

# St. Brigid's Orphanage

FOR

FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN,

(BOYS AND GIRLS)

*Established under the Patronage of His Em-  
inence the late Cardinal Cullen, in 1857*

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The Managers of St. Brigid's Orphanage and of the Schools of the Holy Faith thank God that He has permitted them for the twenty-ninth time to lay before the Benefactors of these Works and the Catholic Public a short account of the work done in the year just elapsed—1885

Forty-four Orphan and destitute children were admitted during the year. These were either rescued from Proselytising institutions or were about to be put into them. It is a happiness to have a part in preserving to the Holy Catholic Church so many of her dearest because most abandoned children, in one year. These forty-four added to the number received in the twenty-eight previous years, make the total of poor children saved to the true faith one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five.

During the past year forty-five Orphans were provided for. Of these, four were adopted into the families that reared them, four were placed in situations, and thirty-seven were restored to their surviving parents or guardians. These forty five added

to the number provided for in former years makes the total ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE, of whom four hundred and twenty-nine were adopted by their foster-parents, and form now part of an honest and religious peasantry. One hundred and ninety children remained in the Orphanage on the last day of the year.

The Orphans in the different localities are sent to the nearest village school. But to secure proficiency was the difficulty. Many years ago, substantial money premiums were tried, and this worked so well that they were continued to the present time. Their simple education is divided into five sections or branches, and a half-sovereign is given to the nurse when the child masters each branch. In the last year, ninety-four half-sovereigns were won after full and strict examinations:—for prayers and catechism, twenty-nine, for reading, twenty-three, for writing, eighteen, for arithmetic, twenty, and for further and great improvement, four. The sum thus expended is considerable, but is well laid out, for it secures a fair amount of education to the Orphans.

There has been very little sickness during the year, and no death. In all other respects the system (well watched), of rearing the children in families continues to work satisfactorily. In addition to the economy and other advantages detailed in former reports, it is found to be exceedingly useful occasionally to remove a child to a different and distant locality. For example:—a little boy gets out of accord with the family, begins to show obstinacy, is discontented and won't mind his schooling, and so is in danger of taking a *wrong* set for life. That boy in a new family, a strange locality, a different school, gets a new start, and usually goes on well.

With regard to the funds, it is little short of a miracle how this large Orphanage has been carried on these twenty-nine years without noise, without paid collectors, and with scarcely an advertisement. Thanks to Divine Providence, thanks to those good Catholics who are zealous for the Faith, and who show a practical sympathy for the poor children exposed to the danger of losing it, thanks to the good Guildsmen who collect the pence of the poor, and thanks to Mr Steiner, who, without salary or percentage, goes occasionally through the country to provide means to continue the fight against corrupt and nefarious Proselytism. In conclusion, let him who reads this reflect that the number of children to be saved depends upon the amount of subscriptions. Who is there with a shilling or a pound to spare would not give it to save the innocent, helpless Catholic child from heretical wolves?

#### SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH.

The Schools of the Holy Faith were a necessary complement of St. Brigid's Orphanage. For in working the Orphanage it was found that many children of poor Catholic parents were going to the day-schools of the Proselytisers in the city, and in order to withdraw them it was necessary that Catholic schools should be provided for them in their own localities, offering equal or nearly equal inducements to them to attend. Thus, one after another the Schools of the Holy Faith were founded. Again, in working those schools it was found that a considerable number of very poor children did not at-

tend any school. Some were too naked, some were too hungry, others were engaged in begging, and all these, with scarcely an exception, were devoid of all Christian instruction. In fact, some children of nine and ten years of age entered, from time to time, the Queen of Charity's Schools, Lr Jervis St., and the Schools in West Park Street, Coombe, who did not know the Our Father nor the Mystery of the Redemption. These children would not have come, nay, could not, had they not the certainty of getting food and the prospect of some clothing. In the working of these schools also, it was found that many children who were not in physical want were almost entirely without religious training. They knew some prayers and some of the Christian Doctrine, but this religious knowledge was in the head only, it was not in the heart, that is it did not incite them to the avoidance of vice or the practice of virtue. And this is found to be the case generally of children attending secular schools when there is not a pious mother or a good father to imbue them with religious thoughts or train them to religious practices by the fireside teaching.

The Schools of the Holy Faith have been growing slowly. They are attended now by over two thousand children.

Some friends urge us from time to time to put the schools under the National Board. It is right to answer once for all these importunate friends. Here is the answer in brief:—

1 The matter was well considered in the beginning, and laid before Cardinal Cullen, who was then Archbishop. He not only consented, but applauded the design of keeping the schools independent of government control.

2. The same Cardinal Cullen, having personally made himself acquainted with the working of the first schools and seen the good they were doing, made application to the reigning Pontiff, the great and good Pius IX, for a grant of Indulgences for all who would aid these schools, and Pius IX granted the Indulgences; so that, to this day, and for the future, while the schools remain independent, all who assist them can gain those Indulgences.

3. The Schools of the Holy Faith were designed not merely to teach and to fit children for the different situations and employments that await them in this life, but above all and before all, to make them steadfast and fervent members of the Catholic Church, that they may the more securely gain the end for which God created them. Now this cannot be freely or fully done in a state-aided school. Why?

Because, as the Venerable Bishop of Birmingham said forty years ago, state-aid means state-control. If the state interfered only so far as to ascertain that the public money was well laid out, it would be fair enough. But the tendency of the state is to grasp everything, to direct, mould, and govern every thing. Thus, in the National system, all the rules and regulations are made by the state, all the high officials are the creatures of the state, all the inspectors are the servants of the state, and, in fact, every factor in the education, down to the smallest monitor is subject to the state. The books are selected by the state. All the while the divinely appointed teachers, the Bishops, have no power, no, not to the extent of dismissing an inspector or altering the smallest rule or putting a primer on the official list of books. In all Catholic controversies

an appeal lies to the Pope, and his decision is irreversible, but in those momentous questions that affect the education of Catholic children the state, acting through the National Board, admits no such appeal. In difficulties or doubts the appeal is made to the Viceroy, who is almost always a prince of Masons

State-aid then means state-control over education. Not a slight or partial control, but an entire and all-absorbing control, so that the education thus imparted is not Catholic but state education. Now this must necessarily be imperfect, nay, false and prejudicial to the highest interests of man. Because the state never was appointed by Almighty God to teach. To the Apostles alone and their successors He said "Go teach all nations." Therefore, when the state becomes a teacher she is an usurper. She seizes and instals herself unlawfully in the office of the Spiritual Power. She overthrows the ordinance of God, and that too in a thing that is sacred, and hence the usurpation partakes of the nature of sacrilege, because religion must always be the dominant element in true education. If any one is not convinced by this reasoning let him look to other countries where state education has had time and scope to develop itself. Behold France! her government colleges and schools hot-beds of infidelity! behold her learned Bishops, zealous Priests, and almost innumerable Religious struggling against this state education, and yet unable to cope with it, but on the contrary, seeming at times on the point of being submerged, and leaving the country in the hands of men who, in their insane hatred of God's Church, would uproot all religion and dissolve society itself!

Portugal is perhaps a stronger example of the evil

of state education. The young men who have been educated in her schools have not only shaken off the yoke of religion, but they hold holy things and persons in contempt, and scoff at many of the practices of religion. Yet this was a most Catholic little kingdom, and her people were noted for their zeal for the Propagation of the Faith and their piety

The Bishops of the United States with their Priests and people have made great sacrifices to maintain schools of their own in opposition to the state schools, and hence there is a Catholic life and progress there you will scarcely find elsewhere.

The present Pope Leo XIII, in his comparative poverty, spends large sums on Catholic schools in Rome, to keep his children from the state schools. But, it will be said these foreign schools are worse than ours. Yes, some of them. But all, whether home or foreign, labour under the one defect, indeed, it might be said, the one curse—that of Core, they are not sent by Almighty God, and consequently have not His blessing. On the contrary, there is a decay of working faith going on in state schools. It is not so perceptible in Ireland where, especially in the country parts, the father and mother (particularly the pious mother) attend well to the religious instruction and discipline of their children. In England this weakness of faith in state educated children has alarmed good Priests like Canon Wenham. And, be it observed, the Catholics of England have had more advantages than are found in National Schools. They have had their training colleges these many years, and also Ecclesiastical inspectors as well as the secular. Many of their schools are well watched and well taught. The children learn their catechism and prayers, and

receive religious instruction, and it would delight you to hear them sing Catholic hymns. Yet with all this, faith is weak in them, religion has not got possession of their souls. For, in leaving school, very many leave the practices of religion behind them. The state school is like the statue cut out of marble by an eminent sculptor, which has the form of man, the dignity and beauty of man, but is far below the toil-worn labourer, for this latter has a soul and life in him. The state school has no soul or life because it has no religion in it, for God has not breathed upon it. Considering the enormous amount of money spent upon them, the state schools ought to be more efficient in secular teaching than the independent Catholic schools, yet the Christian Brothers have demonstrated the contrary. So that millions of the peoples' hard earned money are spent in undermining the faith of this Catholic land, without even the poor compensation of greater earthly advantages.

4 But, should the Sisters of Faith accept service under the state in education, what effect is that servitude likely to operate among themselves? For, if the effect be to destroy, or even to lessen the spirit of their vocation, the loss to religion would be very serious, and to their pupils in process of time equally disastrous. For though they might succeed in the secular teaching, they would certainly fail in making children virtuous while themselves had fallen from the perfection of their state. In the "Life of Mother Margaret Hallahan" are found some remarkable passages bearing on this point. Margaret Hallahan was the Foundress of the Teaching Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic in England. Her opinions on education are of great value, because she was a woman of powerful mind, and had

vast experience in teaching, and what greatly enhances the importance of her opinions is that she acted under the direction of Dr Ullathorne (himself a high authority), who says of her that she was a great servant of God, and speaks of her as one supernaturally aided and illumined. He concludes his beautiful preface to her "Life" in these words. "I cannot close this preface without once more giving thanks to God, that in His goodness He deigned to make me an instrument to co-operate in the work of this great soul, and that I have had the privilege of her friendship and prayers for six and twenty years." Moreover, this servant of God says "I have asked our Lord so many times to see it (state education) in the true light, and I always have the same impressions. Now, what does this great, simple, strong-mind enlightened from on High say of state education, and its effect on the Religious who work it. "When first I heard," she says, "of the government proposal for our poor-schools, one of the things that struck me was, it was a deep-laid scheme to destroy, in time, all religious teaching, for although it was said all was to be done by our Religious, yet the end was to get secular girls taught, so as to supersede all our religious teaching, but the greatest of all evils was the Religious themselves being so taken with it, although it must and would destroy the whole foundation of a religious, interior, spiritual life. It was a deep-laid snare of the devil, at the time when our dear Lord was renewing the religious life and calling so many generous women to serve Him. He laid the bait well, for nearly all were caught by it, and your poor ignorant Mother was considered what she really was, quite unfit for the times and the progress of education. My dear Sisters, it is for you I say

these things. We leave the world to be God's servants, not the servants of any government or man or woman, but God's free agents. I have had letters from some of those good Religious that were entrapped before they knew. They told me they could not meditate, or say a Pater or Ave without parsing it, and two or three have told me their hair on their heads stood on end when they expected the inspector, and that sleep fled their eyes for weeks before an examination. Could this be the work or call of God? No, my dear children, it would destroy the whole features of a religious life. These are some of the things I foresaw, and the fearful effects it would and did cause by one outvying others to appear more learned, more acute, more esteemed by these inspectors, and to have the name published of this or that Nun—this is not to what God calls us when He gives us the precious grace of a vocation to religious life. You have seen two fearful marks of the overworking of the brain, and how many more are there that we have not seen? Be faithful to God, to your holy state, and ever avoid government committees, or anything secular as much as you can.

Do not think from this I would like our own humbler classes to be less educated than others. No, I would like them to be superior to other poor in every way and everything, as they are in reality superior to them by the blessing of Faith and the teaching of the one True and only Catholic Church, but let all and each be content to qualify themselves for the state God has placed or will place them in."

How soon Mother Margaret's prophetic words are verified, that their "pupil teachers would supplant them," is seen in the rapid spread of Board Schools in England, which are every year widening their

lines, and crushing out religious teaching in the elementary schools

5 In Ireland it has been often said, especially by Catholics, in extenuation of the evils of state education, that though the National system was founded on the mixed principle, the genius of the country has killed it, and that, in fact, the National Schools are denominational. But, who are the best judges of this? Certainly the Commissioners ought to be the best judges. They say in the last edition (1885), of their "Rules and Regulations" that the fundamental principle is mixed education, and this not only in the literary department, but in morals also. "Combined literary and moral instruction are the words of the "Rule." But it will be said, the fact nevertheless remains that the National Schools of three provinces used by Catholics are attended by Catholic children only. What of that? Does mixed education mean only the mixture of children? It is perhaps the smallest evil in mixed education. What harm would three or five Protestant children do in a Catholic school. Why, before the National system was heard of there was this mixture in Catholic schools, even those conducted by Priests in Ireland. And at this day, in the United States and in the British colonies, schools kept by Nuns and Religious Brothers are more or less attended by non-Catholics, with the knowledge of their Bishops. No, no, it is in the higher mixture that the poison is found. In the National system there is a mixture of teachers, though only to a small extent, Protestant men and women teaching Catholic children. But the higher you ascend the more deadly is the mixture. The books were almost entirely compiled or composed by Protestants, the earlier series contained many errors, those at

present in use contain nothing that would nourish the Catholic spirit or a spirit of piety, and this is a great loss to the children. The want of bread will kill a child as surely as poison. In the "Rules and Regulations" the mixture is still more apparent. Some seem framed to protect Catholic children, but the bulk of them obstruct and stifle those Catholic practices without which virtue can scarcely subsist. Look to the inspectors, who are said to be half for and half against the Catholic Church. Above these are the Board of Commissioners, where you will find professors of nearly every form of error mixed with professing Catholics. Over all these the presiding spirit has been hitherto a prince of Freemasons.

If this be not mixed education where shall we find it? How then can its schools be called denominational? Yet this word discloses a phase of the National system that to a Catholic is very saddening. In this system the Catholic Church is called and treated as a denomination, that is, as one of the sects. The Church of God is brought down to the level of the lowest or latest form of heresy. She is only one of the denominations. How can Catholic children imbibe, under such a system, that hatred of heresy and that strong and lively faith that made their fathers glorious confessors and martyrs?

6. When the state seizes on education she takes it out of the domain of religion and brings it into the stormy arena of politics, where it is subject to continual changes. And, unfortunately, those who understand the matter least, or who are most opposed to true education are usually the most influential in effecting those changes. Hence state education is getting worse every year. Hence those who

hope for improvements of education in a Catholic direction are doomed most likely to disappointment.

All these reasons seem quite sufficient to justify the Sisters of Faith in keeping themselves and their schools independent of state education, and especially from that form of state education miscalled National.

*March, 1886.*



## ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

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Monsieur Poirotte	0	10	0	Mrs. Sullivan, Cork	0	10	0
Bequest of the late Mrs. Pilsworth per Mr. T Aungier	5	0	0	Per Mrs. Stephens	2	6	6
				The Superior, Saint Peter's, Phibsboro'	1	0	0
				The Superior, Christian Brothers, Fairview	1	0	0
Rev J Quinn, P.P., Beragh	1	0	0	The Prioress, Saint Mary's, Cabra	1	0	0
Bequest of the late Mr. John Quirk, of Thurles, per Mr Patrick Finn	100	0	0	Mrs. Teeling	1	0	0
				Mr Francis Thunder	0	13	0
				Miss Unthank	0	10	0
Rev. John Ryan, P.P New-Inn, Cahir	1	0	0	Very Rev Archdeacon Walsh, P.P V.G.	1	0	0
Rev E. Rowan, P.P., Valleymount	1	0	0	Mr. Joseph Woodlock Booterstown	1	0	0
Rev. P Ryan, C.C.	1	10	0	Mr E. D. Williams, do.	1	0	0
Mr Christopher Ryder	1	0	0	Rev P A. Walshe, CM	2	0	0
Miss M. Ryan	1	0	0	Bequest of the late Mrs. Whelan, per Messrs. Scallan	57	2	3
Mr. James Roche	1	0	0	Mr and Mrs. Wade, Liverpool, per Mrs. Mara	0	10	0
Mrs. Mary Ryan, & Mr Daniel Ryan, (also 2s. for schools)	0	10	0	Rev M Walsh, Holy-Cross College	1	0	0
Per Mr. Joseph Redmond, including his own subscription	4	0	0	Rev J Healy, do.	1	0	0
				Rev R. Colahan, do.	1	0	0
Very Rev P Segrave, P.P., Kilquade	1	0	0	Rev M. Flynn, C.C., Donnybrook	1	0	0
Mr Walter Sweetman, Co. Wexford	1	0	0	Rev P Crimmins, C.C., Meath St.	1	0	0
Miss Scully	1	0	0	Rev J Caffrey Artane	1	0	0
Alderman Slaney, Tramore	1	0	0	Rev J Hackett, CC., Delgany	0	10	0
Mr. T Synnott, J.P., per Mr Steiner	1	0	0				
Mr E. Sweetman, per do.	1	0	0				

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Alms' Boxes per Miss Cullen at Mr D Hayden's, 10s 6d, Mr T Hayden's, 9s 11½d; Mr Meythens's, 9s 5d; Mr E Doyle's, 8s 5½d; Mr Fagan's, 8s, Mr Maher's, 8s 6d; Miss Hume's, 8s; Mr J Doyle's, 6s, Mrs M'Nerney's, 5s 4d, Mrs Scally's, 5s 1½d, Mr Farrensworth, 5s.

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The Dublin Alliance Society per Mr P Brennan	0 5 0
The Mount Argus Tontine Society, per Mr James Kavanagh & Mr Hutchinson	0 7 0
St. Elias Tontine Society, per Mr Flanagan	0 7 0
The Harp & Shamrock Society, per Mr Young	0 2 0
St. Laurence O'Toole's Tontine Society, per Mr Thomas Keogh	0 5 5
Per Mr Kelly's Alms' Boxes	0 9 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Per St. Francis's Tontine Society Alms' Boxes	0 7 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>

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 the Archbishop, and the Very Rev and Rev the Clergy of the city will also most thankfully receive subscriptions.

## 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 secular Education to more than Two Thousand Children.*

*These Schools are not under the National Board, accept no Government grant, and are independent of Government control.*

Very Rev. P Duff, C.M., Blackrock	1 0 0
Rev F J Coffey, C.C.	1 0 0
Rev P Newman, St. Conleth's, Philipstown	1 0 0
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Messrs Findlater & Co.	2 0 0
Messrs McDonald, Brothers	2 0 0
Miss Allingham, per Rev John Gowan, C.M.	5 0 0
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Rev Daniel Downing, C.C., towards Breakfast Fund for Schools Lr. Jervis St.	1 0 0
The Messrs Allingham, for do.	1 0 0
Miss Allingham, for do.	1 0 0
Rev. J F Colahan, C.C. Blackrock for do.	1 0 0

### *For the Schools of the Holy Faith, Clarendon Street.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rev Father Augustine Fatcher O.D.C.	3	0	0	Mr Corless	1	0	0
Mr N Lynch	1	0	0	Mr W J Tyndall	1	0	0
Mr P J Plunkett	1	0	0	Mr E. O'Leary, per V. Rev B. Verdon, O.D.C.	1	0	0
Mr Richard Bolger T.C.	1	0	0	Doctor Cruise	0	10	0
Mr Michael Crooke, J.P.	1	0	0	Mr Austin Ryan	0	10	0
Mr James O'Donnell	1	0	0	Mr T Lynch	0	10	0
Mr Wm. Nolan	1	0	0	Mr R. Worn	0	10	0
Mrs M'Gowan	1	0	0	Mr P Cahill	0	10	0
"A Widow's Mite"	1	0	0	Miss Tobin	0	10	0
Mr Mullally	0	10	0	Mrs Byrne	0	5	0
Mr O'Neill	0	10	0	Miss Cosgrave	0	5	0
Mr Shaw	0	10	0	Per Rev A. Plunkett, Adm., part of proceeds of the Sermon preached in St. Andrews, Westland Row, for the Schools of the Parish	10	0	0
Mr Joseph Downes	0	10	0				
Mrs Molloy	0	5	0				
Mrs Joyce	0	5	0				
Mr Doyle	0	5	0				
Mr F Devine	1	0	0				
Mr Patrick Boland	1	1	0				
Mr George Perry	1	0	0				

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered once every Month for the Benefactors and Subscribers, living and dead, of the above Schools.

## St. Brigid's Schools of the Holy Family.

### WEST PARK STREET, COOMBE.

These Schools are in some respects the most important in Dublin. They are surrounded by the poorest population of the city, whose children, if left in ignorance, and above all, if not grounded well in religion, and trained early to its practices, fall a prey to the evil influences that surround them and become the pests of society. But the vital necessity of supporting these Schools arises from the existence of the great Proselytising Institution on the Coombe, where these poor children are offered education, food, clothing, and other temporal advantages, on the condition of renouncing the religion of their fathers and embracing heresy. Hence the poorest of these children must get food every day, and occasionally clothing, to induce them to leave the den of perdition, or to keep them out of the temptation of going there through severe hunger. There are now upwards of 500 in daily attendance, 230 of whom get food each day, with a considerable amount of clothing, to the most naked, from time to time. A few good men of the parish have been making collections for many years to meet this great expenditure. Having contributed materially to keep the Schools open, they deserve well of religion. But to combat effectually Proselytism in the district, a more powerful organization was required, and God, who never deserts His Church, raised up this in the Association of "Save the Child." The Members of this Association have done immense service both in withdrawing poor Catholic children from the heretical Soup-Shop, and in providing food and clothing for them in the Schools of West Park Street. With the blessing of God, and their good help, Proselytism in the Liberties of Dublin will soon be a thing of the past.

The spiritual welfare of the Children is most zealously attended to by the Very Rev. Canon Daniel, P. P., and by the Guardian, Rev James Hickey, C.C.

*The Sisters of Faith in charge of the Schools West Park Street gratefully acknowledge the following Donations*

Very Rev Canon Daniel, P.P	8	0	0
The Ladies of the Association of "Save the Child," towards providing Breakfast for the Poor Children	195	0	0
Rev P M'Enroe, C.M.	1	10	0
Mr and Mrs John Fegan, Pembroke Road	1	0	0
Mr E Sweetman	1	0	0
Mr and Mrs Farrington	5	5	0
Mr Michael Bannon, towards clothing for the Poor Children	3	0	0
Bequest of the late Mr Peter Finnegan, T.C., from the Executors, per Messrs C J Fay & Co	25	0	0
From the Bakers employed at Mr Farrington's	2	0	0
From the Coopers at Messrs Guinness & Co., per Mr Higgins	7	0	0
A Friend, in honor of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	2	0	0
Mr Burke	1	0	0
Per Very Rev Canon M'Manus, PP being a portion of the Delaney Fund, left for the several Schools of the District	17	10	0
Per Very Rev Canon Daniel, PP, do. do.	10	5	0
Mr M'Manus	0	10	0
Mrs Byrne	0	10	0
Mr Stewart	0	5	0
Miss Grace	0	5	0
"Anonymous"	0	5	0
Miss Fosbery	0	5	0
Mr Lynam	0	5	0
Mr Byrne	0	5	0



Per Mrs Byrne's Alms' Box		1	11	0½
“ Mrs Rooney's do.		1	1	0
“ Mr Burke's, do.		0	10	9
“ Mr Flanagan's do.		1	0	3

*Collected by*

Mr. Parker	£24	1	2	Mr Magrane	8	3	11½
Mr. Davis	9	4	0	Mr Mapother	3	16	2
Mr. Barrett	9	2	0	Mr M'Call	1	10	0

The Sisters of Faith return very grateful thanks to Mr and Mrs. Farrington (The Coombe), for several donations of bread, supplied for the poor children attending these Schools.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered once every Month for the Subscribers and Benefactors, living and dead, of the above Schools,

## SOCIETY

OF THE

## BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, QUEEN OF CHARITY,

65 LOWER JERVIS STREET

THIS Institution was committed, fourteen years ago, by His Eminence the late Cardinal Cullen, to the Sisters of the Holy Faith. During the past twelve years they have conducted herein two Poor Schools, one for girls, and one for little boys. The daily attendance in both schools has been about Four 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 poorest of the children receive breakfast daily at these Schools.

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.

All who desire to have the children of the poor receive a solid and good 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.*

Messrs John D'Arcy & Son	1	0	0
Mr P Boland ..	1	1	0
Mr and Mrs John Fegan, Pembroke Road	1	0	0
Mr John Whelan	1	0	0
Mr Edward de V Corcoran	0	10	0
Lady Sullivan, per Miss Taaffe,	0	5	0
Lady O'Hagan, per Mr E Kearney, B. L.	1	0	0
Per Alms' Box at Mr J Byrne's, Shanganagh Hotel, Bray	0	16	0
Per Miss Smyth	0	7	2
Mr P O'Brien	0	5	0
From the Building Society per do	0	15	0
Per Mr & Mrs Kearney	1	0	0
Per Mr Thompson	1	0	0
Mrs Dawson, per cards	0	5	0
"Anonymous"	0	5	0
Miss Ormonde	0	5	0
Miss Hobbs	0	4	0
"Anonymous"	0	5	0
In smaller Sums	0	19	4
From the Executors of the late Mr Christopher O'Neill, amount of Legacy left by him, per Mr T Furlong, solicitor	30	0	0
Messrs Dollard & Co.	0	10	0
Mrs Beakey	0	5	0
Mrs Carton	0	5	0

Mr Laurence Malone	0	5	0
Mrs Walsh	0	5	0
Mr P Moran	0	5	0
Mrs Mooney	0	5	0
St Mary's Loan Fund Society per Mr Sarsfield	1	10	8
St Albert's Society per Mr Madden	0	15	0
St Catherine's Society per Mr Moore	0	8	0
The Good Shepherd Tontine Society, per Mr P Brennan	0	7	0
St Elias Tontine Society per Mr Flanagan	0	5	0
From the Friendly Brothers Society, per Mr Hutchinson	0	5	6
The Bedford Burial Society, per Mr Keegan	0	5	0

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.

Mr. Edward Brophy is authorized to collect for "The Queen of Charity"

## ST. BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

46 ECCLES STREET, DUBLIN

FOUNDED, IN 1857, TO RECEIVE

500 CHILDREN (BOYS AND GIRLS)

1725 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 children from the Proselytizers.

Already 1725 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 Archbishop, 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 Tuam; His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Cashel; 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 Kerry; the Lord Bishop of Raphoe; the Lord Bishop of Ardagh; Most Rev Dr. Donnelly, Bishop of Canea.

## 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,  
28th of April, 1858.

W H. G. BAGSHAWE.

## FORM OF BEQUEST TO ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE.

"I give and bequeath the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
unto the treasurer for the time being of ST. BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,  
Eccles Street, Dublin: the same to be paid within  
months next after my decease, and applied to the uses and  
purposes of said Orphanage; and for which the receipt of  
such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge."

*NOTE.*—It should be particularly noticed, that no Will whatsoever, whether of real or personal property, which bears date after the first day of January 1838, is valid, unless it be signed at the foot by the Testator, or by some person in his presence, and by his direction, and said signature acknowledged by him in the presence of two witnesses, who shall sign the same as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

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