## St. Brigid's Orphanage

FOR

#### FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN,

(BOYS AND GIRLS)

Established under the Patronage of His Eminence the late Cardinal Cullen, in 1857

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

The Managers of St. Brigid's Orphanage and Schools of the Holy Faith submit to your Grace, the benefactors, and the Catholic public a short account of the work done in the year just elapsed, 1886. But, before all, thanks and praise are due to Almighty God, who has now for thirty years blessed the work.

Thirty Orphans were received into the Institution during the last year. It is needless to say that these thirty poor Catholic Children were in imminent danger of being robbed of their Faith, because they were selected from a great many, simply because they were in the

greatest danger.

Twenty-nine Orphans have been provided for during the year in the manner following. Four were adopted by their foster-parents, six were placed in situations, seventeen were restored to surviving parents or guardians, and two died, leaving one hundred and ninety-two in the Orphanage.

The number of Orphans admitted since the foundation of St. Brigid's Orphanage now amounts to the large total of one thousand seven HUNDRED AND FIFTY FIVE, and, with very few exceptions, all these Catholic Children have been saved from heresy Four hundred and thirtythree of them were adopted by their foster-parents, and have been treated as brothers and sisters of their own children.

It may be thought by some, and in fact, a few who failed in procuring admission for cases, said that the admission ought to be more liberal. But let any one consider the matter, first in point of numbers, and secondly in point of liability, and he will probably be undeceived. Most of the Orphans received are very young, some only a few weeks old, hence, about ten years on the average must elapse before they can do anything for themselves. This would, in process of time, bring up the number in the Orphanage to three hundred! In point of liability it looks still more serious, for when the Orphanage takes thirty children in one year it commits itself to the obligation of maintaining those children for ten years, that is, it contracts a money obligation of at least £2,100, because it will take £70 at least to keep and educate a child for ten years. £70 will not do it, but let it stand at that figure to preclude all cavilling. Now, in the same year, 1886, the income of the Orphanage was considerably below £2,100. In former years the admissions sometimes were fifty or over, because the income was greater.

The Orphanage has been in the habit of saving children without receiving them into it. The case is this—the mother, a widow, is really good, but so distressed as to find it impossible to support her child. She has an extreme repugnance to go into the poor-house, and is sorely tempted to give away her child for a time to the enemies of the faith. Sometimes, it is sufficient to take the child into one of the Schools of the Holy Faith, where breakfast is given to it in the morning and a piece of bread in the evening; meantime, the mother gets casual work, and so the child is saved. In some cases, where the mother can be depended on, a few shillings are given to set her up in small dealing, and she is delighted to be able to keep her child to be com pany and a comfort to her No exact account has been kept of these cases, but it is safe to say, that during the last thirty years, more than one hundred Catholic Orphans have been saved from heresy in this way. And when it can be done, the mother's care is better for the child than that of any Orphanage.

Indeed, this is one of the chief advantages of St Brigid's Orphanage that, instead of the parents whom God has taken, the children are given foster-parents, who are often as much attached to them as to their own children. Every year the system is proving itself more satisfactory The two half-yearly inspections and examinations of 1886 showed improvement in the health, the appearance, the contentedness, and the education of the children.

Four examiners were engaged in this work during four days each half-year, and unfavourable reports were only made in the cases of four children. The remedy in such cases is to change them to other localities, and this seldom fails.

The schooling of the Orphans has improved every year, and last year was the best. Very strict measures are taken to have the children, who are able, sent to school every day Moreover, money premiums are given after each half-yearly examination, in order to stimulate the industry and diligence of nurses and children in learning. The particulars have been set forthfrequently in former Reports and it is sufficient, now to say that in 1886, eighty two half sovereigns were won by the children after strict examinations.

The moral and religious training of the Orphans is satisfactory and always has been so and this too without much trouble or labour. for being placed in moral and religious families and besides being isolated and removed almost as far as possible from evil communication, they acquire religious habits and practices not by coercion, but willingly and gradually. They do as those over and around them do and religion grows with their growth, and is, as it were, incorporated with them. Hence, when discharged from the Orphange, they continue the same practices of religion. In fact, as far can be ascertained, the young men and women who had been reared in St. Brigid's Orphanage hold, with wonderful fidelity, to the monthly reception of the Sacraments.

SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH.

These Schools have for object what their name imports, the teaching of the truths of faith, the training of the children in the practice of religious duties and the strengthening of their faith. Secular knowledge is diligently imparted to them according to the requirements of the position in life they are destined to occupy, but religion is first and most studiously attended to. In the school of the Holy Faith, the eye, the ear, the mind and the heart are laid hold of to impress religion upon them. The Sisters who teach are constantly reminded of the obligation of giving good example and, in fact, do so, thus the School wears the appearance of religion, and the atmosphere of it is, so to speak, impregnated with religion. They are not under Government control, and consequently receive no aid from that quarter The beginning was made with a little School in Crow Street, over twenty years ago, in which thirty children were taught, now the Schools are many and the daily attendance of scholars is over two thousand. That they answer the purpose of their foundation, the Priests of the different parishes, who visit and instruct in them can testify and have often testified. Catholic parents, especially those who set most value on religion, gladly send their children, some indeed from great distances. Order and discipline that were with difficulty maintained at first, are now the rule, which shows that the children have

come to respect their teachers, and have learned to control their passions and their way-wardness.

Most of these Schools are for the poor, and some of them are attended by many of the poorest children in the city. The large schools of West Park St. in the Liberties, and those of Lower Jervis St. especially, are of this class. Many hundreds of Catholic children have been taken from proselytising day-schools by means of these, but to keep them from going back, and to prevent others equally destitute from going. food must be given them. During the whole of the year 1886, three hundred and four poor children received a good breakfast every morning, and a few of them, who had no dinner to expect, a piece of bread leaving school fourth of the whole number received less or more of clothing. This is a very heavy item in the School expenses. The greater part of it was borne for West Park St School, by the Ladies who conducted the Association of "Save the Child," the last four years. But this fund is now all but exhausted, and these Ladies have undertaken a heavier and very necessary Catholic work in the Sacred Heart Home in which, no doubt, they will receive as they deserve to receive, generous encouragement and practical aid.

It may be thought that the practice of giving food in school demoralizes poor children and trains them to be beggars for life. This is the case surely in the proselytising schools, where the food is given on base and sinful conditions.

But in the Catholic School no dishonour attaches to poverty, for the spirit of a Catholic School is, or should be, the spirit of the Catholic Church, which honors real poverty Indeed, if you go into West Park Street Schools during school hours you will not distinguish the foodlist children from the others. Hence, not being degraded or even humiliated, they do not tend towards a life of beggary In fact it is not known that a single one of the thousands who received food during the last twenty years is now a beggar Some years ago, in a season of distress, a few young men who had when children received food with their education in West Park St, failing to get employment, went into the English army, which they much disliked, rather than incur the stigma of pauperism by resorting to the poor-house for a few weeks. It would save time and labour, and be altogether more agreeable to put an end to the giving of food at School. But it is absolutely necessary unless many poor children are to be abandoned and left to the Cromwellian fanatics of to-day.

There will be always poor people, and some very poor, but it has been ever the glory of the Catholic Church to strive to succour every one

in pain, in misery, or in want

In former Reports, little was said in the way of soliciting help, for it was thought that the work done would enlist sympathy, as in fact it did, but most of the old subscribers are now deceased and gone to a better life, and their places have not, for the most part, been filled by others,

hence the necessity of appealing at present for more assistance. The members of the guilds, who collect the pence of the poor, are also greatly thinned. The few who do this work of charity are very zealous, but reinforcements, are much wanted.

Those who can subscribe and those who can collect will, it is hoped, think, before God, over the following reasons for giving their assistance to St. Brigid's Orphanage and the Schools of

the Holy Faith.

Both Schools and Orphanage exist for the one end, namely, to preserve the Faith, to guard and defend the Faith in the persons of helpless and destitute Orphans, to enkindle the Faith in the children of the poor, and bring them up strong in Faith. Now, this is the first and most necessary work in the Church of God. For, no one can come to God except by Faith, and "without Faith it is impossible to please God." Faith is the foundation and the root of all justification. In vain would the gardener prune and dress his fruittree if the root were cut off or decayed; in vain would the householder roof or furnish his house if the foundation were wanting or undermined. The propagation of the Faith is a great and God-like work, but the preservation of the Faith to those little children who have received it in baptism, and are in danger of being deprived of it, is still greater and dearer to God.

Therefore, the first and most important obligation of every Catholic, after that of seeing to

his own salvation, is that of co-operating in the preservation of the Faith to those helpless children of the Church who are not able to defend

themselves.

2. Pursuing this argument, let the charitable Catholic consider that these destitute Catholic Orphans and poor children of the Schools were incorporated with the Catholic Church by their baptism, and thus became members of the mystic body of Jesus Christ, were made children of God, and were not only promised the kingdom of God, but were made heirs, that is, got, by their baptism, an indefeasible right to that glorious inheritance. What a charity to preserve to them all these blessings, nay, what a duty to save them! An obligation, binding of course, some, more than others, but clearly binding all the members of Christ's mystic body. In the human body, should the little finger only be attacked by disease and be in danger of severance from the hand, at once all the other members are in pain and try to save the little finger. The head ponders on the remedy, the feet make a journey for it, the hand applies it, and the eyes watch the process of cure, and when that little finger is saved, all the members are in peace Jesus Christ has made a similar sympathetic law for the preservation of His mystic body, but there is this diffierence, in the human body, most care is bestowed justly on the important and vital members, whereas the Son of God enlists the sympathy of His followers for the least, and in His ineffable goodness, calls

these poor derelicts and outcasts His brothers and promises to take as done to Himself what is done for them. Who could resist such pleadings?

3 The Catholic Church holds heresy to be a most deadly sin. The spirit of the Church is a spirit of opposition to heresy She commands all her children to have charity towards all men, even those who profess heresy, but the heresy itself She requires them to hate. She never tolerated heresy in her members; when they proved obstinate, She cut them off as mortally diseased members, though in doing so she often brought on herself the anger and persecu tion of kings and emperors. In almost every age of her existence, some new heresy arose she attacked it, and never ceased her exertions till it was laid low Her most learned doctors, her most eminent saints, her most austere recluses, were the most forward in combating heresy Some lost their lives in the combat. and are martyrs, some endured life-long persecution, as the great St. Athanasus, and are honored as confessors; some young virgins, like Saint Catherine of Alexandria, struggling to save their weaker fellow members from the dan ger of denying the Faith, crowned their virginity with martyrdom. Thus, the spirit of the Church is a spirit of active and persevering opposition to heresy, and every Catholic who is imbued with her spirit will co-operate in her work.

4. There is a powerful and comparatively easy

means in the poor Schools of the Holy Faith and in St. Brigid's Orphanage of effacing the bad impressions made upon Catholic Children by attendance at the day-schools or residence in the Homes of the proselytisers. For the majority of the children even in the poorest of those schools, such as West Park St. and Lower Jervis St never crossed the threshold of a heretical school, and belong to parents who would suffer any extremity rather than permit them to do so Hence children who have been tainted by heretical teaching, but who by reason of youth and ignorance were not guilty of formal sin against Faith are soon corrected by association with their good school fellows, for children often exercise more influence over each other than Teachers or Superiors. It is the same in the Orphanage, because the Orphans are sent to the country and placed in the families of small farmers. It is well known that the Irish peasantry, especially those who regularly receive the Sacraments, attend well to their prayers, and are able to live decently by their own industry, are blessed by the Almighty with a strong and lively Faith It is a singular confirmation of this, that of the hundreds of Orphans received by St. Brigid who had been immured in proselytising dens (some of them for years) and who had spent even one year in the country, not one returned to the proselytisers.

5 Both Schools and Orphanage are conducted with the utmost economy consistent with efficiency, so that those who contribute or col-

lect may rest assured that their contributions and services are applied directly to the good works for which they were given without any appreciable deduction for expenses.

6. The poor man's only inheritance in this world is his Faith and the duties imposed by it. They are his comfort here, and sure ground of his hope hereafter. But, by force of circumstances the poor Irishman must often emigrate to England and elsewhere. It is obviously then of the utmost importance that poor Catholic children should be equipped in the most efficient manner to surmount the dangers of shipwreck of Faith.

For these reasons then Reader and for others that occur to yourself, put your hand to this work, be it in little or be it in much, for it is the work of God and will plead for you at the final judgment.

#### ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

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

#### 1,755 HAVE BEEN ALREADY RECEIVED.

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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.

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

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

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

Mr J P Levey Manchester .	5	0	0
Very Rev P Duff, C.M., Blackrock	1	0	0
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Messrs McDonald, Brothers	1	0	0
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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered once every Month for the Benefactors and Subscribers, living and dead, of the above Schools.

## St. Krigid's Schools of the Woly Faith.

#### 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 of 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 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 Reverend Guardian.

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

Per Very Rev Canon Daniel, P.P	11	15	0
Christmas Donations per do.	6	2	6
The Ladies of the Association of "Save the		Zeti.	
Child," towards providing Breakfast for the			
Poor Children	180	1	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Mr and Mrs Bannon, Shamrock Villa, per Very			-2
Rev Canon Daniel, P.P	5	0	0
From Mr Jackson's Workmen, per do.	0.00	10	0
Mr Malone, per do		0	0
A Friend, per do.	0	10	0
"Anonymous," Newry, per do.		10	0
Mr Shannon, per do.	0	5	0
Mr Kenny per do.	0	5	0
Per Rev J Hickey C.C.,	2	0	0
Mrs Osborne, Co. Wicklow, per do.	1	0	0
A Friend, per do.	1	0	0
Mr and Mrs Farrington, per the Sisters of Faith	5	5	0
Mr P Boland, per do.	2	0	0
A Gentleman, per do.	2	0	0
Mr E Sweetman	1	0	0
Mr and Mrs John Fegan, Pembroke Road	1	0	0
Mr Burke, Francis St.	2	0	0
Donation from Mr Earley	2	0	0
Mrs S Kelly		15	0
From the Coopers at Messrs Guinness & Co., per		10	· ·
Mr Higgins	14	0	0
A Friend, in honour of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph	1	5	0
Miss Lentaigne	1		0

"Anonymous," through the post	0	10	0
Per Very Rev Canon M'Manus, PP, being a portion			
of the Delaney Fund, left for the several Schools			
of the District	23	10	0
Per Very Rev Canon Daniel, PP, do. do.	8	19	5
St. Germaine's Tontine Society, per Mr P O'Neill	0	10	0
Mrs Byrne Bride's Alley	0	6	0
Mrs Byrne Wall's Lane	0	5	0
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Mr Byrne, do.	0	12	6
Mr John Murphy	0	5	0
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Per Mr Flanagan's Alms' Box	1	0	8
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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, fifteen years ago, by His Eminence the late Cardinal Cullen, to the Sisters of the Holy Faith. During the past thirteen 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.

TI Dilamor & Con	1	0	0
Messrs John D'Arcy & Son	1	1	0
Mr P Boland	1	0	0
Mr and Mrs John Fegan, Pembroke Road	1	0	0
Lady O'Hagan, per Mr E H Kearney, B. L.	0	5	0
Lady Sullivan, per Miss Taaffe,	0	10	0
Mrs Lce	1	2	6
Per Mr & Mrs Kearney	0	11	4
Per Miss Smyth	0	10	0
"Anonymous"	0	7	6
Mr P O'Brien	0	17	6
From the Building Society, per do	55	4	5
From the Executors of the late Mr John MacDuff	0	6	10
Mrs Daly	0	6	2
Mrs Conlan	0	5	6
Mr Thomas Kenny	0		0
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Mr John Whelan	1	0	0
St. Mary's Loan Fund Society, per Mr Sarsfield	1	10	()
St. Albert's Burial Society, per Mr Madden	0	17	9
St. Catherine's Society, per Mr Moore	0	7	$7\frac{1}{2}$
The Good Shepherd Tontine Society, per Mr P			
Brennan	0	5	2.

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
1755 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 1755 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 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 Down and Connor; 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 " [and E. F., of , &c.,] to be the Guardian "[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. W H. G. BAGSHAWE.

Lincoln's Inn,

28th of April, 1858.

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

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

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

# St. Brigid's Orphanage

FOR

#### FIVE HUNDRED CHILDREN,

(BOYS AND GIRLS)

Established under the Patronage of His Eminence the late Cardinal Cullen, in 1857

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