St. Brigid's Orphanage

FOR

FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN,

(BOYS AND GIRLS).

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It is related in the Holy Gospel that the devil lay in wait for the Son of God, and finding him, on one occasion, hungry, stept forward and tempted Him. The first thing that strikes us in this wonderful occurrence is the audacity of the evil spirit. If he had tempted a mere mortal, we would not be surprised, but to tempt the Son of God (who appeared to him at least a great prophet) to commit the sin of apostacy, that is, to renounce God the Father, and bow down before the father of lies, amazes us. This cunning spirit thought that he had found the fittest opportunity, in the pinch of hunger, for his diabolical assault. The tempter was of course, in this instance, discomfited, but his audacity, though abashed, was not broken, nor his reliance on hunger as an auxiliary diminished.

We, in Ireland, have had experience of this. Every period of hunger has been a time of temptation. The devil found our Lord again in the persons of His least brethren, hungry, and he tempted them to renounce their Faith, betray their conscience, and embrace error What can be more audacious than the conduct of the proselytisers in Ireland, who

tempt poor Catholics to violate their consciences and betray their God? They watch and spy, and search the land till they find a poor creature steeped in poverty, gnawed by hunger, and almost frenzied by the cries of starving children, and they say to him "We come to relieve you, we will give you a piece of bread, a cup of soup, some clothing, but you must send your children to our schools, you must come to our meetings, you must leave the errors of Roman And who are they who tempt the poor Irish in their hunger? They are the very men, or belong to the class, or are the paid agents of those whose bad laws helped to produce our periodic famines, or by legal process, robbed these very poor, or their fathers. The Evil Spirit was not quite so bad, he was not the author of the hunger from which the Son of God suffered, and he offered a higher price for apostacy—"the kingdoms of the world and the glory thereof, but our modern Satans think that the souls of the Irish poor are only worth some soup, or the prospect of some menial situation!

At the beginning of last year (1880), when a severe famine seemed impending over the greater part of Ireland, then men had the heartless audacity to advise Protestants to withold relief from the famine-stricken people unless on the condition of the sacrifice of their faith. In the February number of the "Church Record, page 35, will be found the following words:—"Not for an instant would we impede the flow of Protestant benevolence in mitigating the sufferings of the spiritually benighted peasantry of Ireland. But, we would remind our Protestant brethren, all over the world, who are now freely contributing funds for the relief of distress in this country, that nine-tenths of the money sub-

scribed will be placed in the hands of Priests, Monks, and Nuns, for distribution. Will those funds be simply applied to the mitigation of suf fering, or will they be diverted to the purposes of strengthening the hold of the Priests on their all too confiding followers, while, at the same time enabling the Romish Clergy to recoup themselves in the dues to the 'Church,' of which they have been deprived by the alleged distress? The system of Popery, we assert is the direct cause of the periodic visitations affecting the Romish masses in Ireland. No matter how deep the feeling of humanity in the hearts of Protestants, they cannot conscientiously commit the distribution of their alms to the hands of men who devote all their energies to retaining their followers in a state of spiritual and Gospel ignorance. Even in seasons of visitation and distress, Protestants should avoid playing into the hands of a designing Priesthood, whose artifices deprive the people of the bread of life and the means of main taining their physical existence. To our fellow Protestants we would say, make of this occasion of suffering and distress an opportunity for the spread of Protestant reformation." Here is the policy of the Proselytisers, either starve or accept the Protestant reformation. At the time these words were written, no one could tell but that a whole people might be seized with the agonies of starvation, and yet these heartless men deliberately advise their fellow Protestants to leave them to their fate, unless they ruined their souls by doing what their con science condemned. But the 'Church Record overshot the mark. Many humane Protestants did contribute and did intrust their money to Priests, Monks, and Nuns, for distribution, and without the least complaint of want of fidelity to the trust in a

single case. But, what vexed the 'Church Record' most was the fact, that even the high Tories who sat on the Duchess of Marlborough's Committee refused to make grants to the Proselytising Schools of the West. This was a severe lesson it taught them that there were many Protestants who would not abet their traffic in human souls, and, in fact, most of them have taken down their sign board in consequence. They no longer ask money for proselytising purposes simply, but to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and instruct the ignorant. It is, therefore, important that the Public should know at least the chief of these immoral institutions in Dublin and near it.

The Ragged Boys Home, Grand Canal Street, (Corner of Grattan Street), has been at work these twenty-three years, perverting poor little Catholic boys. They maintain from one hundred and sixty to two hundred poor children, and send out from thirty to forty perverted every year. The places of these are filled up, as they say, 'by boys from the Elliot Home, from the Bird's Nest, from Galway, Kerry, Mayo, Wicklow, England, Scotland, and America. This institution has an income of over two thousand a year

Schools for Little Ragged Children, and Women's Sewing Class, Grand Canal Street These are Day Schools, to which eighty girls and one hundred and thirty two infants go more or less regularly, and are imbued with heresy through the paltry bribe of breakfast for the children, and one and six-pence a-week to the mothers, on pretence of attending a sewing class twice a-week.

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house for some of the other proselytising institutions. A poor little boy or girl runs away, or strays, or is homeless, and is met by one of the Agents, who brings or directs him to the Elliot home. In this way they grab from two to three hundred children every year. After keeping them a sufficient time to make sure of their prey, they pass the boys on to the Homes of Grand Canal Street, the Coombe, Spiddal, and the Birds Nest, and the girls to the Birds Nest, Spiddal, Glenowen, and other institutions. The yearly income of the Elliot Home is one thousand five hundred and odd pounds.

Everybody has heard of the Birds Nest. Year after year it has been enlarged, and now they have two hundred and twelve children in the house, twenty-six at nurse in the country, and from seventy to eighty helped in their own homes. In their last Report there is not one word about the "errors of popery" or "plucking the brand from the fire, etc. Their flag is now philanthropy, to catch the subscriptions of humane Protestants, as the following extract from their Report will show "This week a poor woman came to the Elliot Home, saying that a poor mother, unable to bear the hunger of herself and children, had stolen from a butcher's shop a cow's head, the butcher had her followed by a policeman, who, when he entered the room, found four children, almost naked, sitting on a fireless hearth, gnawing the raw meat. He gazed with tearful eyes, and then went for the butcher, who, when he arrived, emptied his pockets of their contents, the poor mother wept abundantly, but said she would rather have been taken to prison, for then some one would have looked after her children." The yearly income of the Bird's Nest is five thousand two hundred pounds, but to this must be added large quantities of clothing and materials for clothing, sent chiefly from England. In fact the supply is so abundant, that the surplus is given to the proselytising institutions in Dublin and elsewhere.

LURGAN STREET RAGGED SCHOOLS are situate quite close to the Linen-Hall Barracks, and consist of a Boys, a Girls, an Infant, and a Sunday School. The attendance at the two first is about fifty each, the infants are near one hundred the Sunday School, which is composed chiefly of adults, is attended sometimes by a few dozen, and occasionally by as many as three hundred. These scholars come and go, seldom continuing their attendance more than one year, so that, in the aggregate, a great number of poor Catholics must have been subjected to the corrupting influences of proselytism in this establishment. It is probably the oldest institution of the kind in Dublin, and is in the midst of a purely Catholic population! Lady Olive C Guinness is the sole Patroness The Committee state that they give dinner to the scholars, and that the cost per head is one half-penny! And for this one half-penny per day people will barter their Faith! Extreme indigence explains this if so, would it be impossible for Catholics to offer these poor things even more favorable terms to keep them out of temptation? The annual income of Lurgan Street Schools is over six hundred pounds.

Townsend Street Ragged Schools and Girls Home do a rather large business in corrupting poor Catholics. The Home 19 Luke Street, maintains sixty girls, who are taught and trained, each, from one year to seven, and are then sent out of the country, or put to service in Protestant families. The schools consist of a Boys, Girls, Infant and Sunday school.

The Boys in daily attendance average about one hundred and thirty, the Girls not quite so many, but the Infants are more numerous. Three hundred and eighty men and women attend the Sunday School. The bribe which draws these poor Catholics is breakfast and dinner to the children, some bread and soup to the adults on Sundays, with, occasionally, a bit of clothing. The fare, however, must have been both coarse and scanty, when one hundred and sixty-nine pounds supplied the food for all these during an entire year. The funds of this block of proselytising houses amounts to fourteen hundred pounds a year.

COOMBE RAGGED SCHOOLS AND BOYS HOME. This large proselytising institution is surrounded by a poor and dense Catholic population. Destitute Catholic Boys, from ten to fifteen years of age, picked up anywhere by the Agents, are received here, and after a few months or years, according to the time required for perverting their Faith, are put to Protestant places. The subjoined extract from one of their late Reports shows what kind of home this 18. "Much good was affected in the 'Home during the past year, through the influence and example of one of the boys, who nobly stood up amongst his companions and opposed every form of vice and evil habit." From thirty to forty poor boys are immured in this den every year The Ragged Schools are attended daily by about one hundred and sixty children, who are bribed to come by a sumptuous meal, daily, which costs for each one penny The parents of these poor children are entired to attend a Sunday School in the hope of getting clothes at Christmas. There is also, during the winter months, a Night School, held three times a week, for streetboys, and attended by about thirty of them, who get

a supper of some bread and hot cocoa on the usual conditions. The Report says "a number of boys, too old for the Home, have so improved as to earn a recommendation to the Royal Navy" Yearly income sixteen hundred pounds.

RELIEF FUND FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY is a branch of Proselytism not tied down to any one place or occupation. It supplies Agents and Volunteers with the means of bribing the poor wherever they are met. But their chief recruiting ground is the Night Asylum, Bow Street. Here are found hungry and homeless men, women, and children. The Report tells us how they are dealt with. "Well," it says, " for them (little girls), there is breakfast in the Ragged Schools, and for the boys too, and they may stay all day, at least till 3 o clock, and have some dinner For the men and women we try to gather them sometimes in one of the Schools in the evening. give them half a loaf and some tea, and let them stay till 9 o clock, learning to sing hymns, and listening to simple words about the way of salvation. More than a hundred families are on our lists now-children attending school, and fathers and mothers helped as wisely as can be-elder girls prepared for service, etc." Annual amount of this fund not known.

The Dublin Mission (Visiting Branch), is composed (as to its working staff), of six men, commonly called Bible Readers, whose business it is to throw blasphemous hand-bills into Letter-boxes and areas of Catholic houses, to visit the poorest Catholics in their rooms, to pick up waifs and strays, and bring them to some of the above-named proselytising dens. For this they are paid over eleven hundred pounds a year! They do some harm, but, in general, are

the least noxious of the Organization. Their chief use to their employers is to concoct reports of conversations with poor Catholics, and thereby extract money from rich evangelicals

The Society for Irish Church Missions is the head of the proselytism, and operates more or less in the four provinces of Ireland. The Report says "it is carrying on a very extensive work amongst the poor of our city. It has twelve Day-schools, attended by upwards of a thousand children. These schools are situated in different parts of the city, and are accessible from most of the poorer districts of the town."

"It has a Training-School for young men destined for Teachers or Readers, another for young women in training for Girls and Infant Schools, a Mission Church for converts and poor people, three large Sunday Schools for men and women, in which there is an aggregate attendance of about seven hundred persons. It prints and circulates large numbers of hand-bills; and five classes for discussion are held each week." This Society has been in the receipt of over twenty thousand pounds a year *

These are some of the more important works of the Proselytisers, and it is to be remarked, that they are carried on with that system, order, organization, and persistency that would be admirable in a good cause. The machinery is worked principally by ladies, indeed, the financial department almost exclusively. It is amazing how indefatigably they collect, personally and by letter, sums varying from one hundred pounds to one farthing. The Dowager Countess of Annesley alone collected, in her time, over sixteen thousand pounds!

^{*} These statistics have been taken from their own reports.

Many good Catholics think that the proper way to combat proselytism is to treat it with contempt, it is a foul thing that would soil their hands, it is not respectable to wrangle over the faith of poor people and their children. Thus, the proselytisers have, pretty nearly, a clear stage and quiet work, just

what they wish.

But their Reports are full of lies! It is true, the vile Bible Readers (many of them perverts), give lying accounts of converts to secure their salaries. But the Bird's Nest is no lie, the Orphanage for the children of mixed marriages is no lie, the many kindred institutions are not lies, the thousands of hard cash consumed in bribes is no lie. Most of the reports of their Institutions are manifestly written by ladies of respectability They are simply fanatics, who think that in every soul they slay, they do a service to God. It is true, that the adults who attend their Sunday school go for the dinner, not for the "hymns or words of salvation." But in the matter of Faith is it no great evil to play the hypocrite? Alas! these poor creatures become indifferent, and often end by looking upon all religion as a sham, and it is to be feared their children may realize the French type of haters of the Christian religion. It is true also, that not all the destitute and orphan children reared in proselytising Institutions are lost. Some, through the grace of baptism and Catholic impressions of infancy, come again to the bosom of the Church, as soon as they recover their liberty But these are the exceptions, the mass of Catholic children brought up in the in-door heretical houses lose their Faith.

The Catholic children who attend the day schools of Proselytisers do not generally lose their Faith

immediately But, perhaps, there is a greater danger here, that of falling by little and little, for then there is scarcely a hope of rising again. The Mixed School, at which the parents attended, perhaps the children, is a preparation for this. There, error is on an equality with truth, God is set aside during secular instruction, religious emblems are banned, acts of religion most pleasing to God are punishable, and sometimes punished. The change then from the Mixed to the proselytising school is not violent, and the step from the heretical school to heresy is easy The indifference with which Catholics look upon the evils of Proselytism latterly, or rather the oblivion to which they are consigned, is not a sign of spiritual health. Yet none are more willing than the poor of Ireland to make sacrifices in the cause of Faith, but they require to be sustained and stimulated by a strong public opinion, and by a practical interest in their sufferings on the part of those above them in the social scale.

St. Brigid's Orphanage and the Schools of the Holy Faith have, during the last twenty four years, done what they could to counteract the evils of proselytism. The length to which this Report has already run makes it impossible to do more than give a summary of the work done during the past year On a future occasion, interesting details, now held over, may be given.

St. Brigid's Orphanage has, since the foundation in 1857, received one thousand five hundred and forty-four destitute and orphan children, exposed, with very few exceptions, to imminent danger of losing their Faith. Twenty Four have been received during the past year. One thousand three hundred

and forty have been reared, educated, and provided for, since the commencement, of whom three hundred and ninety have been adopted by the families in which they were nursed. During the year 1880, only one child died. The number now in the Orphanage is two hundred and four The health of the orphans during the past year was excellent. The Schooling shows progressive improvement. One hundred and forty-eight half sovereign premiums were won by the orphans for their nurses at the two examinations of last year, by their excellent answering in the several stages (explained heretofore), of their education. The out-door system continues to work well, being, when well watched, eminently conducive to the physical and moral well-being of the poor children

SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH.

The Schools of the Holy Faith increase in number year by year They are now eighteen, of which thirteen are for the poor, and some of them, as those of West Park Street and Lower Jervis Street, are in the midst of the very poor. In order to give in all these schools an entirely Catholic education, they are independent of state-control, and consequently without state aid. They have been used with success as a means of withdrawing poor Catholic Children from Protestant and proselytising Schools Many of the children are so destitute that food is given once, and to some twice each day, with clothing occasionally, when the means therefor can be procured. The aggregate daily attendance in the Schools of the Holy Farth in the year 1880 was three thousand.

The Subscribers and benefactors of St. Brigid's Orphanage and of the Schools of the Holy Faith deserve well of the Catholic Church, that glorious and indestructible Church, which has always had a special and loving care of the little ones of her flock, and charges all her Pastors to watch continually, and labour sedulously for the education of those poor children in sound doctrine and pure morality The Most Reverend the Archbishops and Bishops have constantly assisted this Work, among whom the illustrious Archbishop of Dublin has been the most generous friend from its infancy Some of the clergy have also rendered constant and material assistance. Undying gratitude is due to the Mem bers of the Guilds, for their unobtrusive and valuable labours in the cause of the Orphans exposed to the danger of loss of Faith.

Considerable help towards meeting the heavy expenses of the West Park Street Schools has been given by a few good men attached to the Church of St. Nicholas, Francis Street, who made weekly collections.

During the severe distress of last Spring, and early Summer, the Committee of the New York Herald Fund made a weekly grant to four of the Schools for the poor, which was of immense service to the more destitute children, this American sympathy shall be treasured up in grateful memories.

The working of the Orphanage and of the Schools for the poor is done gratuitously. A slow but steady progress has been made. It is, however, a cause of sincere sorrow that St. Brigid has not been able to fold in her mantle all the poor Catholic

children that have been and are being devoured by the wolves. Poor children lost to the Church, lost, perhaps, eternally, lost in yourselves, lost in your future generations! Poor children who will give you back to your sorrowing Mother, who gave you spiritual and supernatural birth? Poor children! who will stand between you and the wolf? Who will arouse the pristine Faith of Ireland, whose bright flame oft scared away the wolf in many a dungeon, and on many a scaffold? Alas that the day should have come when the children of holy Ireland are put in peril of losing the Faith for a half-penny meal of porridge!

All this could be put an end to, in a few years at most, by Catholic organization, moderate pecuniary sacrifice, and resolute persistence,—persistence in driving the heretical wolf from his prey

January 7th, 1881

ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

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

1,544 HAVE BEEN ALREADY RECEIVED.

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Mr Mapother	£14	13	11	Messrs Blayney and			
Mr M'Grane				Ferris	4	2	2
Mr. M'Call	11	3	11	Mr. M'Dowell	2	14	5
Mr Norton	6	0	6	Mr Abbott	1	6	9
Mr Sheridan	4	14	11/2	ARIE SITT - TIME NO EL			

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.

SOCIETY

OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN OF CHARITY,

65 LOWER JERVIS STREET

This Institution was committed, nine years ago, by His Eminence the late Cardinal Archbishop, to the Sisters of the Holy Faith. During the past seven 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 three hundred and eighty persons who 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, Four hundred and sixty 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.

Very Rev N Walsh, S.J., "for the Poor of Christ"	£2	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. John Fegan, Pembroke Road	1	0	0
Mr. D, O'Sullivan, Cork .	1	0	0
Miss Allingham,	1	0	0
Miss Allingham, towards Christmas dinners	1	0	0
Per Mr Thompson,	1	8	0
Mrs. Doyle	0	5	0
Per Miss Smyth	1	7	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs Stewart	1	2	6
Miss Lizzie Foley, Trim, per Cards,	0	10	0

The Sisters of Faith return very grateful thanks to Mr. Joseph Downes, for several donations of bread, suppled 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).

1544 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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

There are three ways in which you can assist it:—Ist, 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 1544 of these little innocent children (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 by our late Holy Father Pope Pius IX with many indulgences, and has received the blessing and support of the Archbishops and Bishops of Ireland, of a great number of the Clergy, and of 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 children 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 children 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, living and dead, 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. His Grace the Most Rev Dr. M'Cabe, the Rev. John Gowan, C.M., Director, 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 Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin; His Grace the Lord Primate; His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Cashel; His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Errington; 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 Killala; the Lord Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin; the Coadjutor Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin; the Lord Bishop of Elphin; the Lord Bishop of Waterford, the Lord Bishop of Derry; the Lord Bishop of Galway; the Lord Bishop of Kilmore, the Lord Bishop of Ardagh.

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 " [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.

