

St. Brigid's Orphanage,

46 ECCLES STREET, DUBLIN,

AND

SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH

FOR

BOYS AND GIRLS

Established under the Patronage of His Eminence the  
late Cardinal Cullen, in 1856.

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

THE Sisters of the Holy Faith beg to submit to you, to their Associates, Benefactors, and the Catholic public, a summary of the work done in the Orphanage of St. Brigid, and in the Poor Schools of the Holy Faith during the year 1898.

It is our duty in the first place to thank God for the special blessings bestowed upon our feeble efforts as well as for the continued support given us by



every class of society This Report is but the record of both, during the past year, the forty-second of the existence of the good work.

SEVENTY-TWO Orphans  
THE ORPHANAGE, NUMBER and destitute children were  
OF ORPHANS RECEIVED. received during the year.

This was a large increase on the number of the previous year, but the cases were such as could not be refused. If it were the living parent or a relative only that applied for them, complaining of the difficulty of rearing them or even holding out a threat of exposing them to loss of Faith, there would then be reason to doubt or refuse. But in no one of these cases is it so. Invariably the application is made by a Clergyman or some reliable person who knows well the surroundings and the character of the child's friends and is able to prove the danger to the child's Faith. The following are taken, without selection, from the admission Register, 46 Eccles-street.

1st. M.B. Eighteen months old. Rev Father B. stated this child would, without doubt, be brought up a Protestant unless taken.

2nd. M.T., aged 3 years. Mother dead, father a Protestant, would certainly have been lost to the Faith unless admitted.

3rd. M.F., aged 3 years, had been for some time with his sister in a Protestant Institution, was rescued by Rev Father B.

4th. Three children, aged 12, 9, and 7, both parents dead, under sole care of grandmother, Rev. Father S. considered their Faith in imminent danger.

5th. L.M., aged 8 years. Rev Father B. considered this child in the greatest danger.

6th. A.E and C.E aged 8 and 9 years. The Protestant Minister of the district and several Protestant ladies made great efforts to secure these children. Recommended by Rev. Father C.

These few cases show the class of children saved to the Faith by St. Brigid's Orphanage. Indeed the admission Register speaks eloquently of the crying want supplied, and how many require even immediate attention, experience has taught us the danger of delay Hence St. Brigid's doors are ever open for our little ones, when we know, on reliable authority, their Faith is in danger.

The total number of children on the books and under the care of the Orphanage on the 31st. of December, 1898, was THREE HUNDRED AND ONE. Total number received since commencement, TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND SIX.



During the past year ORPHANS PROVIDED FOR. TWENTY-FIVE children were provided for, and six died, all infants, a small number, though above the average, considering there were in the Orphanage during the year THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO children, a large number of whom were infants and neglected young children. SEVEN were adopted by the families in which they were reared. A much larger number might have been provided for by adoption, but they were cases of very young children, who required still special care and are not sufficiently developed in character.

The demand for our children is much greater than we can supply. We have but little difficulty then in getting suitable places for girls as well as boys. EIGHTEEN were restored to their friends. This is done only when it is ascertained beyond doubt that their Faith is no longer in danger, and when well-instructed in and habituated to their religious and other duties.

The education of the Orphans is EDUCATION. simple and limited to what is necessary and practical for them in their state of life. They are taught well Prayers and Catechism, Reading, Writing, and Ciphering. A strict account

is kept of their attendance at School, and a substantial premium given for real progress. Three of our Sisters with the Rev Director of the Orphanage see and examine every child regularly twice each year. A HALF-SOVEREIGN is given to the Nurse for improvement in each grade of which the child was ignorant at its entrance. EIGHTY-SIX HALF-SOVEREIGNS were won last year, viz. forty-five for Prayers, fifteen for Reading, fourteen for Writing, and twelve for Arithmetic. In addition to this necessary but quite sufficient literary education, every child gets a practical training in work. This is inquired into and examined closely by the Sisters in charge. The boys, as far as their age permits, are employed before and after school and on Saturdays in all kinds of farm-work, the manner of caring cattle and other kinds of industry or trade the family may be engaged in. While care is taken that no work beyond their strength is put on them, to teach them to love work, and to become self-reliant and useful is considered to be of the greatest importance for their after lives. The girls are taught knitting, sewing, and every kind of house-work. To supplement the ordinary training in cooking and in laundry work given in the small farmers' houses in the country, a small kitchen and laundry have



been got up at one of our Convent Schools in the country. The growing-up girls have then everything necessary to make them good and useful servants in town or country.

St. Brigid's being an outdoor Orphanage, NURSES. we feel, indeed, that its success depends principally on the character and quality of our Nurses. Their Faith and their motherly kindness and care as well as their industry form the character and habits of our poor children. We have, thank God, a great treasure in them. Far from being tired of the work they seem to be growing more zealous and devoted. One of them who had been commended for successfully caring through all the phases of infant delicacy a baby, only three months old, that in the doctor's opinion could not live, said, "This is the fifteenth delicate baby I have reared. If any of St. Brigid's children, anywhere, are delicate send them to me. I have a comfortable house, the best of air, and to nurse them is the greatest pleasure to me." How devoted, how motherly and kind! This is but one example of the many acts of motherly care and affection shown by these truly devoted Nurses towards the children confided to their care.

In the surprise visits made regularly during the

year to the houses of the Orphans, in almost every case the Nurses were found with all the marks of industry and care about their homes. Most of the children of school-age attend our own Schools in the country. This gives our Sisters a personal knowledge of each child, of his improvement and the care taken of him. There is now no difficulty in removing a child from one place to another as we have six centres for them. Seldom, indeed, is there occasion for doing this as the Nurses are all respectable, in a good position and take the children principally, as they say, "to have the blessing of God in their house." A child of St. Brigid's is in their eyes a child specially favoured by God, it should not surprise us then that it is treated not only with kindness and motherly affection but even with reverence.

The Sisters offer their sincere thanks to the zealous Clergy of the various districts for their fatherly solicitude in looking after the spiritual and temporal welfare of St. Brigid's Orphans. They also thank the good and devoted Presentation Nuns and the Teachers of the Schools for the pains they take in their instruction.

#### RESULTS OF OUTDOOR TRAINING.

The results of our efforts are, thank God, very encouraging. We know how exceedingly well our children fare in after life,



especially during those critical years when they leave School and become grown boys and girls. They are not strangers to life in the world, they are not left without helpers and protectors. Their greatest wants during all this time are well supplied by the interest their foster-parents take in their welfare and in the affection and sympathy they show them. The Orphan feels he is not cast off—not a real Orphan—but has friends who love him and whose advice he should and will undoubtedly follow. In all his difficulties and trials in working his way through life, he feels he can turn to one house and call it his home. From all this we see that St. Brigid's is not either in the object of its work or in the manner it is conducted an ordinary Orphanage. It not only saves every Catholic child known to be in imminent danger of losing its faith, but it does this in a practical, natural, and economic way. A home is provided for every child with the industrious hard-working people in the country, in most cases the farming class. There the child imbibes the best traditions of our people, and learns to practise virtue as well as to love work from the example of all about him. Everything that helps to form character is here. This admirable system of home-training so wisely planned and watched over for forty years by

the late saintly FATHER GOWAN we believe to be the most natural, practical, and economic for the poor children, boys and girls, that Providence sends us.

The Orphanage, thank  
 THANKS TO BENEFACTORS. God, was able to meet its liabilities during the year and paid the Nurses punctually. This has been done without a paid Collector and with but very little expense of advertising, etc., although the great majority of the children were taken without a penny. This is all due to the great charity and generosity of our Benefactors and Subscribers. The help we have received is most encouraging. Everything collected is published in this Report, generous contributions from many of their Lordships, the Bishops, as well as from the Priests and people of every district in Ireland. We beg to tender our grateful thanks to them, and particularly to the Jesuit Fathers. In response to the eloquent and touching appeal of the Very Rev Father VERDON, S.J., on Sunday, 13th. November, in St. Francis Xavier's Church, the large sum of £260 was collected. Besides Subscribers we want volunteer Collectors who will join those who meet at 46 Eccles-street the first Tuesday evening of each month. During the past year a few zealous men have collected the large sum of £124



10s 6d. What a work of charity and of Faith! How many poor children are blessed by their efforts! How many saved to the Faith who would otherwise be lost! The Orphans pray night and morning for all their Benefactors, and the Sisters of the Holy Faith say the Rosary daily and have Mass offered for them once every week.

We have this year again to deplore the loss of some valued friends and subscribers whom it has pleased Our Lord to call to their reward. Amongst them was the good and devoted Sister M Columba M'SHERRY, who for the past eight years was engaged in the immediate care of the Orphans, and whose affection for the Institute and fidelity in discharging the duties assigned to her made her much loved and regretted by her Sisters in Religion and by the Poor with whom she came in contact. May their Souls rest in peace!

The history of the good work gives us every reason to hope. True friends and Benefactors have been sent by Providence from most unlikely quarters. What an extraordinary instance is Mr STEINER'S case. Born and brought up a Protestant in Germany he came over to this country on business, was converted in a short time, took up the work of collecting and has persevered in it with increasing zeal for

the past forty years, without salary or remuneration of any kind. The Orphanage is deeply indebted to him for his great zeal in soliciting contributions, and to the members of the Guilds who so generously give their time to collecting pence for the work.

We read of our great countryman, St Columba, that when his day's work was over, transcribing the Sacred Scriptures or instructing the ignorant, etc., he always ended with these sacred words "They who seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good." This is the great truth acted on also in our work, and thank God so far verified. It is, indeed, Our Lord and His Work we seek, and, like Saint Columba, if we do not bring the Faith to the stranger, God has blessed our feeble efforts to preserve it for many of His little ones at home. Oh, how far reaching and how sacred a Work! Over how many poor boys and girls do we not draw the mantle of St. Brigid, to save them from the workhouse and from the criminal class, as well as to save them to their Faith! What Saint Vincent de Paul used to say to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Paris may truly be said to our Benefactors. "You who contribute to such a work become the true parents of these poor children, in giving them, as you do, true life, and Faith here, and an eternal life of happiness hereafter"



## SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH.

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THE Poor Schools of the Holy Faith were instituted by the devoted and zealous MARGARET AYLWARD and Father GOWAN to save children exposed to the influence of the proselytizing schools in Dublin, and to do all that is possible by education to impress them with reverence and love for their holy Faith and its practices and traditions. When founded, THIRTY EIGHT years ago, it was a well-known fact, that they were necessary. Hundreds of poor Catholic children had been attending the Coombe and other proselytizing schools in the city, bribed by food and clothes, etc. No one can deny that they are still necessary, though not, thank God, to the same extent. Proselytism the iniquitous system of traffic in our poor children's souls, by bribery, is still active amongst us. Did not one of its responsible and active agents, attempt lately, in the public press, to justify this immoral work among our poor Catholic people? Here then,

to-day, in this very city, there are people who prowl about the wretched tenements of the poor, or those in distress, or debased by vice, and offer to provide for their children, offer even money and employment, everything, on condition they sell the souls of their children to them, and if not give them up altogether, send them to their day-schools.

To counteract with success this great evil of proselytism it is found necessary to supply something for the relief of some very poor Catholics who for the sake of food and clothing send their children to those schools where they are taught to despise and revile the religious practices and the Faith of their fathers. In this charitable work St. Brigid's Schools of the Holy Faith have only succeeded to the old Catholic Ragged Schools which had failed. The name, no doubt, contributed to the failure. Our poor Irish people, no matter how poor, are naturally sensitive. Hence, for such work the name "St. Brigid's Schools of the Holy Faith" was wisely adopted. The first duty of our Sisters is to treat the poorest child, though in rags and neglected, with respect, as St. Vincent de Paul would say—"not looking so much at what is seen, as what cannot be seen, the soul, the faith, and the Christian nobility of the child." Most of the work being done



for the very poorest children and in the very midst of the poor, this is essential to attract them and make them love to come to school.

The following statistics of attendance, etc., during the year will interest the Catholic public as well as the Benefactors and supporters of these Schools:—

Number of Children on Register in all the Schools . . . .	4,080
Average Daily Attendance . . . .	3,400
Number of First Confessions . . . .	473
„ „ Communions . . . .	398
„ Confirmed . . . .	151
Number of Children who receive Breakfast daily . . . .	422
Number of Families who got Relief at Christmas . . . .	492
Consisting of Individuals . . . .	2,100
Articles of Clothing given . . . .	1,000
Number of Adults Instructed . . . .	112
First Confessions of same . . . .	52
First Communions of same . . . .	73
Confirmed . . . .	101

No child has ever been repelled or refused on account of its neglected appearance. On the contrary special care and treatment are given to such. As many are in want of food breakfast is given them and thus they are saved from the Protestant breakfast school and secured for attendance. Such children feel that what is given in this way is not given as in a proselytizing school, as a bribe for their Faith, but in a spirit of charity. Hence it is usual for the poor children to state when they are not in need of food. At the same time they invariably continue to attend the school where their wants were supplied and their poverty was respected. This necessary work has thus been carried on during the past year, the number and attendance being higher than any previous year. Though poor, many of the children have very good parents and are never in great want, but are not ashamed to be with the barefooted, ragged, and neglected, and keep up the discipline and tone of the school, and by their conduct help to impress the others. When it is remembered that more than half, nearly two-thirds are boys under twelve years the work appears more striking. At what time, indeed, can most good be done for the poor neglected boys of Dublin? Is it



when in their teens, are working or able to work? Hundreds, indeed, of such are to be looked after. With praiseworthy zeal the Clergy, aided by the gentlemen of the Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul, are interesting themselves in such, trying to bring them to night-schools and to get employment for them. The Sisters of the Holy Faith have their younger brothers at an age, the most impressionable, when the character can be formed to self respect and industry, as well as the mind trained in necessary literary knowledge, and above all the heart and affections won to religion and duty. Habits of indolence are rarely corrected in a grown-up youth. It is all important for him then, to have such habits prevented, as far as possible, by teaching him in his impressionable years to love and to practise the contrary. This, with his religious instruction is the end and aim of all our efforts in St. Brigid's Schools.

What is the result of this work? How especially do these wild and neglected children turn out in after life? It is well known to us, and no small consolation and encouragement to persevere in the work and in our method of teaching such children, that invariably those who attend two or three years at school go on well. If this

were not the case it would be made known to us. The Sisters do not lose sight of them or neglect to take still a sympathetic interest in them when they leave school. Frequently they come to us now young men and young women, report about their conduct and success in life, etc., and are sure to state what they know of their school companions. Many of the young men show their gratitude by contributing little sums, from time to time, to the Breakfast Fund, of which they themselves partook when children, and some even collect pence for the same purpose. Good and satisfactory results depend almost entirely on regular attendance for two or three years.

Attached to the Schools are Sodalties of "Children of Mary" for the girls, and of "St Joseph" for the boys, and in the Coombe of "Total Abstinence" for the girls who have left school. During the year 3,140 children were examined in catechism and prayers by the Diocesan Examiners in all the Schools, and all received the highest distinctive marks in their Report.

Sixty children were received into the Schools during the year who had been attending proselytizing schools in Lurgan-street, the Coombe, Townsend-street, etc., in some cases for



two or three years This fact shows that these schools are preserving the Faith of many hundreds of little ones that St. Brigid's Orphanage cannot reach. Most cases of rescue were due to the zeal of the children who had themselves been rescued. We find, generally speaking, when they do come they stay, and though for a time it is very difficult to teach them, especially when grown up, as they are wanting in respect and reverence for prayers and catechism, yet after a time they yield to the tone and discipline of the School and usually give satisfaction.

Prayers and catechism are  
ADULTS INSTRUCTED taught in some of the schools on Sunday evenings and week evenings, when necessary, to adults. Many who have grown up in ignorance even of their prayers and the knowledge necessary for the Sacraments, etc., are reached through the children. So pleased are they with what is done for their children that they come themselves. Through the same means many others, old men and old women are not ashamed to come for instruction and are thus brought back to the practice of their religious duties and to God. The straight and short way to their hearts is through the children. We know from experience that many of

the very poor of Dublin want but a helping hand, "a little of that sympathy," which St. Ambrose says, "is the greatest power over the heart of man." Living in their midst our Sisters devote themselves to this good work also, instructing adults in all the necessary truths. The Venerable Curè of Ars was accustomed to say to his people "My children, I often think that most of the Christians who are lost, are lost for want of instruction, they do not know their religion well."

Attached to the Coombe  
NEW SCHOOLS OPENED. Schools an additional Infant School for two hundred was opened in October We were enabled to do this as the truly zealous and devoted Very Rev Father SCALLY, P.P and "The Canon Daniel Memorial Committee," erected a new Breakfast-hall for our children. The large room used for that purpose was then re-modelled for a school. Still the grown boys' school is so well attended that more accommodation for them would be desirable. The Schools opened last year in Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow, are now attended by upwards of one hundred children, a large number of whom had never gone to any school and were much neglected. We were obliged to expend a considerable sum in erecting and furnishing these schools.



so much needed. The sums contributed are acknowledged, with gratitude, in this Report, but are quite inadequate to the enormous expenditure. We very earnestly solicit further contributions for this necessary work.

The Schools of the Holy Faith  
 MAINTENANCE, AND are free from Government con-  
 TEACHING. trol. They do not consequently  
 get any Government aid. We  
 believe their success in attracting the class of children described, and keeping them at school regularly is due, in a great measure, if not principally to their freedom from all secular control. The Sisters themselves do all the work of the School. No secular teacher is ever employed in any of their Schools. Little boys when they cease to be infants are not admitted into any National School taught by females—St. Brigid's Schools have hundreds of them. The wild little boys of the streets who sell and deliver newspapers, etc., morning and evening, 10, 11, and 12 years old, who though unwilling to go to any school taught by men, learn sufficiently to read, write, and do simple sums, and at the same time are prepared for the Sacraments and brought up under discipline. The good Providence of God has so far supplied the means of carrying on this work effi-

ciently The progress of the children in literary education during the year was satisfactory Examinations are held almost every month and little prizes given occasionally Anyone who knows Dublin well must admit there is a crying need for such a work. What a number of poor little boys and girls in bare feet, with unwashed faces, and in spare tattered covering, may be seen every day in the poor districts! What excellent material at the same time to work upon, naturally intelligent and reverent. How strongly they appeal to our hearts and to our natural sympathies, but much more to our charity and to our Faith, when we do look at them with the eyes of Faith. We read of St. John of God, that one night he found in the street a poor creature who seemed near death, and as usual he carried him to the hospital, laid him on a bed and went to fetch water to wash his feet. When he had washed them he knelt to kiss them, but started with awe; the feet were pierced and the print of the nails bright with an unearthly radiance He raised his eyes to look and heard the words "John, to Me thou doest all that thou doest to the poor in My name, I reach forth My hand for the alms thou givest! Me dost thou clothe! Mine are the Feet thou dost wash " Then the gracious vision dis-



appeared leaving St. John filled at once with confusion and consolation. What a great work then must our work for these poor children be, relieving them not only corporally but spiritually in our Lord's name? What a reward for those who help in it or contribute towards it! "Give alms out of thy substance and turn not away thy face from any poor person, for so it shall come to pass that the face of the Lord shall not be turned from thee."—TOBIAS, iv, 7 "Be charitable," says St. Augustine, "for I have never seen a compassionate and charitable man die a bad death."

We beg to thank our generous Benefactors and among them specially Mr PARKER and the other good Collectors—who so zealously and generously give their free time to collecting pence for the Breakfast Fund. Thanks are also due to those generous and kind-hearted persons who contributed Religious Books, Photographs, Paintings, Pictures, Toys, and sundry other articles, as well as Fruit and Confectionery, which were given as Prizes to the poor children, also articles of clothing (old and new), bread, etc. Mr. Murphy gave 61 yards of splendid *Irish Tweed* made in the Foxford Convent in memory of '98—for clothing for the poor boys. We made of it suits which the poor children are now wearing.

The Sisters acknowledge, with gratitude, their indebtedness to the Parochial Clergy of the various Parishes wherein the Schools of the Holy Faith are situated, for their great zeal in the Instruction of the Children, and to the good Carmelite Fathers for giving, year after year, the use of Saint Teresa's Church for the Charity Sermon in aid of the Clarendon Street Poor Schools, for their united efforts to make it a success, and for their devotedness in attending to the Spiritual wants of the Children.





## ST. BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

(FOUNDED IN 1856)

2,506 CHILDREN, BOYS AND GIRLS, HAVE BEEN ALREADY RECEIVED.

*The following Donations and Subscriptions in aid of the above Institution have been received from the 1st January 1898, to the 1st of January 1899.*

His Grace the Most Rev Dr. Walsh,	£20	0	0
His Grace the Most Rev Dr Croke,	2	0	0
His Grace the Most Rev Dr. MacEvilly, ..	1	0	0
The Most Rev Dr. Owens, ..	2	0	0
The Most Rev Dr. Foley, ..	1	0	0
Most Rev Dr. Browne (Cloyne)	1	0	0
The Lord Abbot of Mount Mellary,	1	0	0
"A Most Rev Friend," .. ..	1	0	0
The Most Rev Dr Beardwood, ..	0	10	0
The Most Rev. Dr. Browne (Ferns) ..	0	10	0

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
"A Child of Mary "	10	0	0	Alms' Box at Saint			
"A Clerical Friend,"				Francis Xavier's	1	1	6
per the Sisters of				"Anonymous." San			
Faith	5	0	0	Francisco	2	0	0
Mr. O. T Allingham	2	0	0				
Miss Allingham	1	0	0	Lieutenant Colonel			
"A Very Rev Friend "	3	0	0	Llewellyn Blake,			
"A Jesuit Father "	10	0	0	J.P	5	0	0
"Anonymous "	3	0	0	Rev. Eugene Byrne,			
"A Very Rev Friend,"	2	0	0	C.C.	2	0	0
"A Friend," Mount-				Very Rev George P			
joy Square	1	0	0	Byrne, P.P., Graigue	2	0	0
Mr. M. Anderson	0	10	0	Mr and Mrs. Bannon	2	0	0
"Anonymous," Fer-				Mr William H. Byrne	2	0	0
moy	1	0	0	Mr Kevin Byrne	3	0	0
"A Friend," North				Mrs. Browne	33	0	0
Circular-road	1	0	0	From the assets of the			
Mrs. Archer Skerries	1	0	0	late Miss Brook, per			
"Anonymous "	1	0	0	Rev R. Fagan, C.C.,			
Messrs. Arnott & Co.	1	0	0	Aughrim-street	45	0	0
(and £4 for the Poor				V Rev J Baxter, P.P	1	0	0
Schools)				V Rev. John Boylan,			
Rev James Anderson,				P.P	1	0	0
C.C.	0	10	0	Rev John Brennan,			
"Anonymous " from				C.C.	1	0	0
a Priest	0	10	0	Rev J Breen, C.C.	1	0	0
"Anonymous "	0	10	0	Rev James Brannan,			
Mr. John Arigho	0	10	0	C.C.	1	0	0
"Anonymous, per the				Rev John Byrne, C.C.	1	0	0
Sisters of Faith	0	10	0	Rev J Brady, C.C.	1	0	0
"Anonymous "	0	10	0	Very Rev J Bowes,			
"Anonymous," per				Adm., Ballinasloe	1	0	0
Rev John Maher,				Rev Richard Barry,			
C.M.	0	5	0	Liverpool	1	0	0
"Anonymous "	0	10	0	Mr Patrick Bury	1	0	0
"A Friend "	0	5	0	A few little Friends,			
"Anonymous,"				per Mr Briscoe	1	1	0
Thurles	0	5	0	Mrs. Byrne, Skerries	1	0	0
Alms' Box at Saint				Sir Henry Bellingham,			
Brigid's, 46 Eccles-				Bart., per Mr. Steiner	0	10	0
street	0	15	0	Lady Bellew	1	0	0



£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mr Gerald Byrne,			Rev Robert Carrick,		
Ballynakelly	1	0	C.C.	5	0
The Misses Boland	1	0	Rev R. F Colahan,		
Mr. Byrne	1	0	C.C.	1	0
Mr John Brady	1	0	Rev P. Carolan, C.C.	1	0
Messrs. Browne &			Rev R. J. Connell,		
Nolan	1	0	C.C.	1	0
Mr P. F. Berming-			Rev. J. F. Colahan,		
ham, T.C.	1	0	C.C.	1	0
Messrs. Begge & Co.	1	0	Rev H. Cantwell,		
Messrs. Boland (Lim-			C.C.	1	0
ited)	1	0	Mr Thomas Conolly,		
Mr John Bermingham	1	0	T.C.	1	0
Mr. Richard Butler,			Miss Mary Cullen	1	0
J.P.	0	10	Mrs. Owen Cogan	1	0
Mr Ralph Bowen,			Mrs. Cuddihy	1	0
per Mr Steiner	0	10	Miss Cuddihy	0	5
per do.	0	10	Mr John Colman	1	0
Miss Harten Bracken	0	5	Mrs. P. J. Clarke	1	0
Mr Daniel Bergin	0	10	Miss Carmody	1	0
Mrs. Byrne, per Miss			Mrs. Crosthwaite	1	0
Kavanagh	0	10	Mr J. Carolan, Clon-		
Mr Charles Byrne	0	10	tarf	1	0
Mrs. J. Byrne	0	10	Mrs. Cummins, Tere-		
Miss Boshell, Finglas	0	10	nure	1	0
Mr James Burke, per			Mrs. Clarke, Frank-		
Mr Steiner	0	10	fort	1	0
Miss Bobbett	0	10	Mrs. Clinton	1	0
Mrs. Behan	0	6	Mr. James Coghlan,		
Miss Boyle, per card	0	5	Belfast	1	0
V Rev Canon Byrne,			Rev. J. Caffrey, C.C.	1	0
Portadown	0	10	Messrs. J. & G. Campbell	1	0
			Mrs. Cannon	1	0
			Mrs. Cosslett	1	0
Very Rev J. Colgan,			Mrs. Close, Cork	0	10
P.P., in memory of			Mrs. Carroll, Morning-		
Mother Gertrude			ton	0	10
Gowan	5	0	Mr James Connolly	0	10
Messrs. Clery & Co.,			Messrs. Cuffe	0	10
per Mr J. J.			Mrs. Coleman, Cel-		
O'Connor	5	0	bridge	0	10

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mr F. Colgan Enfield	0	10	Mrs. Deane	1	0
Mr. Patrick Carolan	0	10	Miss Deering	1	0
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# St. Brigid's Schools of the Holy Faith,

117 COOMBE, DUBLIN,

LATE WEST PARK STREET

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Mr. P Murphy	2	0	0	Mrs. P Cummins	1	0	0
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Mrs. Doyle, Carman's				Shelbourne Hotel	1	0	0
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Mr. E. O'Keeffe	1	0	0	Mr. Rutledge	0	10 0
Mr. Byrne, Wall's-lane	0	10	0	Rev F J Coffey, C.C.	0	10 0
Miss Carroll	0	12	6	Miss Coffey	0	5 0
Mr Flanagan's Alms-box	0	10	0	Miss M Coffey	0	5 0
The Union Burial Society, per Mr. Devine	0	14	0	Mrs. O'Neill	0	5 0
Sergeant C. Hyland	0	10	0	Miss Hamilton	0	5 0
Mrs. Rafter	0	10	0	Mr. D T O'Brien	0	5 0
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Donations of money, clothing old or new), provisions, etc., etc., for the poor children, will be gratefully received by the Sisters at the Convent, 116 Coombe, Dublin.

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





# SAINT BRIGID'S POOR SCHOOLS, Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow

THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN ALREADY RECEIVED.

Rev W Hurley, C.C.	.	..	..	£20	0	0
Mr. Vincent Codd	..	..	..	2	0	0
"A Friend"	..	..	..	1	10	0
Lady Ribton	..	..	..	2	0	0
The late Mr Thomas Kane	..		..	1	0	0
Miss Kane		..	..	2	0	0
Major Tottenham	..	.	..	1	0	0
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Mr. James Kiernan	..	..	..	5	0	0
Mr. Robinson	..	..	.	2	0	0
Mr. Matt Earley	..	..	..	1	0	0
Mrs. Earley (Senior)	..	..	.	1	0	0
Mr. Denis Hayden, Dublin	..	..	..	1	0	0
Mrs. Byrne, Ballynakelly		..	..	1	0	0
Mr. John Smyth	.	.	..	1	10	0
Mr Hayden	..	..	..	1	0	0
Mr. Francis Quinn	..	..	..	1	0	0
Colonel Stoney	..	.	..	1	0	0
Mrs. Keenan	..	..	..	1	0	0
Mrs. Fitzharris	..	..	..	0	10	0
Mrs. Doyle	..	..	..	0	10	6
Mrs. Maguire	..	..	..	0	10	0

Mrs. Conwell	..	.	..	0	10	0
Mr. Allen				0	15	0
Mr. Joseph Smyth	.	.		0	10	0
Mrs. Scott	.			0	7	6
Mr Evans, Greystones		.		0	5	0
Mr. Kelly, Baltinglass	.	..		0	10	0
Mrs. Wilkinson		.	.	0	5	0
Constable M'Quirk	..	..	..	0	5	0
Mrs. Devereux	.	..		0	5	0
Miss Mary Condren, Bray	.	.	.	0	5	0

The Sisters tender their grateful thanks to the good and generous Miss Kane for supplying sand and gravel free of charge, and to Mr. Cooling for a like favour. Also to the worthy people, Catholic and non-Catholic, who generously gave their conveyances to draw materials for the necessary improvements.

Further Contributions, in money, clothing, etc., are earnestly solicited and will be very gratefully received at St. Patrick's Convent, Kilcoole, by the Sisters of Faith.



ABRIDGED ACCOUNT  
OF THE  
CHARITY SERMON,  
BY THE  
REV. JOHN VERDON, S.J.

On Sunday, 13th. November, 1898, at the last Mass, in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner-street, taking as his text the Gospel of the day (St. MATTHEW, 13, 31-35), said:—

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

I come to ask your generous aid and kindly attention to St. Brigid's Orphanage, founded by the late saintly Father GOWAN and Miss MARGARET AYLWARD, planted like the little grain of mustard-seed, by those in whose ears were ringing the Master's words, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," in the devout hope that it would grow into a mighty tree, which would give shelter to many of the little ones of Jesus Christ. Such shelter they sadly needed, for there were those who would, and who did forbid them to go to Jesus Christ, who would and who did draw them in quite an opposite direction. I confess, my dear Brethren, that it is not without some misgivings that I make myself the advocate of these poor children, but in your generosity I rest my every hope and trust to a successful issue of the cause for which I plead.

St. Brigid's Orphanage was founded some forty years ago,



Our Hope  
MARY IMMACULATE QUEEN

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O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this poor, distressed and suffering world. Thou knowest our misery and our weakness. O Thou who art our Mother saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has given Thee entire power over all humanity; He has confided to Thee the treasures of His grace, and through Thee He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, thy children come to Thee as to their only hope.

We recognize thy universal royalty and ardently desire thy triumph.

We need a Mother and Mother's Heart. Be for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. Be thou the everflowing Source from which we draw courage, confidence and love, the Bond uniting all men and the Sign of peace.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who have crowned with glory in Heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Saviour grant that all her children on earth, in their turn, may acknowledge her as their sovereign Mistress, that all hearts, homes and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen, so that the Sovereign Pontiff, responding to the desires of all men, may proclaim her sweet Rule under the royal title MARY IMMACULATE QUEEN. Amen.

*Invocation.*

MARY IMMACULATE QUEEN  
triumph and reign!

*Nihil obstat: H. Franciscus Davis, S. T. D. Censor deputatus.  
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Birminghamiae, die 26a Martii 1949.*

and then, as now, there were hungry wolves prowling round the Church's fold, ever on the spring to rob the Shepherd of his sheep, to seize upon the weaklings of the flock, and steal from Christ the little ones for whom He died. It was at a time when the dark shadows of the famine years still haunted the cabins of the poor, when the horrors which they had endured still left on their brows the lingering traces of despair, and when the terror of a recurrence of these harrowing scenes, was filling fleets of emigrant ships, which bore away the affrighted and broken people from the stricken land. It was, my dear Brethren, at that time that a Catholic lady Miss MARGARET AYLWARD, of delicate constitution but of noble disposition, came to know that a corrupt and crafty proselytism was worming its way amongst the destitute poor in this city, working on the fears and harrowing memories of the evil past, working on the love of some for drink, and on the demoralization of others until poor, miserable, degraded, and hungering parents, in the teeth of parental instincts and the upbraidings of conscience, sold the Faith of their little ones, sold the Faith which St. Patrick planted in the land. The warfare then waged against the Faith of infant souls can only be compared to the slaughter by Herod of Bethlehem's babes, around the very stable where the Infant Saviour had been born. It was a warfare conducted by people who claimed to be conscientious, who held a principle dear to Christian hearts, that a conscience could not be violated, and who looked with horror on a lie. Yet, my dear Brethren, these very people urged, persuaded, bribed the poor and the degraded, to give the lie not only to Faith, but to the living God, to listen not to the dictates of conscience, to do worse than lying or stealing, worse than murder, worse than the crime of the baptized brute who throws



her starving child to die upon the dunghill, for they bribed them to fling to the demon the souls of their little ones which a just God would one day demand at their blood-stained hands. And all this was done in a Christian land and wrought by the high, the wealthy, the cultured, and the refined, whose duty it was to build up, not to cast down; to elevate, not to degrade, to sweeten the moral atmosphere instead of rendering demoralized foulness still more foul. In such a state were matters at the time to which we refer.

It was against this hideous system that MARGARET AYLWARD set herself to arouse Catholic public opinion in the city, and gathering around her some devoted ladies she entered on her difficult mission. In her noble and holy work she was ably assisted by the wise counsels of Father GOWAN, the companionship of Mrs. SCULLY, a lady of English birth, Miss JANE O'HAGAN afterwards Mrs. BALDWIN, Miss EMILY SEAVER afterwards Mrs. BOWDEN, the mother of a truly devoted Priest of this diocese, and sister to two saintly Fathers of the Society of Jesus, now gone to their reward, the late Mrs. MARGARET O'CONNELL, and Miss ANNA CAMPBELL, now a Carmelite Nun. But the most energetic and devoted of these ladies was Miss ADA ALLINGHAM (afterwards Sister MARY FRANCES), a member of one of the most charitable and respected families of our city, she was a young lady of great piety, rare talents and virtue, and admirable simplicity, she it was who stood beside Miss AYLWARD in all her trials and aided her in her struggles, and went to her reward only a few months after her in the Convent of the Holy Faith, Glasnevin. These are names which shall be in benediction as long as St. Brigid's Orphanage lasts, as long as Jesus Christ has crowns for his good and faithful servants. Their early work together was to find out the ways

and customs of the proselytizers in struggle with whom they were engaged. These were the noble leaders who set to work on their noble mission, and were soon able to place before the citizens a large body of evidence which could not be gainsaid, as to the inner workings of the proselytizing system. Catholic opinion was then aroused and enlisted on the side of Miss AYLWARD and her confederates, with the result that in a short time St. Brigid's Orphanage was founded as the first great work of the Organization, which was destined to have its name of such high importance to-day.

Those engaged in the saintly work of quelling proselytism had to struggle in face of many and great difficulties, so that after a time they found themselves by no means in smooth water for the enemies of the Faith, combined with the powers of darkness, to utterly destroy it; and so, one day found the heroic MARGARET AYLWARD arrested, tried and condemned upon a charge which would be scouted out of any court of justice in the land to-day. She was cast into a dark and dismal prison in the city (Grangegorman) where her health completely broke down, her teeth all dropped out, her arms became paralyzed, so that she had to obtain the assistance of a fellow-prisoner to cut the coarse prison bread. It was at this time that the great and illustrious Pontiff, Pius IX., of holy memory, pronounced her to be a "Confessor of the Faith," and commissioned the Most Rev. Dr. DIXON, Primate of Ireland, then in Rome to convey to her the Apostolic Benediction. The Governor of the prison reported on her condition to the Lord Lieutenant of the day, and begged to be allowed to mitigate her treatment; the prison doctor reported her life in danger, but his Excellency was inexorable, until at last the very judge who had unjustly condemned her, raised his voice and said he had not condemned.



her to death. Then there was some relaxation, whereupon the London "Times" raised a mighty clamour, and with a blatant lie, conjured up around the heroic and devoted prisoner a storm of English bigotry. As a protest against such an infamous proceeding every gentleman of note in the city drove in state on a certain day to the prison to visit the maligned and patient sufferer. This roused afresh the ire of the bigots and their Press, and it was not until the brave and determined Alderman REDMOND CARROLL, one time Catholic Lord Mayor of the city, succeeded in getting up a petition to have the case of Miss AYLWARD and her treatment by the Viceroy brought before the House of Commons, that anything was done to make her prison even tolerable. Aided by God's grace, her own strong will, and the assistance of her saintly Director, Father GOWAN, she outlived the wrongs done her until the 5th. of May 1861, at nine o'clock in the morning, she, having completed her full sentence, to the very hour left her prison to walk to 46 Eccles-street, there to resume the work of the Orphanage. All her sufferings were due to the fact that she refused, as a Catholic, entrusted by the legal guardian with the care of a Catholic child, to deliver it up to a besotted mother against the will of the dying father.

Meantime, my dear Brethren, the work had, with the charitable assistance of the public of Dublin, and with your assistance and that of your predecessors, flourished, and during the past forty-two years has afforded a refuge to as many as TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY children from the fangs of heresy, and preserved them to the Faith of Christ. This year, up to this, SIXTY more have been added to that number, all of whom, like those who went before them, were in imminent danger of losing the Faith.

Those little ones who are brought to the Orphanage in a sickly and dying condition soon recover and are healthy and strong when but for a short time in the cottage-homes of our kind-hearted Irish people, whither they have been sent by the good Sisters of Faith who watch over them, and require that they be treated no otherwise than as members of the household. In these homes they are visited by the Sisters of Faith, and almost all the more grown ones attend their own Schools and receive at the hands of the Sisters a suitable education in order to place them in fit condition to fight the battle of life. And in after years when they are placed by these same Sisters in positions, they are not forgotten by the friends of their youth, who are ever willing and even happy to offer them a home. And it has happened that hundreds of them have been adopted by the kind families who nursed them, and many were fortunate enough to inherit the property of their foster-parents, whose zeal and devotion for the Orphans are only equalled by the love and desire they invariably show to promote the child's interest and welfare. Is this not a worthy cause for appeal where the distinctive feature is the boarding of these children in country homes, thus conferring on the rescued little children of the city's close street the inestimable boon of a life spent under the exhilarating influences of fresh air and open healthy surroundings which will better prepare them to encounter their antagonists with success in the battle of life, while at the same time making them happy and contented in their lot.

Nottwo years have elapsed since the Orphans have lost not an ordinary charitable benefactor, but their Founder, Protector, Father, watchful guide, and wise Director—the great, the holy, and the devoted Vincentian Father—Rev JOHN GOWAN. His loss



was very great, nay almost irreparable, but God often shows His power most when human means fail. Lately, too, the Orphanage has lost by death some of its most ardent supporters, in the persons of the late Bishops of Kildare and Clonfert, Dr. LYNCH and Dr. DUGGAN, who were life-long friends of the late Father Gowan and generous benefactors of Saint Brigid's. Amongst other friends whose loss Saint Brigid's deplores is the never to be forgotten Mr Thomas Francis O'Connell, whose piety in this Church for many a long year, has left an indelible mark on the minds of those who knew him. He also took a particular interest in the working of this truly popular Charity. Surely the loss of friends is another claim I can make to your generosity to favour a work which has for object the rescuing of little children from the demon of darkness—to draw them to Jesus Christ.

I have tried, said the venerable Preacher, to put before you some of the claims which the Orphanage has on your benevolence. I speak to a people whom I know will not save their purses, where the Faith of so many little Children is at stake.

Some of your own dear children may have passed to a better land, and are now away from care and sorrow that might have been their portion, they have never known the want of the kind heart of a father or the affectionate care of a mother. But those whom Saint Brigid rescued were cast away to be sold to the devil, those are the Children for whom I plead and on whom I ask you to have pity and compassion. And the object for which the Orphanage was founded should be enough to rouse your noble Catholic spirit, and I appeal to you to prove the Faith that was in them that have gone before you, by contributing generously, as hitherto you have always done, to the fund which enables Saint Brigid's Orphanage to continue, year after year, its uninterrupted career of usefulness.

## ST BRIGID'S ORPHANAGE,

46 ECCLES STREET, DUBLIN,

UNDER THE CARE OF THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAITH,

(FOUNDED IN 1856),

2,506 CHILDREN BOYS AND GIRLS)

HAVE BEEN ALREADY 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 late MARGARET AYLWARD and Rev JOHN GOWAN C.M., in the beginning of the year 1856, for the purpose of rescuing Catholic Orphans and destitute children from the Proselytizers.

Already 2,506 of these little innocent children (boys and girls) have been saved, and put to nurse with good Catholic nurses in the country. The Sisters propose to continue their efforts, with the help of God, 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. and Leo XIII. 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 applications every day to St. Brigid's Or-



phanage. 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 President 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 Sister M. Agnes Vickers (Sister Superior) 46 Eccles-street, St. Brigid's House, Dublin, where also collecting books, cards, and further information may be had. His Grace the Archbishop, the Rev John Maher, 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 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 Killala; the Lord Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin; the Lord Bishop of Elphin; the Lord Bishop of Galway; the Lord Bishop of Clogher; the Lord Bishop of Ardagh; Most Rev Dr Donnelly Bishop of Canea the Lord Bishop of Clonfert, the Lord Abbot of Mount Mellary Most Rev Dr Beardwood, Lord Abbot Mount St. Joseph's, Roscrea, &c., &c.

## 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, OR SCHOOLS OF THE HOLY FAITH.

"I give and bequeath the sum of  
unto the Superior or Treasurer for the time being of St BRIGID'S  
ORPHANAGE, 46 Eccles Street, Dublin: (or Schools of the Holy  
Faith), the same to be paid within        months next after my  
decease, and applied to the uses and purposes of said  
Orphanage (or Schools); and for which the receipt of such  
Superior or 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,

46 ECCLES STREET DUBLIN,

AND

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FOR

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