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46 ECCLES STREET, DUBLIN,

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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE,

Fifty years have now passed since St. Brigid's Orphanage was founded. In presenting this Report to its Benefactors, the Sisters of the Holy Faith beg again to thank them sincerely and feel very grateful to the Father of the Orphan and the Poor, for His continued special blessings during the past year—the Fiftieth or Jubilee year of our Work. Before giving the usual short account of the success God has bestowed upon our efforts in the past year—the manner of working the Orphanage, its fitness for its end, its economy, its security for faith, morals, health, industry, and future success in life—it will be

useful to give a short glance at its origin fifty years ago.

In 1856 a poor woman came to the Ladies* Association of Charity of the Cathedral Parish to beg that something be done for her children whom she had handed over to the Protestant Orphans Society She was sent by a priest who refused to admit her to Sacraments till the children be-The late Margaret Aylward, their recovered Lady President, took up the case and succeeded in rescuing the three children. Another case and then another, with the same sad story turned up. Some were rescued, but some were not, as precautions were soon taken by the Protestant: Orphan Society in question Accompanied by a few ladies, Miss Aylward went down to the districts in County Wicklow, where the children had been at nurse, to try and probe the evil. At the same time, inquiries were set on foot in other-In two small townlands and their directions immediate neighbourhood, as many as 120 of these poor proselytised children were found. Seeing all this, the ladies resolved with God's: blessing to rescue all they could, and above all to supply a remedy for such a crying evil. They could not rest, they had drawn the curtain and had got a glimpse of hundreds of poor children

robbed of their Faith. They consulted, waited, and prayed The result was, that at the annual meeting in 1856, the following resolution was passed unanimously with enthusiasm —

Resolved— 'That the Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul be earnestly requested to try to carry out their project of establishing an Orphanage for Five Hundred Children, to be called 'St. Brigid's Orphanage,' the great necessity for which their constant intercourse with the poor has long since shown to them, and that the public be solicited, with the sanction of His Grace the Archbishop, to aid them by contributions towards this great work of charity '

Such, briefly, is the origin of St. Brigid's Orphanage and of all our work for the Faith of our poor Catholic children.

Forty children were received that first year, and the number rose to 103 the second year, thus increasing in number yearly till the large number of 460 was reached, the number now maintained.

During the past year 94 children were admitted, every case being very distressing—real destitution or a danger of loss of faith. The very first on the list is the case of two children aged 5 and 6 years who had been rescued with much difficulty from a Proselytising Home at Dollymount by a

zealous C C. of the City These poor children had been placed there by their mother, who was addicted to drink. The next is the case of two children, aged 9 and 7, also rescued with much trouble from a Proselytising Home in the West of Ireland where they had been for over two years The father, an indifferent Catholic, permitted his wife, a Protestant, to so dispose of his children. This case was also recommended by a zealous priest of the city

The next is a very interesting and providential case of three children, aged 12, 9, and 8. Though a Protestant, the father allowed these children to be baptised and brought up Catholics. But three years ago their poor mother, having lost her mind and being sent to a lunatic asylum, the father took his three children to London and placed them in a Protestant Home where they remained for over two years. About nine months ago the mother having quite recovered, left the asylum, and having inquired for her children was told by her Parish Priest where they were. With his help she rescued them and brought them back to Ireland. The poor woman, having very soon again lost her mind, and the father having abandoned them and gone to America, this good PP, of Belfast, sent us the children.

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Two other children, aged 9 and 10, whose parents were Catholics, were rescued from the Elliott Home, Townsend Street, by the untiring efforts of a zealous young man, a member of St. Patrick's Guild of Collectors, and are now in the Orphanage.

These are a few of the many cases of rescue during the past year from Proselytising Homes—30 per cent. of the 94 children admitted. All the others were cases of prevention—children in imminent danger of being placed in such Homes, or otherwise robbed of their faith.

This fact speaks eloquently indeed not only of the crying want of an Orphanage like St. Brigid's at the present time as well as fifty years ago, but also its devotedness to the work for which it was founded, viz., to rescue and save poor Catholic children really destitute or whose faith is in danger and who cannot be otherwise provided for

Sixty-seven children were prochildren vided for during the year 1906.
PROVIDED FOR Fifty-six of these were reared,
sufficiently trained, and instructed, were handed over to relations, danger to their
faith no longer existing Nine were placed in
good situations, and two only adopted into the
families of those who had reared them—only one

died during the year, an infant of seven months, a very low average, indeed, considering the very large number, 527, that passed through the Orphanage during the year. Many had been much neglected, some very delicate, in almost a dying state, and many very young infants when admitted. This fact proves clearly the advantage of our system in point of health. The very high percentage of deaths among children in Dublin and other large centres of population, and their general delicacy and debility, have been much commented on. All admit that what is needed for most children in point of health is best supplied by a country life.

We have to report again that our NURSES. nurses, with but one or two exceptions, have been very satisfactory during the year. This is all important, St. Brigid's being a Country or Home Orphanage, its success depends principally on the character of the Nurse and of the Home. The child is morally as well as physically affected by its surroundings. It is then, as we have frequently stated, only in those families where we find evidences of Faith, of motherly care and kindness as well as of industry, that we place our children, to have their character and habits properly

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formed. Many such homes, thank God, are still to be found in the country-a great treasure for our poor children. Far from tiring of the work, these good women, full of faith and good nature, feel it an honour to be engaged in it, and seem to become more devoted and zealous every day In the intelligence as well as the position and comfort of most of them we have nothing more to desire. Usually in the surprise visits we pay to their homes we find evidences of industry and care. Most of our children of school age are so placed that they can attend our own Convent schools in the country We have then a personal knowledge of the care taken of each. In the eyes of these good people an orphan child of St. Brigid is specially a child of God," and hence is treated with a kind of reverence, as well as with kindness and affection. "It is," they say, "to have the blessing of God in their homes that they take these children "

The education of the children is EDUCATION simple and limited to what will be useful and practical for them in after life. They are taught well, not only prayers and Catechism, but reading, writing, and ciphering A strict account is kept of their attendance at school, and a substantial premium given for real

progress In addition to an examination every two months, all the children are examined twice every year by three of our Sisters, accompanied by the Director, and a half-sovereign is given to the nurse for improvement in each grade of which the child was ignorant at his or her entrance.

One hundred and seventy-six half sovereigns were won during the year, viz. Fifty-four for Prayers, eighty-eight for Confirmation, fifteen for Reading, three for Writing, sixteen for Arithmetic.

As age permits, in addition to a suitable literary education, a practical training in work is given to each child Before and after school and on Saturdays the boys are engaged in all kinds of farmwork and industry in which the family may be engaged—while care is taken that no work injurious or beyond their strength is put on them, to teach them to love work and become self-reliant and useful is considered all-important for their after lives The girls get a knowledge of household work, and are taught knitting, sewing, etc. The ordinary cooking and laundry work carried on in the countryhouse is supplemented by practical lessons given on Saturdays in our Convents to the more grown girls Nothing more can be done to make them good, practical, and useful servants and housekeeners

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Again, we can confidently state
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HOME TRAINING. good results of this home-training on our poor children, boys
as well as girls. They are not strangers to
family life, and though orphans, share fully in
its helps and protection, its affection and sympathy. They see they are not cast off, but have
ever true friends who love them and whose advice
they should follow. In every trial and difficulty
the orphan thinks of one house, will turn to it,
and call it his home.

It is not then in name only, but in reality, that St. Brigid's is a Home Orphanage, giving, as it does, the good family training as well as the strong bonds of affection, interest, and reverence, ever to be found in the good Irish Catholic country home. Every child neglected or whose faith is in danger, is not only saved and brought up in an atmosphere of Catholic faith, but also gets a natural, practical, and ecomonic training in the bosom of a good Catholic family These homes provided by us for our children are all amongst the hard-working, industrious people of the country, in most cases, the farming class There indeed the child imbibes the best traditions of our people, and learns to practise virtue and to love

work from the example of all about him. We find here everything that forms character—so much needed by our poor children Hence Father Gowan and Miss Aylward, who began this work and watched over it so long, believed firmly in the educating power of the home, and often said that under the Irish peasant's roof the poor neglected child finds what he wants most, a true father and mother able to promote his welfare in this world and the next. An experience of now fifty years proves for us the truth of this statement.

Though the average number maintained during the year was BENEFACTORS very high (440) children—thanks to our Benefactors—we have been able to meet all liabilities and pay the Nurses punctually This has been done without a paid collector, and with very little expense of advertising, etc. The help we have received is most encouraging usual, generous contributions from many of their Lordships, the Bishops, and from Priests, Secular and Regular, and people of every district in Ireland. We beg to thank all sincerely To the Jesuit Fathers, in particular, we owe much. The appropriate and successful appeal (which we subjoin) preached by Very Rev Father Lynch, S.I., in St

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Francis Xavier's for St. Brigid's Orphanage realized.
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We are also particularly indebted to the zealous members of the Guilds of Collectors—male and female—who devote themselves so generously in collecting pence, that God has blessed their efforts and enabled them to hand in the sums of £298 6s. 4d and £236 7s. 2d. respectively. What a noble, unselfish, and meritorious work of Charity and of Faith! By their efforts how many poor children who would otherwise be lost, are saved to the Faith! The orphans' prayers go up to Heaven night and morning for them and all Benefactors and Subscribers. The Sisters of our Community in all our Convents say the Rosary daily and once every week have Mass offered for their spiritual and temporal welfare.

We have this year also to deplore the loss of some valued friends and Benefactors whom it has pleased Our Lord to call to their reward, among them are Right Rev Mgr Molloy, D D, Mr. Owen Murfagh, etc., etc.

Thank God, our well-known Collector, Mr. Steiner, though delicate and suffering from time to time, is still spared for our work to which he has devoted forty-five years of his life so successfully and still with unabated zeal. The Orphan-

age is deeply indebted to him, and we have much reason for thanking the good Providence of God that brought him (then a Protestant) over from Germany fifty years ago. May he be spared to continue his good work. We have now given a short account of the working of St. Brigid's Orphanage—how the work is supported, the crying need for it, its fitness for its end-giving security for faith, morals, health, industry, and future success in life. It remains for us now only to state that we begin our second term of fifty years with absolute confidence of support. Does not the past justify us in this confidence? Is not a contribution to this work a practical profession of faith, defending, upholding, and preserving it? Is any charity greater than to help souls who cannot help themselves? Who can measure the evil prevented and the good done by saving one innocent little child? Our countrymen have thought of this, they have Faith and Charity and good nature. Hence they generously give their time, their pounds, and their pence to God in the persons of these poor children. They know, as St. Vincent de Paul knew, that thus they become true parents of these poor little ones. giving them true life and faith here and eternal life and happiness hereafter "It is impossible,"

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St. Jerome says, 'for a man who gives alms to be lost.' St. Francis de Sales says 'A tender love for our neighbour is one of the greatest and most excellent gifts that the Divine Goodness bestows upon man." The children of St. Brigid have indeed reason to thank God, that He has bestowed upon so many amongst us this same greatest and most excellent gift.

ELOQUENT SERMON BY FATHER LYNCH, S.J.

Founded in 1856 by the late Rev John Gowan, C.M., and Miss Margaret Aylward, that excellent institution, St. Brigid's Orphanage, 46 Eccles Street, Dublin, celebrated its Golden Jubilee on Sunday During the fifty-six years of its existence, 3,238 boys and girls have been received into it, of whom 2,798 have been given trades, provided with situations, or otherwise cared for There are now 440 in the institution, and the admirable work which the Sisters of the Holy Faith are doing on their behalf was on Sunday the subject of an eloquent sermon by Rev H. Lynch, S.J., in St. Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street. The sermon was preached at the 12 o'clock Mass, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The following is a full report

"Render, therefore, to Cæsar the things that are

Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's."— From the Gospel of the Sunday.

Dear brethren, there is one thing, at least, that has not changed since our Divine Redeemer spoke those memorable words, and that is the intense hate the Devil and the world have for Him, and their constant effort to destroy His Holy Church, or at least, cripple her, and put her, if possible, in the wrong.

For 2,000 years they have striven, sometimes by cruel persecution oftener by fraud and falsehood, to thwart and crush the cause of Christ, and to banish His very name from out the minds of men, and quench the love of Him in their hearts.

All down through those ages they have never ceased to rage and plot against the Church to hamper her and try to bring her to naught. They have been "always dooming her to death but she is fated not to die." And they have not changed their mind, their ancient hate has not softened or relented with the lapse of centuries nor have they relaxed their efforts to cripple and destroy the Holy Catholic Church. They are just as ready and eager as ever to strike. Just as glibe and brazen in repeating lie after lie about the Church. Just as busy and crafty in plotting against her, as malicious in stirring up bad feeling and rebellion against her, in making mischief between her and Cæsar, between her and her own children, as in those days long ago when our Blessed Lord confounded and silenced His enemies with that famous answer which His Church still makes in similar circumstances—"Render, there-

fore, to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's."

God Almighty, dear brethren, whose dominion is supreme, has established two great powers on earth -the temporal and the spiritual. Now these two powers are in no way opposed or incompatible with one another They are both instituted and set up by God Himself in this world for man's benefit to walk side by side, in peace and harmony, mutual good-will and understanding, with a correct and generous recognition of each other's sphere, rights, duties, and limitations, without jealousy, without suspicion, without encroachment, without strife, or collision of any kind. And whenever, unfortunately, there is collision and strife, there must be serious fault, there must be malice and wickedness somewhere, some one is to blame. Generally it is that spirit of anti-Christ which becomes personified, active and aggressive in some individual or in some system. To one of these powers—to Cæsar, or to whomsoever or whatever stands for Cæsar—is committed the care of man's temporal welfare, of whatever is necessary for the external good order and good behaviour and civic well being of the people, for their health and comfort, and happiness, peace, prosperity, and progress in this world, which is but the threshold of the next. It has its own sphere, its own rights and duties, its own powers, its own object, but it must not ignore the soul, or harm it, its power reaches not the soul.

To the other—to the Church—is entrusted the care of man's eternal welfare, of man's immortal soul. To this power belongs the care, the direction and

defence of everything that is necessary for the sal vation of man's soul. It is the business, the duty of this power—to prepare and fit man for a happy eternity, and help him to reach that high and happy destiny which God has prepared for him. To this spiritual power has been committed the care, the defence, and the interpretation of God's revelation to man—the deposit of Faith. On it has been imposed the duty of teaching all whatsoever Christ taught.

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It must feed and cherish and defend the flock of Christ—"Going forth, therefore, teach all nations, baptising them, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

These, then, are the two powers by which human society is governed and preserved, and without which it could not hold together Dear brethren, we shall be safe in learning from St. Paul what our duty to Cæsar-or whatever stands for Cæsar-is. Writing to the Romans, he says-"Render therefore to all men their due tribute to whom tribute is due custom to whom custom, fear to whom fear honour to whom honour, owe no man anything but love one another" Justice, submission, and charity are the lessons we are taught in this passage—justice to our neighbour, submission to legitimate authority, and charity to all, not for wrath's sake, but for conscience sake, for such is the will of God. We must give them their due, viz.—that honour, respect, submission and tribute, which they have a right to. Remembering always that there is a greater and higher than any Cæsar, and that "God must be obeyed rather than man." And now what's the triubte we owe to God? . All things on this earth, one way or another, God means for the use and benefit of man. He ought to use them or shun them, just as they are a help or a hindrance to him in working out his salvation, that is reasonable and right. But man himself is meant for God alone. The things of sense and time, the visible, tangible things of earth are but of little value, little interest in God's sight, except in so far as they promote H1s external glory, and help man to reach his destiny They pass away, they perish and come to naught, but man is immortal, and destined, soul and body, for Heaven. That is our Faith. Like Holy Job, we can say-"I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that on the last day He will raise me up and that in my flesh I shall see God my Saviour"

Now the great God wants His own, and will be satisfied with nothing else—with nothing less. Nothing else will do in exchange nothing else can be given as an equivalent to God for man's soul for man's homage of mind and heart, no, not the whole world—"What can a man give in exchange for his soul." Him God created, him He redeemed at an infinite price, on him He has impressed His image and likeness, to him He has given a mind and a heart capable of knowing and loving Him, and him alone among all the creatures of this visible world He has destined to endure for ever

Whatever, therefore is necessary to preserve man in a state worthy of God, acceptable to God, whatever is necessary to prepare and fit man for his sublime destiny—that is the tribute due to God by every one of us, that's the tribute He claims on earth, and without the payment of which we can never reach Heaven, and that tribute is the homage of our mind and heart. We offer Him the homage of our mind by the exercise of Faith, by accepting and welcoming on God's unerring word whatever He has revealed and the Catholic Church teaches. We offer Him the homage of our heart by an earnest, constant effort to do His holy will, by keeping His commandments and practising our holy religion.

Now this is the tribute the Devil hates and refuses to God, and which the world won't hear of, the tribute it won't render itself to God Almighty, and which it tries to prevent, and unfit the people from rendering to His Divine Majesty By the world we don't here mean the material world around and above us-oh, no. God made it, and it glorifies Him-"It showeth forth God's glory, and declareth the work of His hands." Nor do we mean human society, for God Himself is the Author of that, and He blessed it, and commanded it to increase and multiply Neither is it any particular form of government, for all well-ordered authority comes from God. Nor is it the multitude of God-fearing, decent, busy people that go about their daily business, who are in the world, but not of it. It is not any particular nation or race, or class or peopleno, for, alas, its votaries and propagandists are to be found everywhere—in every nation and class, and generation. But it is that spirit of anti-Christ, that tone and manner, style of thought and speech, and writing and teaching, which ignores Jesus Christ

Himself, and rejects Him, which hates His principles and teaching, and says that the Holy Gospel is opposed to human happiness, and an obstacle to human progress. It's that spirit which sets the human intellect above God, and the human will against God, and makes the human heart rebellious and jealous of God's rights and claims. Like Satan, it won't render to God the tribute it should-that tribute that's due to Him, the homage of mind and heart. No, but instead, it instigates rebellion, crying out-"Let us break His bonds asunder, and cast His yoke far from us." It puts the body above the soul, temporal interests before eternal. It sets up pleasure and pride, and pomp, and show as idols for men to worship and adore in place of the Great God above. "Let us crown ourselves with roses before they are withered, and enjoy the good things that are present. These things they thought, and were deceived, for their own malice blinded them."

Now, the only thing that can resist and conquer this worldliness, this spirit of Satan, of anti-Christ, which hates God, and ignores the soul, which is ever in rebellion against the Lord, and against His Christ, and ever making mischief between the Church and Cæsar, between the Church and her own children, is Faith—strong, deep, practical. "This is the victory which conquers the world—your Faith"—the Catholic Faith—the Faith of our Fathers.

Dear brethren, it is to preserve, strengthen, and render practical this Catholic Faith in the minds and hearts of poor, destitute, helpless little children. It is to help them to pay this tribute to God, to be good citizens and good Catholics. It is to save them

from perversion, and from the clutches of the "Souper" that I appeal to-day The enemies of our Holy Faith have changed their tactics, not their mind. They have not relaxed their efforts to instil the poison and kill the Faith. We have to fight the old fight. Our standard is still the Cross, our motto is still the same—"For Faith and Fatherland," but no longer, like our forefathers, must we fight for our altars and homes, but for the souls of the children of the poor, and our weapons must be religion, self-sacrifice, and learning.

There are still in this land, even in these days of enlightenment and liberty, some who think that the only thing wrong with the Irish people is their religion. It is Popery and priests, according to them, that do all the harm, deluding the people and retarding their progress. Away with them, they cry, and your "eyes will be opened, and you shall be as gods." It is the old cry, the old lie—as old as Eden—for that is just like what the Devil said to Eve. If these people could only root out the Catholic religion all would be right in Ireland, they think. Let Ireland only shake off Popery, and become Protestant, or Pagan—be anything but Catholic—then peace and plenty will abound in the land.

This has been the pet, the fixed idea of these sort of people for centuries. They hate the Catholic Church, and are for "ever dooming her to death," from the days of Cromwell to our own, and still the Church does not die. Cromwell failed, the penal laws failed, the charter schools failed. Whateley's crafty scheme for the perversion of Ireland and the destruction of her nationality failed, the wicked and

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cruel tempters that prowled about among the poor starving people in Black '47 failed, the wealth and power of England failed, and are the "Soupers" going to succeed? Not while we have a penny left. It was the faith of Ireland that conquered the old, and, please God, it will conquer the far more insidious and dangerous enemies of modern times. "This is the victory that overcometh the world-your Faith." The day, alas, when an Irish Catholic loses the Faith, he generally ceases to have any religion at all, the enemies of Faith and Fatherland no longer fear him-rather they take him to their heart-so the great object of the enemies of the Church is to quench the Faith in the young. Secularism, of course, is the best and most dangerous weapon, but they can't use it yet, they are impeded by the strong will of a great Catholic people, so they try proselytism for the present, and work it cleverly and well. They snatch up or buy up poor little destitute children, often the piteous, suffering offspring of wicked parents, and bring them up in hatred and contempt of the Catholic religion.

After the failure of centuries it is to this proselytism they now direct all their energies, and for this purpose are spending thousands and thousands of pounds subscribed mostly by dupes and bigots over the water in England for the conversion of the ignorant and idolatrous Irish, as they call us. In the begging circulars which the "Soupers" send over there, they have the effrontery to say that "there is no mission field in the world where the need of the Gospel is so real and so urgent as here in Ireland." Did you ever hear anything so false, so

uncharitable, so insolent. You never hear the Gospel! It is ignorant bigots of this kind, filled with fanatical hate of the Catholic Church that prowl about the homes of the poor, on the watch to carry off their children. There are institutions called "Birds' Nests" scattered here and there over the country, well supported out of these English funds. Many poor Catholic children are hurried off secretly to these places, and brought up in hatred of the Faith of their baptism. The chief thing, indeed, they seem to learn there is to despise and ridicule the Catholic religion. Even here in Catholic Dublin there is a network of these proselytising places called "The Irish Church Mission Homes for Roman Catholic Children," in which there at at present 600 children. These are paraded, and called converts, and glowing accounts are sent over to England of the spread of the Gospel in Ireland among the benighted, idolatrous Irish! More money then pours in. It is a cruel, wicked traffic. Poor wretched parents in great distress are offered temporary relief only on condition that they give up their children to be brought up like the Janissaries of old-in hatred and contempt of everything connected with the Faith of their childhood. Often, alas, the temptation is too strong for these wretched and wicked parents, and they become the murderers of the souls of their innocent children. But woe-woe to them, sooner or later those poor lost children will cry to heaven for vengeance on them and those that co-operated with them in their perversion and loss: It was to prevent this great evil, to check this scandal that the congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Faith was formed by that great and heroic lady, Miss.

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Margaret Aylward, just fifty years ago. In 1856 St. Brigid's Orphanage, where poor children in danger of perversion are received and provided for, was established, and Schools of the Holy Faith, in opposition to the Soupers' Ragged Schools, were started, according to the needs of the time and district.

This is the Golden Jubilee of St. Brigid's. During its fifty years' existence how much good it has done, how many souls it has been the means of saving, how many homes it has brightened, how many breaking hearts it has soothed, how many has it

kept true to Faith and Fatherland.

It has rescued nearly 3,500 poor homeless children, 2,800 have been put to trades, or otherwise well provided for, and many have been adopted into excel lent families. During the past year the good Nuns rescued 84 poor children in extreme spiritual and corporal need, some of them being rescued with difficulty from the clutches of the "Soupers," and in the most Providential way saved from a sad fate. Fifty-nine children, after having been brought upstrong and healthy, and well trained and instructed, were provided with good situations. There are 462 in the institution at present, and 580 passed through it during the year

Many of these poor children, when they come to the Nuns, are very young, very delicate, and have been very much neglected, and they require motherly care and kindness, and nursing. This they always get, and the proof of it is that they are all in splendid health and spirits, and quite happy, and only three deaths among 500 last year Sometimes the parents, when they have got into better circumstances, and reformed their lives beg to have their

children sent back to them, and then the poor little ones cry bitterly, sob and moan, and cling to the good sisters, and beg the Nuns to keep them in their new and happy homes a little longer, and not send them back yet awhile to the squalid surroundings, to the misery, neglect, and cruelty that .s connected in their memory, alas, with their parent's home.

The system on which St. Brigid's is worked is a very good and practical one. The Sisters of the Holy Faith receive the poor little children in danger of being brought or snatched up by the "Soupers," into the comfortable refuge at Eccles Street, and keep them there till arrangements are made to transfer the child to a good comfortable, healthy, happy Catholic home in the country, where it is adopted as one of the family In choosing a home, the Sisters are most careful, and very well informed as to the character of the people, and the circumstances of the place, and will only send children to those families where there is evidence and proof of virtue, kindness, care, as well as of cleanliness, industry and health. A little book of instructions, drawn up by the late Ven. Father Gowan, is given to the foster parents, and here it is impressed on them that, in addition to providing comfortably for all the bodily wants of the child as for one of their own, they must give good example, look after, instruct, and correct the child, and see to its schooling and work, and they are to do this, not for hire only, but for God and country, and the love of Jesus Christ, who died for them, and these good Catholic people take the children willingly, joyfully, and say they bring a blessing on the house. The Sisters can move the child if not

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satisfied, but this is seldom necessary They pay surprise visits to see how things are going on, and twice a year the inspectors visit them, unexpectedly, and give prizes, and make suggestions, so every pracaution is taken. The foster parents take a great interest in and are quite proud of the health, good manners, and progress of their charge. This good seed, sown fifty years ago, has borne good fruit.

Dear brethren, St. Brigid's has saved thousands of Catholic children from perversion, and done it in a practical, natural and economic way. A real home is provided for the child, with industrious, hard-working people in the country, where the child imbibes the best traditions of our Catholic people, and learns to practise virtue, and love work. It is an admirable system, and it has produced splendid results, but it has no endowment whatever, and depends altogether on voluntary subscriptions.

To-day, dear brethren, you will show once more by your generous support how much you value, how highly you approve of the splendid work for God and country that is being done by St. Brigid's Orphanage, and by the keen and practical interest you continue to take in it, you will encourage and help these good, self-sacrificing and hard-working Sisters in the future as in the past, to rescue many, many more poor neglected, destitute children from the clutches of the "Soupers," and bring them up and send them forth worthy sons and daughters of Catholic Ireland.

Immediately after the Mass a meeting of the collectors was held in the Presbytery, Mr. John R. O'Connell, LL.D, JP., presiding. Mr Laurence Mulligan, JP, proposed, and Mr James Kavanagh,

JP, seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev Henry J Lynch, S.J, for his eloquent and impressive appeal, and to the Jesuit Fathers for so graciously granting the use of their church.

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ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY DAY SCHOOLS.

These Schools were founded forty-six years ago, for work similar to that done in St. Brigid's Orphanage, viz., to save poor Catholic children from the proselytising day schools of the city It is well known that hundreds of our little ones had then been attending such schools and were brought up in an atmosphere of heresy, altogether under heretical influence and instruction. Having provided in the Orphanage for Catholic poor children rescued from Protestant Homes or in danger of being sent to them, Miss Aylward and Father Gowan next directed their attention to this class of poor children, far more numerous, and generally the poorest of the poor. The Archbishop, afterwards Cardinal Cullen, most willingly gave per mission with his blessing, schools were opened in the vicinity and when possible in the same street as the proselytisers, to thus combat them on their own ground.

The primary end then of St. Brigid's Day Schools is to prevent Catholic children from attending such

schools and to rescue those who have attended. Hence they are called "Schools of the Holy Faith." It is sad indeed for us to have to state what we know well from experience, that there is a crying want for such schools at present no less than there was fortysix years ago. Any one acquainted with the poor of Dublin knows of the existence of a well organised system by which bribes are offered to poor and distressed Catholic parents for their children. Our poor people in their dire distress and wretchedness are visited in their desolate abodes by paid agents of this unjust, debasing, and diabolical work. About forty paid agents are admitted to be employed thus amongst our poor in Dublin-food, clothing, medicine and employment are promised and given only on condition that the children attend regularly these Proselytising Day Schools, In the Directories of the city for this year (Post Office Directory, page 264, &c.,) may be seen a list of "Dublin Mission Homes and Ragged Schools in connection with Irish Church Missions to Roman Catholics." In six Birds' Nests 600 Catholic children are being maintained, and in four day schools, free meals, &c., are given every day to 400 Catholic children. To save our poor children thus exposed is the special work of our Day Schools. To attain as far as possible this end, it is our custom never to refuse a child admittance on account of its poverty, its destitution or ignorance, and to give the most needy, food and clothing what are held out as bribes by the enemies of their Faith, and in addition, to give them the priceless blessing of a thorough, practical education and training. This can be donc, we believe, for such children with success only. in schools altogether Catholic, where the books, oral teaching, example and lives of the teachers, objects, the very atmosphere of the school, have all an attractive, impressive and religious tendency, The necessary care and training neglected in their so-called homes, must be given them in school. In the various details of the most common and ordinary duties of life the teacher must do the mother's work as well as her own. Neglected and very poor children always require many little personal attentions and services, which should be rendered with much sympathy and in a spirit of faith. It is thus they are attracted to school and get what they need most, the training and discipline of a good home.

Again, we have to report a most attendance. satisfactory attendance in every one of our schools during 1906. The following is a summary list of same and of the number prepared for sacraments, &c.

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During the year 1906 our Primary Schools have been very well attended as the following statistics show —

Total on Register	-eb	4,500
Average Attendance		3,800
First Confessions		526.
Number Confirmed		213
First Communions		422
Daily Breakfasts	17.00	593
Families relieved at Christmas		1 321
Consisting of Individuals	-	7,926
Articles of Clothing given, including	ng	
Boots -	7	1,667
Adults Instructed		49
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Confirmed -		19
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We can say from a long experience of these children, that those who remain, fairly regular, at school for a few years, are, with few exceptions, industrious, sober and well-conducted in after life. Very many to our knowledge, have risen to respectable positions and retain them. Though grown up and in various situations they don't forget us, but come from time to time to report their success in life Many even join Sodalities attached to our schools, and continue to seek advice and instruction from those Sisters who had charge of them in their school days.

It is quite true then to say that thousands of these wild, often neglected, and very poor children are

being made industrious, self-supporting and good practical Catholics by this really religious training, combined with the giving of material help when necessary

This is also due to the fact that they are naturally intelligent and reverent. Besides they are helped by the example of many children in the schools, who though poor, and in humble circumstances have very good parents, and are never in want. These children not ashamed to be with the barefooted and neglected, keep up the discipline and tone of the school, and by their conduct help in the good work.

All our Schools of the Holy Faith MAINTENANCE are free from Government control. They don't consequently get any AND MODE Government aid. Much of our OF TEACHING. success in attracting and keeping regularly at school the children described, we believe, is due to this fact, our Sisters themselves do all the work of the school. No secular teacher is ever employed in any of our schools. They are then in every way really denominational or Catholic schools. The work of education in them is based upon religion, the understanding is, of course, cultivated, but it consists chiefly in the training of the heart and of the character The acquisition of secular knowledge is necessary, but holds a secondary place. Invariably we try to act on this principle and fear the least interference with it.

It is well known that we have un-THANKS. dertaken a heavy responsibility in maintaining so many schools, teaching in them and supplying food and clothing for upwards of 900 of the poorest children, without a penny endowment.

But it is God's work, and we believe He will continue to provide what is necessary, as He has done for now forty-six years. On several occasions during the year when our funds had run down, help came, and in many cases from hitherto unknown persons—food supplies, clothes, money

The Sisters return their Sincere thanks to all Benefactors, and especially to those good men who so kindly and generously spend their leisure time in collecting, from door to door, the pence of the industrious and charitable poor Oh, how much good they do What a great reward they shall have! The Sisters beg to thank the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy of the different Parishes in which the Schools of the Holy Faith are situated, both in the city and country, for their untiring zeal in the welfare of the children and in aiding the Sisters to carry on their good works. We are particularly indebted to the devoted Carmelite Fathers, Clarendon-Street, and more especially so, to the Rev Father Albert Keane, whose touching and earnest appeal in aid of our Clarendon Street Schools is printed in the following pages of this Report

ELOQUENT APPEAL BY FATHER ALBERT KEANE, O D C.

Father Albert Keane, O D.C., made on Sunday, in the Church of St. Teresa, Clarendon Street, an eloquent appeal on behalf of St. Brigid's Schools of the Holy Faith, Clarendon Street, of which we subjoin verbatim report:—

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not. For of such is the Kingdom of God."—Mark x., 14.

There is nothing so touching and so capable of exciting our admiration as the pure simplicity and the unpretentious ways of a child. For as yet no soiling influence has fallen upon the pure sunshine of its soul, no taint has marred its beauty, and staved the inflowing graces of the Most High. The candour and sweetness of its expression bespeak the innocence of heaven stamped upon its soul, and reflected in its simple ways. The longing to drink in with eagerness the great lessons of Truth and Eternity endears its every want and every call to us. It was this charming innocence of childhood that affected the great Master Himself. His redeeming Heart seemed to well up with joy when the little ones were brought to Him that He might lay hands on them, and impart to them a blessing. And whether we look upon Him amid the triumphs of His sojcurn on earth, or amid the harassing scenes of poverty, amid the ever-varying diseases that came in His way when travelling along by the shores of the sea of Galilee, or over the plains of Judea, never do we find Him harsh or cruel to children. But, on the contrary, we see the child exalted by Him, set

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forth before the gazing multitudes as a type of purity and innocence, reflecting the inward treasures of grace and sanctity If, therefore, childhood be such a precious treasure in the sight of God for over and over again in the sacred writings we find frequent mention of innocence and frequent proofs of God's love towards it, always setting the child as the example of the Kingdom of Heaven, surely it ought to be our concern to prolong these days of happiness to stay the ravaging inroads of sin, which destroy the harmony and peace of the soul and tarnish the beauty of the Temple of God. This is what The voice of you are called upon to-day to do. innocence cries out to you from the very depths of dark and menacing poverty to preserve its days of peace, to guard it against the foul contagion by which it is encompassed, and which tends for its destruction at every moment. It turns to you in its appealing notes to ward off the torrent of evils which lies awaiting it, if left unaided. It tells you that it is the noblest work of God, that upon its soul is stamped the type of the Divinity, that it possesses a mind capable of being instructed in the ways and perfections of God a mind that will afterwards be grateful to you for the boon you now bestow on it. The early dawn of childhood's innocence, when its thoughts are pure and its aspirations holy, looks to you with sympathetic pleadings to allay these perils, before life brings its work, its weakness, and its dangers. You can do much for these glad days of joyfulness before sin can bring its stain or temptation casts its shadow, before the awakening hopes of early life are clouded by the sorrow, strife, and sin of after days. Only a little care is needed. You

can have the child taught its duty towards God, its intellect which is yet incapable of producing any fruit, stored with the seeds of piety, which will bear much fruit hereafter And at that most critical time, at reason's earliest awakening you can have the child educated in the habit of right-doing. every child is holy Only a little guidance then will show i what to avoid, only a little trouble may preserve its innocence through life, and it may pass through the world unstained and unsullied, carrying its bright innocence to heaven. This is what the schools of the Sisters of the Holy Faith require of you to-day They demand your co-operation, where each and every one of you may do much for innocence, by seconding the efforts of God. You are called upon to preserve the peace of soul written upon the features of the children of the poor You are asked to give them the means of education; to remove from them the effects of growing up in ignorance of their duties towards society and towards God. If you refuse them this privilege of being taught, you leave them in utter ignorance of their high destiny, slaves to the powers of darkness, with no high ideal to direct their tottering footsteps through life. And being deprived of these means of education, those souls, which were created to grow and wax strong and be developed by knowledge, remain in their first stages of infancy, subject to every rising passion which clouds the horizon of their sphere of action. By granting them this boon a lustre is cast over their lives, they are raised from darkness to light, and become conscious of the virtuous dignity of rational beings. Surely the corrosive power of selfishness must have eaten up all

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sympathy and love in him who can look on that obliquity of moral vision, that deformity of intellectual growth which will affect hundreds of poor children in this city unless you are generous in your offerings to-day The education which is given by the Sisters of the Holy Faith is one which is destined to gladden the smile of innocence, of virtue, and of religion. It is one which fills with joy the fond heart of the parent, in viewing in his beloved child the opening buds of early virtue expanding their fair bosom to the happy influence of pious instruction and religious education. It is one that wins the gratitude and affection of the child trained up by the Sisters' assiduous care in the way that in riper years it should most delight in, and in treading in the virtuous steps of those it honours. Under the soothing hand of religion, the little ones are gathered together, where they may learn to come to their Divine Master and be strengthened by His counsels for their struggle through life. The sweet infusion of Christ's doctrine is there happily mixed up with the necessary rudimentary education of the child in a blending so fine and a purpose so true that the vouthful dawn of reason imbibes the one under the influence of the other First thoughts and early promptings of reason are prepared to come to the knowledge of God, to see God in all things, and the first beatings of love within those young hearts are trained to direct love's flight over all that is transient here below, to wind its way to the great Throne of their Maker in the regions of eternal bliss. Side by side with all that is necessary to prepare them for the openings of life—the ordinary primary education -by the aid of which many of them have afterwards to earn their small pittance of the world's goods, stands the religious training which fortifies their young ardent hearts to endure the many difficulties that may beset their moral course of action in more advanced years. Founded as this school has been under dire circumstances some five and thirty years ago, by the noble-hearted Margaret Aylward, to meet the then crying demands of the time, and to check the wave of Proselytism that was spreading over the country, and still more over the city, by influencing the poor parents to sacrifice for the mess of pottage their claims to their children, and give them over to the bands of the proselytising agents then so busy in our midst, it still remains true to its origin, and unchangeable to its principles. courageous and soul-inspiring woman was pained to see the havoc wrought among the poor by the enemies of her faith, single-handed in the midst of the opposition she came forward to do battle against the recruiting army of bigots and proselytisers. In her daily rounds among the poor, wandering from door to door amidst the hovels of beggary and penury, her great heart was troubled to see the many victims of oppression and starvation. But, worse than all else, to see the little ones of God snatched up to enlarge the ranks of the proselytisers, endangering their souls by apostasy This she could not endure, and when strained to her utmost limits. when deprived of the means of prevention, she founded this school, where the children would be taught not only the primary rudiments of education, but much more, where they would be taught the great truths of eternity, where their faith in Christ would be strengthened by salutary admonitions, and where they would be taught to endure the hardships of poverty and privation rather than yield to any allurement held out to shake them in their faith. Founded then, in such circumstances, almost unaided in the beginning, never endowed by any emolument from Government or State, the little building, at first scanty and insufficient, has grown to its present-day dimensions by the good support of charitable Dublin. In behalf, then, of this school I appeal to you to-day The demand upon your charity is a just one, the claim to a share of your patrimony is a noble one. You are not asked to supply ordinary means, which however urgent, may be squandered and turned to unholy purposes. But a higher and a holier boon is requested. You are asked to afford the sacrificing Sisters of the Faith the means of continuing their good work, to lighten their burden by paying the heavy rent upon the schools, that the blessings of education begun by their holy Mother may be continued in her devoted and well-deserving daughters. These good Nuns have done a noble part. They have made their voluntary offering upon the altar of charity, they have devoted themselves to the education of the poor without any chance of wordly remuneration or other reward than that laid up in heaven for such a sublime sacrifice. Their object is to improve the moral habits of the children of a large portion of this locality by affording them a virtuous education. Nobly have they succeeded in the past, nobly, too, by your generosity, shall they succeed in the future. They have brought education home to the doors of the poor, and afforded them every opportunity to become useful and industrious members of society

Many are the lives that have been affected by their useful teaching Many are the souls that have been snatched from the baneful influence of squalid homes, where oftentimes the name of God is profaned, and a blasphemy uttered that would send a shudder through more pious ears, by the saving knowledge of the Gospel, and an early sense of moral duty infused into these young minds during their school The gratitude of our hearts, then, should know no bounds towards these good Sisters in relieving the many wants of our oppressed brethren. And of the many afflictions which may befall humanity, beset as it is on all sides with difficulties, there is none so lamentable, none so appalling as ignorance of moral duty and corruption of principle which result from the want of early training. But, perhaps, to many of us the pallid look, the piercing eye of hunger, the writhing under some bodily suffering may speak more powerfully, may touch the vital chord of sympathy, and prey upon the feelings of our nature with greater effect, and find a more ready response. But that the immortal spirit within us should be clouded by ignorance, hampered and weighed down by degrading passions, scarcely alive to a thought of the God who made it, and of the glorious destiny for which it was created, that the soul should be stripped of all its spiritual powers and privileges, and even in youth be branded with deformity of guilt and become the enemy of its God, these are afflictions over which we may well mourn and which the first duty of charity should inspire us to lessen and remove. What then must we say of the utility of that teaching which undertakes to remove these blights from the human mind, to elevate

man to his true standard of perfection by infusing into his soul the pure morality and the bright beams. of Christianity, which stems the torrent of vice, of sin and iniquity, the inheritance of our race, the badge of our disloyalty, and the seal of our foolishness, by announcing the terrible and eternal Truths of future punishment or guilt unrepented. Can we sit calmly and peacefully and watch the havoc wrought among our fellow creatures by the want of proper moral training, while it is in our power toprevent such a calamity, can we look on and behold the happy innocence of youth on the verge of the precipice and not put forth a helping hand to stay the fall, to see a pure soul, the image of the Godhead, whose duty is perfection, whose hope is immortality, snatched from its original grandeur and consigned to ignorance and perhaps to shame. Would you be thus fulfilling your duty to your fellowcreature to leave him exposed to the poisonous dangers of immorality, to see the bright innocence of childhood tarnished and sullied when it is in your power to apply a remedy? Give him, then, the means of education, afford these gentle Sisters, who are "spent and ready to be spent" in the arduous work they have undertaken-afford them a helping hand if you are anxious to see the innocence of childhood preserved, to see your fellow-citizens grow up good and industrious, and add their share to our These demands are the denational prosperity mands of charity which you owe to your neighbbur. They are but little when compared to the offerings these religious Sisters have already made. It was no small pittance of the world's goods, no superfluity of wealth, they were anxious to bestow They

have given their lives and the years of their lives for the chosen ones-God's poor They have sacrificed all that the world could offer by ease and comfort, they have sacrificed the luxuries of life, they have given up their friends and relations and all the endearing ties of friendship. From all these they turned away and hastened to their present sanctified retreat, where they could offer up their lives and the labour of their days to preserve the guileless ones of Each day that comes finds them at their God. work. With such an example of glowing benevolence before you, can you go out from this church without imbibing something of their spirit and doing something to relieve their wants. Can you go to your homes of opulence and comfort without giving a proof that you, too have hearts to feel for misery and are willing to do something to prolong these days of happiness, of innocence, for God's guileless ones. Eight hundred of your fellow-creatures raise up their imploring voices to you to-day hundred are receiving within the walls of the Clarendon Street Schools a sound secular education and religious training that will fit them for honourable positions in life and place them on the way to temporal prosperity and eternal happiness. Eight hundred innocent voices lift up their grateful hearts to God to shower His blessings on those who this day generously contribute to relieve their wants. Hearken, then, to the cry of these little ones of God, stay not your hand, stint not your alms, for with the same measure that you mete to them shall t be measured unto you, for the great Rewarder of every good act shall say to you, "Amen as long as you did it to one of these My least brethren you did it unto Me."

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St. Brigid's Orphanage

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3,290 CHILDREN, BOYS AND GIRLS, HAVE BEEN ALREADY RECEIVED.

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The late Mrs. Eyre Powell, £1, Mr Ambrose Walsh, 18s, Mr. Heybourne, 11s, Mr. William Kelly, 11s, Staff of the Gresham Hotel, £1 3s 1d, Mrs. Farrelly, Manageress, 4s 6d, The Children of St. Kevin's Guild, 18s 9d, Lenten Alms, 13s 6d, Collected by a few little Friends, 9s, November Alms for the Holy Souls, 14s 6d, Mr. and Mrs. Grimley, 8s 8d, Mr and Mrs. Brunton, 8s 8d, Mr. E. Hynes, 5s, Miss Dodd, 4s 4d, Mr. Mathew Leonard, 4s 4d, Miss Leonard, 4s 4d, Mrs. Beresford, 4s, Mrs. Bridgeman, 4s, Mrs. Monroe, 3s 9d, Mrs. Foley, 4s 4d, Mrs. Ridgeway 4s 4d, Mr William Duff, 4s 4d, Mrs. Kenny 4s 4d, Mr. John Fannin, 4s 4d, Miss Nolan, 8s 8d, Mrs. McDumphey, 4s 4d, Mrs. Whelan, 4s 4d, Mrs. Doherty, 4s 4d, Miss Kathleen Condell, 4s 4d, Mrs. Sheridan, 4s 4d, Mrs. Murphy, 4s 4d, Mrs. McKeown, 4s 4d, Mrs. Jones, 4s, Mrs. Mooney 4s 4d, Mrs. Nolan, 4s 4d, Mrs. Cumberton, 4s 4d, Mrs. Maher, 4s 4d, Miss Walsh 4s 4d, Miss Walshe, 4s 4d, Mr T. Walshe, 4s 4d, Mrs. Pidgeon, 4s 4d, Mrs. Carwell-Carroll, 4s. 4d, Mrs. Loughin, 4s 4d, Mrs. Ennis, 4s 4d, Mrs. Willis, 4s 4d, Miss Doyle, 4s 4d.

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Contributions from the Different Guilds

In Connection with St. Brigid's Orphanage, from January 1st, 1906, to January 1st, 1907

ST PATRICK'S GUILD

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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 over Five Thousand Poor Children.

These Schools accept no Government Grant, and are independent of Government Control.

TO THE RESIDENCE AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PARTY	£	8	d
Most Rev Dr Donnelly, Haddington Road for			
Poor Schools	10	0	0
Very Rev J Waters, B A.,	10	0	0
Per Very Rev Father Maguire, P P., Celbridge	5	0	0
Very Rev J Byrne, P.P., Glasnevin	2	0	0
Very Rev Father Morrissey, C. M	1	0	0
Messrs. Arnott & Co	3	0	0
Mr. Kinlan	1	0	0
Rev F Coffey, C.C	1	0	0
Very Rev Canon Ryan, P.P, Dolphin's Barn	1	0	0

The Sisters of Faith return very grateful thanks to Sir Joseph Downes, J. P., and Mr. Shiels, for several donations of Bread, supplied for the children attending the Poor Schools, Glasnevin.

For St. Brigid's Poor Schools of the Holy Faith, Clarendon Street

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Mr and Mrs. John			-	Messrs. Browne and		
McGowan	2	0	0	Nolan 1	0	0
Mr. John O'Sullivan	1	1	0	Mrs. Mary O'Brien 1	0	0
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Mr. P Hogan	1	0	0	Mr B. Horsford 0	10	6
Messrs. G. and E.				" A Gentleman" per		
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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered once every Month, and the Sisters and Poor Children pray daily for the Subscribers and Benefactors (living and dead) of the above Schools.

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Contributions in aid of these Schools will be gratefully received at the Convent, 23 Clarendon Street, Dublin.

SOCIETY

OF THE

Blessed Virgin Mary, "Queen of Charity,"

Convent, Little Strand Street,

FORMERLY 65 LOWER JERVIS STREET

This Institution was committed, thirty-four years ago, by His Eminence the late Cardinal Cullen, to the Sisters of the Holy Faith. During the past thirty-three years they have conducted herein five Primary Schools—two for girls, two for little boys, and one for infants. The daily attendance is One Thousand Poor 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. The religious instruction and training have been especially attended to; and to secure liberty in this department, the Schools have been kept free from the interference of Government control.

One Hundred children receive breakfast daily at these Schools, which costs over £16 per month, and they also receive clothing when the funds permit.

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," Convent of the Holy Faith, Little Strand Street, Dublin.

For St. Brigid's Poor Schools of the Holy Faith, Little Strand Street,

FOR 1906.

(Formerly 65 Lower Jerus Street) and the Society of the B V M, "QUEEN OF CHARITY"

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10 lbs. of Tea given by the Guardians of the North Dublin Union. Donations of Bread given by Mr Kennedy Mrs. Farrington, Messrs. Boland's and Mr. Monks. Tea and Sugar given by Mr. Gaynor and Fresh Meat given by Mr Richardson.

Donations of food and clothing, pious books, etc etc., will be gratefully received by the Sisters at the Convent, Little Strand

Street, for the Poor Children attending these Schools.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered once every Month, and the Sisters and Children pray daily for the Subscribers and Benefactors (living and dead) of the Schools, and of the Society of B.V.M., "Queen of Charity"

The Sisters of Faith return very grateful thanks to Mrs. Farrington and Messrs. Bolands (Ltd.), for donations of bread; to Mr Richardson for fresh meat; and to Mr James Kavanagh, J.P., who at Christmas supplied, as usual, a large quantity of tea and sugar for the families of the Poor Children attending the above Schools.

St. Brigid's Schools of the Holy Faith, 115 COOMBE, DUBLIN,

FORMERLY WEST PARK STREET

These Schools 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 Proselytizing Institution of the Coombe, in which the 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 it is of the greatest importance to keep the poor children out of this temptation. There are 1,205 in daily attendance, 350 of whom get breakfast daily

Some exemplary men devote their Sundays, which is the only time at their disposal, to collect from door to door to meet this expenditure. They do this, without any earthly remuneration. Mr Parker has been collecting for the past twenty-five years with unbated zeal Two brothers, excellent young men, who have been several years collecting, this year induced their two younger brothers to join the staff of Collectors. Mr Devine also obtained n w recruits and pro

cured help for the schools in various ways.

All the Collectors deserve the highest praise for the sacrifices they make in this work of charity The cost of the Breakfast is, on an average, £30 per month; in addition to this, the outlay for clothing, etc., is very considerable.

115 COOMBE

For 1906.

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A portion of the re-				Mr Marlow	1	0	0
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Mrs O'Kelly per				Mr R. Rutlidge	1	0	0
Fr Michael Ryan,			197	Mr O'Keeffe	1	0	0
O.D.C.	50	0	0	Messrs. Power & Son	1	0	0
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Mrs. Kelly, Dean				Mrs. Kelly Kilcock	1	0	0
Street, per Rev J			8	Miss Blanche	1	7	0
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Mr. Murphy's Annual				strong	1	0	0
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Rev Canon Scally	5	0	0	Mrs. Kavanagh	1	0	0
A portion of the				Mr J Hynes	1	0	0
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Very Rev Mons.				restitution money)	0	5	0
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Mrs. O. J Hannigan	2	0	0	Mr Blair	0	10	0
Miss Scott	2	0	0	Miss Hamilton	0	10	0
Mrs. Farrington	2	0	0	Miss O'Loughlin	0	10	0
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The Sisters return grateful thanks to Mr. Kennedy, Messrs. Boland, & Co., Mr. Landy and Mr. Farrington, for donations of bread, also to Miss Scott, Mr. Devine, Mr. Scanlan and Mr. Thomas Connell for parcels of clothing and other useful articles. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered once every Month, and the Sisters and Children pray daily for the Benefactors and Subscribers (living and dead) of the above Schools.

Contributions will be gratefully received at the Convent, 116

Coombe, Dublin.



St. Brigid's Orphanage

46 ECCLES STREET DUBLIN

Under the care of the Sisters of the Holy Faith

FOUNDED IN 1856-7

3,187 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 3,187 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 Fathers Pope Pius IX., Leo XIII. and by the present Pontiff, Pius X. 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 poorabandoned 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 efficials 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 Cork, the Lord Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, the Lord Bishop of Gaiway, the Lord Bishop of Clogher the Lord Bishop of Gaiway, the Lord Bishop of Clogher the Lord Bishop of Ardagh, Most Rev Dr Lonnelly (Bishop of Canea), the Lord Bishop of Clonfert, the Lord Abbot of Mount Melleray, Most Rev. Dr. Beardwood, Lord Abbot (Mount St Joseph's), Rosciea, the Lord Bishops of Kimlerley Ossory, Dromore, etc., etc.

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., etc., by this my " of "Will for Codicil], appoint C. D., of , etc.] to be the Guardian " [and E. F., of " 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 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 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.

Your Prayers are requested for the following Subscribers and Benefactors, lately deceased:-

Right Rev Mons. Molloy, Mrs. Butterly DD.

Very Rev Canon Con- Mr Hugh Temple nelly, PP.

Venerable Flanagan, PP

Rev. James O'Haire

Very Rev Canon Bran- Mr Whelan, Junior,

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Miss Mary Cullen

Glenkeen

Mr Owen Murtagh, J P

Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan,

Waterford

Mr. Jeremiah Kennedy

Mr. John Martin, Kells

Mrs. Julia Costello

Mrs. Tyndall

Archdeacon Mr Owen Campbell

Mrs. Margaret Finnigan

Miss Elizabeth Rochford

D'Olier Street

Mrs. Eyre Powell

Mr William McCourt, Mrs. Reynolds, Red-

mond's Hill

Mrs. Jane Power, Kill-

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Mr Patrick Kearns

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Mr Michael Coghlan,

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