children. He sent for the country people, who were having some refreshment in the inns about Francis Street after their long journey, before bringing the Children to the poorhouse, pledged his word that St. Brigid would not fail to pay them every half year, and induced them to return home with their charge. The Priest's word was kept, the Orphanage did not fail to pay, and all these children were reared Catholics. The Parish Priest of St. Nicholas was then the Very Rev Canon M'Cabe, who has ever since been the friend of the Orphanage, and whom the good Providence of God has now set in the See of St. Laurence to continue the work of the late illustrious Cardinal Archbishop in protecting the Faith of the Orphans and destitute children of our Catholic poor.

St. Brigid's Orphanage has now been in existence

twenty-three years. The first child was admitted early in the year 1857. From that time to the end of 1879, ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY Orphans, boys and girls, have been received. Of these, ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY have been reared, educated, and put on their own account to maintain themselves by their own exertions, and we are happy to be able to report that, with scarcely half-a-dozen exceptions, they have succeeded. They had been all reared in the country with honest and religious families, where they had been trained to make themselves useful about the house and the land almost from infancy. Hence, the work of trade or service was natural to them. THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE of these Orphans were adopted by the families in which they had been nursed, and thus escaped many of the dangers of the world. Those who were put to trades or service had been accustomed more by the example than the advice of their foster-parents to receive the sacraments monthly, and this good habit they have retained with wonderful fidelity in their several positions in life. This is, we think, the main cause why so many have succeeded in earning an honest livelihood.

The year 1879 has been a year of calamity and distress, and the Orphanage has, to some extent, shared in the general depression. Not having any fixed revenue or foundation, and depending on voluntary contributions, the Managers were obliged reluctantly to refuse many applications for the admission of Orphans, whom it would certainly have been a great mercy to receive. But on the other hand, it was absolutely necessary to meet current liabilities, lest the whole work should collapse.

On this account, the number of Orphans received last year has been smaller than that of many former years—viz: eighteen. These, however, were cases of pressing necessity, where it seemed that the faith of the children could not be otherwise saved.

The health of the Orphans has been always good. There were two hundred and sixty-three Children in the Orphanage last year, and of these only three died. In many former years the deaths had been even less. This is the more extraordinary from the fact that many mere infants have been admitted, and that there has been no health-test, the only questions being those of danger of loss of faith and destitution, and, in fact, several sick children have been admitted, and others quite worn and wasted.

The Schooling of the Orphans has been better during the past year, and this improvement arises chiefly from the system of payment by results in the National Schools. The most stringent measures were always taken to secure sufficient schooling for the Orphans, but not with all the success we desired. Now, however, the income of the Teacher depends, to a considerable extent, upon the improvement of the pupil, and as poor Orphan Children are often rich in brains, and therefore capable of being turned to account in a results point of view, their schooling is often well attended to.

We are anxious to afford shelter to every poor Catholic Orphan and destitute Child that is really in danger of losing the Faith. All we want is more ample means. And, in fact, there never was a time since the famine of 1847, in which the Orphanage required more abundant help to carry on its work, than at present. The seasons of distress

have been always the opportunities of the Proselytisers. It was so in 1821-25, when Lord Farnham and his coöperators and agents offered bread and bacon to starving Catholics, to induce them to renounce their faith, and some who accepted this bribe, expecting to return after the distress, never got the grace to do so, and lost their Faith. It was so in 1846-48, when soup was given as the price of apostacy. The poor Irish Catholic has no leaning to heresy, nay, he has a strong aversion to it, and hence, with scarcely an exception, it was only under the pressure of dire distress, and in the agony of hunger pangs, that Catholics have given up their Children to the Proselytisers. But the present is more fraught with danger than former periods of want, for this reason, that the machinery set up in 47 for entrapping poor Catholics is still in working order. In former periods of Irish history, the attempts at proselytism were sudden outbursts of fanaticism, that only lasted a few years at most. Now it is an elaborated system, an almost perfect organization, with intelligent agents, who eat of its bread, and are nursed in its bosom, and with large and pretty steady revenues. The opposition therefore to this wicked system of proselytism must be strong, steady, and perseverant. We must act like Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain in their war with the Mahomedan Moors, who, when they could not take the city of Grenada by storm, or by ordinary siege, built beside it the city of Santa Fé (of the Holy Faith), and there sat down, determined if necessary to carry on the siege for generations, and thus obtained a great and final victory.

We have to thank Almighty God for all the favours bestowed on the Orphanage during the past

year And, indeed, it is a great blessing that amid almost national ruin, we have been enabled to keep St. Brigid's Orphans in the Institution, and continue their education without incurring debt. We beg all the subscribers, but especially the Archbishops, Bishops, and Clergy, to accept our heartfelt thanks, for they subscribed while their own subjects were in dire distress, judging doubtless that the claim of poor children in danger of loss of Faith was supreme. The Brothers of the Guilds are entitled not only to our thanks, but to the gratitude of the Catholic Church, for their long, constant, and arduous labours in defence of the Faith. They have brought to the Orphans Fund the pence of the poor, and therewith the blessing of God. In former years the Orphanage received great help from a Guild of Ladies, but deaths, vocations to religion, and other causes have deprived us of their cooperation. We wish very much to reestablish the Guild, and invite all who wish to secure for themselves the Aureola promised to those who defend the faith, to come and devote a little of their time to the Orphanage.

St. Brigid's is capable of succouring an unlimited number of Orphans. The Managers are willing, as heretofore, to give their time and labour gratuitously. Catholic Orphans and destitute children are falling every day, and before our eyes, into the hands of those who rob them of that Faith without which no one ever did, or ever shall enter Heaven. The one thing wanted is the means to support and educate them. Reader, will you let these innocent children be lost, and lost eternally?

SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH.

We have more than once stated in former Reports that these Schools were auxiliaries to the Orphanage, in as much as they were founded, to receive the Children of the poor, who had been tempted to go to Protestant and Proselytising day Schools. The Schools of the Holy Faith are purely Catholic Schools, being subject only to ecclesiastical authority. We have to report an addition of two to the number of Schools, and an increase of pupils in those previously established. There are now, more than two thousand Children attending the Schools of the Holy Faith. It is scarcely necessary to add that religious and moral teaching holds the first place in these Schools, and that the secular teaching is leavened with the religious. In the face of so much heretical and infidel teaching, with such a flood of anti-religions, and immoral literature, reaching by its cheapness the lowest stratum of society, every good Catholic must feel that there is the greatest need of religious and moral training in the Schools. But, unfortunately, when it was most necessary to supply motives and incentives to Teachers to attend well to the religious instruction of their pupils, the very opposite has been done. In the national and intermediate systems of education the Catechism is thrown out, so that it is impossible for the Teacher or the college to obtain one penny of results fees for the Catechism. What will be the consequence? It is not in human nature to bestow as much time and labour upon that which is unpaid and unprized, as upon that which will bring money and renown. Besides, in the keen competition, and

as one may say, breathless scramble now going on for honours and prizes in education, it is hard to expect that time will be taken from the secular, which alone can win, to spend upon religious instruction, which counts for nothing in the race. But the worst consequence to be apprehended is, that the children, in process of time may come to contemn that which is accounted by those over them, as apparently unworthy of study, or attention. And this is precisely what has begun to happen in the primary Schools for Catholics in England. For a considerable time past, the Teacher in a Catholic School in England can earn nothing from the state, by the teaching of the Catechism, while he is handsomely rewarded for success in secular branches. The effect of all this has been, as some priests from English Missions have told us, that the children look upon the Catechism as beneath their attention, and cannot endure being questioned in it. We need not expect any legal redress of this great grievance, for the tendency of legislation is towards secularism and not towards religion, as is manifest from the late Board School enactment. Many things may of course, be done to lessen the tendency to secularism in the Schools of Catholics, or even perhaps to neutralize that tendency, but the direct clear way to secure a Catholic education for Catholic children is to establish Schools in which the Catechism shall hold the first place, and religious and moral duties be inculcated before, and above everything else. This is the one thing necessary, for all learning and all knowledge will profit him nothing, who has not learned well to observe the law of God.

In the hope that these lines may meet the eye of some charitable person we name in particular the

West Park Street Schools, where five hundred of the poorest children of the Liberties are educated. They are so poor that most of them have been unable to buy books, or other School requisites, nay, not a few have been living almost exclusively on the food they receive in the Schools, and are clothed almost entirely in the articles of dress given there, while at the same time, strong temptations of material help are held out to them by the rich Proselytising Schools before their door. We have continued to give the food, and even increased the quantity latterly, but the state of our funds for the last nine months did not permit us to give any clothing.

In conclusion, we commit all these dear children to Almighty God, humbly beseeching Him to watch over and confirm them in the faith, to assist with His holy grace, those charged with their education, that they may bring them up in the fear and love of God, and the observance of His holy law, to raise up friends for those who are still in danger of losing the faith, and to protect with His mighty arm, this poor Ireland, so that in all her losses she may not have to deplore the spiritual and eternal loss of any of St. Patrick's children.

5th January, 1880.

ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

FOUNDED IN 1857 TO RECEIVE 500 CHILDREN BOYS AND GIRLS.

1,520 HAVE BEEN ALREADY RECEIVED.

The following Donations and Subscriptions in aid of the above Institution have been received from the 1st January, 1879, to the 1st of January, 1880.

The Grace the Lord Archbishop,	£25	0	0
His Grace the Lord Primate,	1	0	0
His Grace the Most Rev Dr Croke,	2	0	0
His Grace the Most Rev Dr. Errington	15	0	0
The Most Rev Dr. Lynch,	1	0	0
The Most Rev Dr. Donnelly	1	0	0
The Most. Rev Dr Gillooly	1	0	0
The Most Rev Dr Leahy	1	0	0
The Most Rev. Dr Mac Evilly	2	0	0
The Most Rev Dr Kelly,	1	0	0
The Most Rev Dr Moran	5	0	0
The Most Rev Dr Conaty	1	0	0
The Most Rev Dr Power	1	0	0
The Most Rev Dr Warren,	1	0	0
The Most Rev Dr Woodlock	2	0	0
" Anonymous," Co. Waterford, per Miss Aylward	1	0	0
" Anonymous," J N. M., Co. Cork	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
"Anonymous" J M.				"A Friend," Co.			
per Miss Aylward	1	0	0	Wexford, per Miss			
A "Friend," per				Aylward	0	10	0
Rev. P J Duffy,				Mr O. T Allingham	1	0	0
S.J	20	0	0	"A Lady" per Rev			
"Anonymous," per				M. Russell, S.J	1	0	0
Miss Aylward	20	0	0				
Messrs. Arnott and				Very Rev Canon			
Co.,	5	0	0	Brock, P.P	5	0	0
"Anonymous," per				Mr Andrew Byrne,			
Miss Aylward	5	0	0	Birkenhead, per			
An unknown Friend,				Rev J Gowan,			
per Rev J Grene,				C.M.	3	0	0
S.J, Miltown Park	25	0	0	Mr Kevin Byrne, per			
Mr D. Allingham	1	0	0	do.	3	0	0
Miss Arnott, per Mrs.				Mr John Brennan,			
D. C. Taylor	4	0	0	per Rev J J Hunt			
"Anonymous," per				C.C., Lucan	1	0	0
Miss Aylward	4	0	0	Sir John Bradstreet	1	0	0
"Anonymous," per				Messrs. Andrew and			
a Gentleman	5	0	0	Kevin Byrne, Bir-			
Anonymous, S. M. S.				kenhead, per Miss			
per Miss Aylward	15	0	0	Aylward	9	0	0
Alms'box at the Con-				Bequest of the late			
vent, Glasnevin	0	18	0	Miss Eliza Mary			
Miss Allingham in				Byrne, per the			
honour of Saint				Most Rev Dr.			
Joseph	1	0	0	M'Cabe	50	0	0
"Anonymous," Lon-				Rev John Burke,			
don	0	5	0	P.P., Glenomera	1	0	0
Mrs. Archer, Skerries	1	0	0	Bequest of the late			
Miss Allingham,	2	0	0	Mrs. Rose Murney			
"From Anonymous"	1	0	0	per the Most Rev			
"Anonymous,"	0	10	0	Dr M'Cabe	100	0	0
"Anonymous" M. C.	0	10	0	Rev N. Barry, C.C.,			
Alms Box at Saint				Arklow	1	0	0
Francis Xavier's				Mr Andrew Byrne,			
Church, per Mrs.				Per Miss Aylward	2	10	0
Mara	1	12	7	Mr Kevin Byrne per			
Alms Box at Saint				do.	2	10	0
Brigid's, 46 Eccles				Request of the late			
Street	0	14	3	Mr Michael Gill,			
Per Mrs. Henry Al-				per Mr. H. J Gill	25	0	0
lingham	0	10	0				

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bequest of the late				Miss Hogg, per Miss			
Mr James				Beatty	0	5	0
M'Loughlin, per				Mrs. Carpenter per do	0	5	0
Mr. John Campbell	5	0	0	Rev W Breen, C.C.	1	0	0
Mr P T Berming-				Mr. Thomas Baldwin	1	0	0
ham, T.C. per Mr.							
E D. Williams,				Very Rev J Callan,			
Boosterstown	1	0	0	S.J	3	0	0
Mr Timothy Byrne,				Miss Mary Cullen,			
Co. Kildare	1	0	0	Liverpool	5	0	0
Bequest of the late				Hon. Mrs. Corbally			
Rev James Hughes				Tara	2	0	0
Maynooth College,				Rev F Coffey C.C.	5	0	0
per the executor	84	14	10	Rev W Cullen	3	0	0
Mrs. Bond, Cork	0	5	0	Alderman Campbell	1	0	0
Mr Hugh Blayney	1	0	0	Doctor Cruise	1	0	0
Bequest of the late				Colonel Colthurst per			
Mr John Cannon				Rev J.J Hunt,			
per Mr R. Butler				C.C., Lucan	1	0	0
executor through				Miss Bedelia Carroll	1	0	0
Mr Thomas Gal-				Mrs. Cosslett	5	0	0
laghan	10	0	0	Rev M. Collier P.P	1	0	0
Rev E Byrne, C.C.				Mrs. Caraher	0	10	0
Kingstown, per				Rev F Coffey, C.C.	1	0	0
Rev J Gowan C.M.	2	0	0	Mr Michael Crooke	1	0	0
Mrs. Bermingham	1	0	0	Mrs. P J Clarke	1	0	0
Mr D. Black	1	0	0	Mr T Cochrane	1	0	0
Bequest of the late				Rev Hugh Cullen,			
Mr P Delaney,				C.C., Kincasslagh	0	10	0
per Messrs. Max-				Miss Colgan, per Rev			
well and Weldon	10	0	0	T Geoghegan, P.P	0	5	0
Mr. L. A. Bryan, per				Miss Kate Colgan,			
Mr Wilson	1	0	0	per do.	0	5	0
Miss Bogan	0	5	0	Rev M. Collier, P.P			
Per the Administra-				per Rev J Gowan,			
tors of the late				C.M.	1	0	0
Mrs. Sarah Maria				Mr Francis Cooke,			
Geraghty per Very				Johnville	1	0	0
Rev Canon Walsh				Mrs. Corcoran, Kings-			
P.P	10	0	0	town	1	0	0
Bequest of the late				Mr Francis Colgan,			
Mr Robert Healy,				Enfield	0	10	0
of Carnacop	10	0	0				

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Cannon, Bray	1	0	0	Rev B. Dennon	1	0	0
Mrs. Carton	0	10	0	" Jubilee Alms," per			
Mr Edward Cannon,				do.	4	0	0
per Mrs. Mara	2	0	0	Mrs. Elizabeth Daly,			
Mrs. Carroll, Monas-				Co. Meath	1	0	0
tereavan	0	5	0	Messrs. Doillard & Co.	1	0	0
Mr. J N Coleman	0	5	0	Rev P J Duff,			
Per Miss Costelloe	9	6	6	C.C., Clondalkin	1	0	0
Mrs. Clarke, per				Rev P Doyle, C.C.			
Miss Costelloe	1	0	0	Sandford	2	0	0
Mrs. Cullen, Greens-				Mr Joseph Dollard	1	0	0
field, Maynooth	1	0	0	Mr Joseph Downes	1	0	0
Mrs. Coleman, Co.				Mrs. E. Daly, (2nd			
Louth	1	0	0	Donation) Co.			
Miss Coleman, do.	1	0	0	Meath	1	0	0
Mrs. Clarke	0	5	0	Mr James Dollard	1	0	0
Mary Curran, per				Mrs. Donovan, Irish-			
cards	0	15	0	town	0	10	0
Miss Corbally, Clane	0	10	0	Messrs. Duffy and			
Mr Coatesworth,				Sons	1	0	0
Boosterstown, per				Mr Kevin Doyle	1	0	0
Mr E. D. Williams	0	5	0	Mr. Francis Devine	1	0	0
Mr Michael Keogh				Mr Davis	0	10	0
Cullen, per Rev				A Friend, per Rev			
P J Duffy, S.J	0	10	0	P J Duffy S.J	1	0	0
Rev R. Carrick, C.C.	2	0	0	Surgeon Major Doyle	1	0	0
Christmas Offering				Rev M. Doyle, C.C.,			
from a few good				Fontstown	0	10	0
children at Glas-				Mr James Delany,			
nevin	0	9	0	Co. Kildare	1	0	0
				Mr Thomas Doyle	0	5	0
				The Messrs Donovan	0	7	0
Very Rev P Duff,				Per Miss Lizzie			
C.M., Blackrock	1	0	0	Doyle's Card	0	5	0
The Ven. Archdeacon				Rev N Donnelly			
Dunne, P.P., V.G.	1	0	0	Administrator	1	0	0
Mr C. M. Dodd	0	10	0	The late Mr Joseph			
Rev F Donovan,				Dunne, per Mr.			
C.C., Arklow	1	0	0	Patrick Dunne	1	0	0
Rev W Dillon, C.C.				Mr. Thomas Dolan,			
Kingstown	2	0	0	Ardee	1	0	0
Mr. John Dennis, J.P	1	0	0				
Mr Patrick Doyle,				Miss Agnes Early	0	10	0
Monkstown	5	0	0				

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mr. Patrick Egan,				Mr Simon Flynn,			
Co. Westmeath	1	0	0	Cork	1	0	0
Mrs. Early	0	18	2	Mr John Fallon	0	10	0
Do. Jubilee Offering	0	10	0	From an anony-			
				mous Friend	0	10	0
				Miss Fitzpatrick, per			
From a Benefactor,				card	0	5	0
who offers it for the				Mr Richard Fallon	0	10	0
preservation of the				F G per Miss Aylward	0	10	0
Faith in the poor				Doctor Ferguson	1	0	0
of Ireland, per Rev				Rev B. Fitzpatrick,			
J Grene, S.J Mil-				Holy Cross College	1	0	0
town Park	22	0	0	Mrs. Farrell, Thorn-			
Capt. Forster Swords				hill, Bray	1	0	0
per Messrs Max-				Rev Robert Fegan,			
well and Weldon	1	0	0	C.C., Roundwood	1	0	0
Mr and Mrs. Fegan	1	0	0	Mrs. M. Murphy			
Rev B. Farrell, C.C.	1	0	0	per do.	0	10	0
The late Rev J				Mrs. Dawson, per do	0	10	0
Fairon, P.P Bally				Mrs. John Byrne,			
gawley	1	0	0	per do	0	9	0
Mrs Furlong, Tramore	2	0	0	Mr James Gorman,			
Rev T Fagan, C.C.				Delgany	5	0	0
Blackrock	1	0	0	Mr Francis Gowan,			
Very Rev Canon				Skerries	2	0	0
Farrell, P.P Boot-				Mrs. F Gowan	1	0	0
erstown, per Mr				For Mrs. Gowan, de-			
Williams	1	0	0	ceased	1	0	0
Mr M. Flanagan	1	1	0	Miss Mary Gowan	0	10	0
Mr P Fitzpatrick,				Master John Gowan	0	10	0
Ballygawly	1	0	0	Miss Josephine Gowan	0	10	0
From J M., Paris,				Rev P Gossan C.C.			
per Miss Aylward	1	0	0	Dundrum	1	0	0
From a Friend to St.				Mr Patrick Grady			
Brigid's Orphanage	0	10	0	Co. Kildare	0	10	0
Rev J Flanagan,				Mr Glennon, Boot-			
P.P per Rev J				erstown, per Mr			
Gowan, C.M.	1	0	0	Williams	0	10	0
From a Friend, per				Per Miss Mary			
Miss Aylward	24	0	0	Ganter's card	0	5	0
From the Represent-							
atives of the late				Mrs. Hunter per Very			
Messrs Patrick &				Rev J Callan S.J	1	0	0
H. Fox, of Wicklow							
per Mrs. Carr	2	0	0				

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
			Baroness Keatinge	1	0	0	
Mrs. Holdright, Monkstown	1	0	0	Mr. William Kelly	1	0	0
Miss Hanley, Sand- dyford	1	0	0	Very Rev Canon Kelly P.P Keady	1	0	0
Mrs. Healy Kilcock, per Rev. T Geo- ghegan, P.P	0	10	0	Mr James Kearns	1	0	0
Miss Heany Mor- nington, per Rev J Owens	0	10	0	Mr. Michael Kenna Ballinakill, per Rev T Geoghegan P.P	2	0	0
Mr Laurence Hunter per Mr I. J Ken- nedy	1	0	0	The Misses Kelly	1	0	0
Mr Simon Harman, Batterstown	0	10	0	Mr John Kelly and family, Monaghan	1	0	0
Mr Hannigan, Pun- ches Grange	0	5	0	Miss Kelly County Meath	1	0	0
Mr Higgins, Boot- erstown, per Mr E. D. Williams	0	5	0	Mr T A. Kelly	1	0	0
Mr T Hayes, Cork	1	0	0	Mr I. J Kennedy, T.C.	1	0	0
Mr M. Hayes, do.	1	0	0	Mrs. John C. Kelly	1	0	0
Mrs. Hoey Cloghran	0	10	0	Mr Joseph Kelly	1	0	0
				Mr John Kelly, Waterford	0	10	0
				Rev P Kavanagh, C.C., Blessington	0	10	0
				Messrs Kelly, Bros.	2	0	0
Rev W Irwin, P.P	1	0	0				
'Jubilee Alms for the Orphans.	0	16	5	The Ven. Archdeacon Lee, P P Bray.	3	0	0
Interest received on Residue of the late Miss Wades le- gacy,	2	14	5	Very Rev Canon Lacy P.P., Gorey	1	0	0
Jubilee Alms per Rev B. Fitzpatrick	1	6	0	Mr J P Levey, Manchester	3	3	0
Mrs. Jeffers	1	0	0	Miss Lentaigne	1	0	0
Jubilee Alms, per alms-box at St. Brigid's Eccles Street.	1	0	6½	Rev M P. Langan, P.P., Kilcullen	1	0	0
				Mr J F Lombard J.P	1	0	0
				Mrs D. Lee, Southport	1	0	0
				Very Rev Canon Lee, P.P.	1	0	0
Mr T L. Kelly J.P	5	0	0	Mr. Little, Booters- town, per Mr. E. D. Williams.	1	0	0
Mr John Kelly, Co. Kilkenny	1	0	0	Messrs Lyons and Sons.	1	0	0

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Mrs. Lawless, Black- rock	0	10	0	Mr T Monaghan, Cloncurry	0	10	0
Miss Langan.	0	5	0	M. L., per Miss Aylward	0	10	0
Mrs. Leonard, Black- rock.	0	5	0	Mrs. Thomas Maher, Co. Westmeath	1	0	0
Mr Lane.	1	0	0	Very Rev Canon Murphy P.P Cushenstown.	0	5	0
Mrs. Lentaigne.	1	0	0	Mr. P Maher, Tyr- rellstown.	1	0	0
				Mr J Mulgrave, per Miss Costello.	0	10	0
The Late Mr. T. M'Dermott, Frenchpark.	2	0	0	Mr W Magrane	0	7	6
Rev. P M'Alister, P.P Ballycastle	1	0	0	Per Miss Manning, including 10s. from Mr R. Manning.	0	14	0
Mrs. Mac Duff	1	0	0	Mr. John J Meldon.	0	5	0
Messrs. T. and P M'Donnell, Cork.	0	10	0	Mrs. Kate Murphy, Kilkenny	0	5	0
Mrs. M'Evoy	1	0	0	Miss Mary Murtagh.	0	10	0
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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 Grace the Archbishop, and the Very Rev and Rev the Clergy of the city, will also most thankfully receive subscriptions.

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The following Subscriptions for 1879, have been received since January 1st, 1880.

Rev Thomas Hogan, CC,	10 0 0
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St. Brigid's Schools of the Holy 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 attended to by the Rev. Guardian.

Mr and Mrs John Fegan	£1	0	0
Mr Murphy's Annual Bequest,	5	0	0
" From a Friend, per Miss Aylward	12	0	0
Per Rev. P. Hanly, C.M.	0	16	4
Per Rev. M. M'Manus, P.P., from the Delaney Fund,	19	13	6
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Rev Father Cribbin, C.M., for do	1	0	0
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Messrs Sergeant & Mapother	£8	8	8	Messrs Dornin and Morgan	£2	12	9
Mr M'Call	5	13	3	Messrs Blayney and Ferris	2	8	1
Mr Sheridan	3	11	2	Mr Casey	0	14	0
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Mr Abbott	3	5	7½	Mr Brazil	0	1	6
Mr Cullen	1	4	4				
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The Sisters of Faith return very grateful thanks to Mrs Farrington for several donations of bread, supplied for the the poor children attending these Schools.

St. Brigid's Schools of the Holy Faith.

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

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

"From a Deceased Benefactor" per His Grace the Archbishop, for the Schools of the Holy Faith	£5	0	0
Rev F Coffey CC, for do	1	0	0
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Mrs Flanagan, per Miss Cullen, for do	0	10	0
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OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN OF CHARITY,

65 LOWER JERVIS STREET

THIS Institution was committed, eight years ago, by His Eminence the late Cardinal Archbishop, to the Sisters of the Holy Faith. During the past six 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 One thousand two hundred 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, Three hundred and seventy 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 the Faith gratefully acknowledge the following Donations.

Mr and Mrs John Fegan,	£1	0	0
"From a Friend," per Miss Aylward	£12	0	0
Per Mr Thompson,	1	6	0
Mrs Peter Grehan, per Mrs Teeling, towards			
Breakfast for poor Children	1	0	0
Miss Allingham,	1	0	0
Per do, from her late father	1	0	0
Per Miss Aylward, towards Christmas dinners for			
the Poor	0	15	0
Mrs Stewart	1	0	0
Per Mr Fitzpatrick,	1	1	6
"Anonymous," found in letter-box	0	10	5

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.

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., 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,

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. BRIDGET'S ORPHANAGE

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