THE WILL OF STEPHEN GIRARD.

The Provisions Affecting the College for Orphans. To-day being the anniversary of the birth of Stephen Girard, we present the following extracts from his will, affecting the Girard College for Orphans:-

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Philadelphia, their successors and assigns, two undivided third parts of all the rest and residue of my said real estate, being the lands unimproved near Washita, in the said State of Louisiana, in trust, shita, in the said State of Louisiana, in trust, that, in common with the corporation of the city of New Orleans, they shall pay the taxes on the said lands, and preserve them from wiste or intrusion, for the term of ten years from and after my decease, and, at the end of said term, when they shall deem it advisable to do so, shall sell and dispose of their interest in said lands gradually from time to time, and apply the proeceds of such sales to the same uses and purposes bereinafter declared and directed, of and concerning the residue of my personal estate.

"And I give, devise, and bequeath to the cor-poration of the city of New Orleans, their successors and assigns, the remaining one undivided third part of the said lands, in trust, in common with the Mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Philadelphia, to pay the taxes on said lands, and preserve them from waste and intrusion, for the term of ten years from and after my decease, and, at the end of said term, when they shall deem it advisable to do so, to seil and dispose of their interest in said lands gradually from time to time, and to apply the proceeds of such sale to such uses and purposes as the said corporation may consider most likely to promote the health and general prosperity of the inhabitants of the

city of New Orleans.

"And, whereas, I have been for a long time impressed with the importance of educating the poor, and of placing them, by the early cultivation of their minds and the development of their moral principles, above the many temptations to which, through poverty and ignorance, they are exposed; and I am particularly desirons to provide for such a number of poor male white orphan children, as can be trained in one institution, a better education, as well as a more comfortable maintenance, than they usually receive from the application of the public funds: and whereas, together with the object just adverted to, I have sincerely at heart the welfare of the city of Philadelphia, and, as a part of it, am desirous to improve the neighborhood of the river Dela-ware, so that the health of the citizens may be promoted and preserved, and that the eastern part of the city may be made to correspond better with the interior. Now, I do give, devise, and bequeath all the residue and remainder of my real and personal estate of every sort and kind wheresoever situate (the real estate in Pennsylvania charged as aforesaid) unto the Mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Philadelphia, their successors and assigns, in trust, to and for the several uses, intents and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared of and concerning the same, that is to say, so far as regards my real estate in Peunsylvania, in trust, that no part thereof shall be ever sold or alienated by the said mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Philadel-phia, or their successors, but the same shall forever thereafter be let from time to time, to good tenants, at yearly or other rents, and upon leases in possession not exceeding five years from the commencement thereof, and that the rents, issues, and profits arising therefrom shall be applied towards keeping that part of the said real estate situate in the City and Liberties of Philadelphia constantly in good repair, (parts else-where situate to be kept in repair by the tenants thereof respectively), and towards improving the same, whenever necessary, by creeting new buildings; and that the net residue (after paying the several annuities herein before provided for) be applied to the same uses and purposes as are herein declared of and concerning the residue of my personal estate; and so far as regards my real estate in Kentucky, now under the care of Messrs. Triplett & Bramley, in trust, to sell and dispose of the same, whenever it may be expe-dient to do so, and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the same uses and purposes as are herein declared of and concerning the residue of my

"And so far as regards the residue of my personal estate, in trust, as to two millions of dollars, part thereof, to apply and expend so much soon as practicably may be, in the centre of my square of ground between High and Chesnut streets, and Eleventh and Twelfth streets, in the city of Philadelphia (which square of ground I hereby devote to the purposes herein-after stated, and for no other, forever), a permanent college, with sultable outbuildings sufficiently spacious residence and accommodation of at least three hundred scholars, and the requisite teachers and other persons necessary in such an institution as I direct to be established, and in supplying the said college and outbuildings with decent and suitable furniture, as well as books and things needful to carry into effect my general

"The said college shall be constructed with the most durable materials, and in the most permanent manner, avoiding needless ornament, and attending chiefly to the strength, convehience, and neatness of the whole."

Here are inserted detailed directions as to the construction of the college buildings, after which the testator proceeds as follows:-

When the college and appurtenances shall have been constructed, and supplied with plain and suitable furniture and books, philosophical and experimental instruments and apparatus, and all other matters needful to carry my gene ral design into execution, the income, issues, and profits of so much of the said sum of two millions of dollars as shall remain unexpended shall be applied to maintain the said college according to my directions.

"The institution shall be organized as soon as practicable, and to accomplish the purpose more effectually, due public notice of the intended opening of the college shall be given— so that there may be an opportunity to make selections of competent instructors, and other agents, and those who may have the charge of orphans may be aware of the provisions in tended for them.

"A competent number of instructors, teachers, assistants, and other necessary agents shall be selected, and, when needful, their places from time to time supplied; they shall receive ade-quate compensation for their services, but no person shall be employed who shall not be of tried skill in his or her proper department, of established moral character, and in all cases persons shall be chosen on account of their merit, and not through favor or intrigue.

"As many poor male white orphans, between the age of six and ten years, as the said income be adequate to maintain, shall be intro duced into the college as soon as possible; and from time to time, as there may be vacancies, or as increased ability from income may warrant, others shall be introduced.

"On the application for admission, an accurate statement should be taken, in a book prepared for the purpose, of the name, birthplace, age, health, condition as to relatives, and other particulars useful to be known of each orphan.
"No orphan should be admitted until the guardians or directors of the poor, or a proper

guardian or other competent authority, shall have given, by indeuture, relinquishment, or otherwise, adequate power to the mayor, alder-men, and citizens of Philadelphia, or to directors or others by them appointed, to enforce in relation to each orphan every proper restraint, and to prevent relatives or others from interfering with or withdrawing such orphan from the in-

"Those orphans for whose admission applica tion shall first be made shall be first introduced, all other things concurring; and at all future times priority of application shall entitle the applicant to preference in admission, all other things concurring; but if there shall be at any time more applicants than vacancies, and the applying orphans thall have been born in different than the conceptions and the applying orphans thall have been born in different than the conceptions about the given first to orplaces, a preference shall be given—first, to or-phans born in the city of Philadelphia; secondly, to those born in any other part of Pennsylvania; thirdly, to those born in the city of New York (that being the first port on the continent of

North America at which I arrived); and lastly, to those born in the city of New Orleans, being the first port on the said continent at which I first traded, in the first instance as first officer, and subsequently as master and part owner of a

vessel and cargo. "The orphans admitted into the college shall be there fed with plain but wholesome food, clothed with plain but decent apparel (no distinctive dress ever to be worn), and lodged in a plain but safe manner; due regard shall be paid to their health, and to this end their persons and clothes shall be kept clean, and they shall have suitable and rational exercise and recreation. They shall be instructed in the various branches of a sound education, comprehending reading writing, grammer, arithmetic, geography, navigation, surveying, practical mathematics, astronomy, natural, chemical, and experimental philosophy, the French and Spanish languages (I do not forbid, but I do not recom-mend the Greek and Latin languages), and such other learning and science as the capacities of the several scholars may merit or warrant. I would have them taught facts and things, rather than words or signs; and especially. I desire that by every proper means a pure attachment to our republican institutions, and to the sacred rights of conscience, as guaranteed by our happy constitutions, shall be

formed and fostered in the minds of the scholars.

"Should it unfortunately happen that any
of the orphans admitted into the college shall, from malconduct, have become unfit companions for the rest, and mild means of reformation prove abortive, they should no longer remain therein. Those scholars who shall merit it shall remain in the college until they shall respec-tively arrive at between fourteen and eighteen years of age; they shall then be bound out by the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Philadel-phia, or under their direction, to suitable occuations, as those of agriculture, navigation, arts inechanical trades, and manufactures, according to the capacities and acquirements of the scholars respectively, consulting, as far as pru dence shall justify it, the inclinations of the several scholars as to the occupation, art, or trade to be learned.

"In relation to the organization of the college and its appendages, I leave, necessarily, many details to the mayor, aldermen, and citizens of Philadelphia, and their successors; and I do so with the more confidence, as, from the nature of my bequests, and the benefit to result from them, I trust that my fellow-citizens of Philadelphia will observe and evince especial care and anxiety in selecting members for their City

Councils, and other agents. There are, however, some restrictions which I consider it my duty to prescribe, and to be. amongst others, conditions on which my bequest for said college is made, and to be enjoyed, namely—First, I eajoin and require that if, at the close of any year, the income of the fund devoted to the purposes of the said college shall be more than sufficient for the maintenance of the institution during that year, then the balance of the said income, after de fraying such maintenance, shall be forthwith invested in good securities, thereafter to be and remain a part of the capital; but, in no event, shall any part of the said capital be sold, disposed of, or pledged to meet the current expenses of the said institution, to which I devote the interest, income, and dividends thereof, exclusively; Secondly, I enjoin and require that no ecclesiastic, missionary, or minister of any sect whatsoever shall ever hold or exercise any station or duty whatever in the said College nor shall any such person ever be admitted for any purpose, or as a visitor, within the premises appropriated to the purposes of the said college. In making this restriction, I do not mean to cast any reflection upon any sect or person whatsoever; but, as there is such a multitude of sects, and such a diversity of opinion amongst them, I desire to keep the tender minds of the orphans who are to derive advantage from this bequest free from the excitement which clashing doc-trines and sectarian controversy are so apt to produce; my desire is that all the instructors and teachers in the college shall take pains to instil into the minds of the scholars the purest principles of morality, so that, on their entrance into active life, they may, from inclination and habit, evince benevolence towards their fellow creaures, and a love of truth, sobriety, and industry, adopting at the same time such religious tenets as their matured reason may enable them to prefer. If the income arising from that part of ing after the construction and furnishing of the college and outbuildings, shall, owing to the increase of the number of orphans applying for admission, or other cause, be inadequate to the construction of new buildings, or the maintenance and education of as many orphans as may apply for admission, then such further sum as may be necessary for the construction of new buildings and the maintenance and education of such further number of orphans as can be maintained and instructed within such buildings as the said square of ground shall be adequate to, shall be taken from the final residuary fund hereinafter expressly referred to for the purpose, comprehending the income of my real estate in the city and county of Philadelphia,

be extended to as great a number of orphaus as the limits of the said square and buildings therein can accommodate." By a codicil to the original, reading as follows.

and the dividends of my stock in the Schuylkill Navigation Company—my design and desire being that the benefits of said institution shall

site for the college buildings was changed to their present location:-Whereas, 1, Stephen Girard, the testator named in the foregoing will and testament dated February 16, 1830, have, since the execution thereof, purchased several parcels and pieces of land and real estate, and have built sundry messuages, all which, as well as any real estate that I may hereafter purchase, it is my in-tention to pass by said will; and whereas, in particular, I have recently purchased from Mr. William Parker, the Mansion House, outbuild-ings, and forty-five acres and some perches of land, called Peel Hall, on the Ridge road, in Penn township: now I declare it to be my In-tention, and I direct, that the orphan establishment provided for in my said will, instead of being built, as therein directed, upon my square of ground between High and Chesnut and Eleventh and Twelfth streets, in the city of Philadelphia, shall be built upon the estate so purchased from Mr. W. Parker: and I hereby devote the said estate to that purpose, exclusively, in the same manner as I had devoted the said square, hereby directing that all the improvements and arrangements for the said orphan establishment, prescribed by my said will, as to said square, shall be made and executed upon the said estate, just as if I had in my will de voted the said estate to said purpose—conse quently, the said square of ground is to consti nte, and I declare it to be a part of the residue and remainder of my real and personal estate, and given and devised for the same uses and purposes as are declared in section twenty of my will; it being my intention that the said square of ground shall be built upon and improved in such a manner as to secure a safe and permanent income for the purposes stated in said twentieth section. In witness whereof, I, the said Stephen Girard, set my hand and seal hereunto, the twentleth day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-one. Stephen Girard.

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