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1 8 7 5 MUNIFICENT BEQUESTS.

We learn that Misses Margaret, Jane, and Elizabeth Buchanan, of Bellfield, near Kilmarnock, daughters of the late George Buchanan, of Woodlands, Glasgow, have left the following bequests:—

£10,000 to the Merchants' House of Glasgow, the revenue to be applied in the same way as the funds of the House are at present. A condition is attached to this effect, that the tomb of the family in the Glasgow Necropolis be maintained in a proper state of order and repair during all time coming.

£4200 of Reduced Three per Cent. Annuities to the Principal and Professors appointed by the University Court of Glasgow to found bursaries for the maintenance of two matriculated students who intend to become licentiates of the Established Church of Scotland.

Their interest in the trust estate of the late James Buchanan, merchant, Glasgow, to the Buchanan Society of Glasgow. It is expected that this bequest, will amount to about £2500.

£30,000 to be held by the trustees on the estate and accumulated for ten years, the object, being to found an hospital for the maintenance of indigent and infirm burgesses of Glasgow, of 60 years and upwards, preference to be given to those of the name of Buchanan. The trustees are to purchase two acres of ground within eight miles of Glasgow, and erect an hospital thereon, and furnish and fit it up; and on the lapse of ten years, that is, at Whitsunday, 1885, they are to hand over the hospital and all the funds which they have accumulated to the Lord Provost and Magistrates of Glasgow, the minister of the High Church, the minister of St George's Church, and the testamentary trustees as governors. It is expected that the accumulation, at the end of the ten years, will be something like £12,000, which will cover the cost of the ground and of the erection and fitting up of the hospital, and that the £30,000 will remain for the purposes of endowment. It is stipulated that not fewer than ten burgesses will at one time have the benefits of the hospital.

The lands and estate of Bellfield, near Kilmarnock, to be held, by the trustees till Martinmas, 1885, and the rents to be accumulated during that period; part of the mansion-house of Bellfield to be fitted up as a library, and to be open to the public, for consultation only, at such times and under such regulations as the trustees may think proper; all the portraits, paintings, books, and fittings suitable to be placed in this library; the grounds and gardens of Bellfield to be open to the public of Kilmarnock and Riccarton at such times and under each regulations as the trustees may think proper; £5 to be paid yearly to the Ragged School of Kilmarnock out of the revenues of Bellfield, £3 yearly to the Fever Hospital and Infirmary of Kilmarnock, £10 yearly to the minister of Riccarton to buy flannel clothing for the poor, £130 for a missionary to be appointed by the minister of the parish of Riccarton; the balance of the rents to be accumulated. If the trustees find the revenue to admit of it, they may fit up the remaining portion of Bellfield House as an asylum for poor people of sixty years and upwards who have resided in the parishes of Kilmarnock and Riccarton for ten years consecutively and for young persons who may have been permanently injured by accident. The trustees are to lease the minerals on the estate, and at the end of ten years the estate and accumulated funds are to be conveyed to the Provost and Magistrates of Kilmarnock, to the minister of Kilmarnock and the minister of the parish of Riccarton for the time being, and to the testamentary trustees, for the carrying on of the purposes above mentioned. The balance of the revenue, after providing for these purposes, is to be divided equally between the parishes of Kilmarnock and Riccarton to be distributed by the minister to the deserving poor not on the poor's roll, and there must always be a certain sum set apart for this object. The whole residue of the estate, after providing for these purposes, is to be paid, one-half to the Glasgow Royal infirmary, and the other half to the Glasgow Asylum for the Blind.

It may be added that the ladies died according to seniority, Margaret first, Jane next, and Elizabeth on the 23d of April last, at Bellfield House.

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