

A YORKSHIRE CHURCHMAN'S WILL.

About £400,000 has been bequeathed to the Church of England and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, by the late Mr. Alfred Marriott, of Hopton Grange, Mirfield, whose will has been proved. The testator directs that the money should be devoted towards the erection of churches in the poorest and most thickly populated districts in the metropolis or in foreign parts, or in endowing and enlarging hospitals or refuges for orphan children or fallen women.

The testator devised and bequeathed all his real and personal estate to his executors as trustees upon trust for conversion into money, and after payment of his debts and funeral and testamentary expenses, to appropriate £35,000, and to stand possessed of £15,000 thereof upon trust for the children of his brother William Thomas Marriott, of Sandal Grange, Wakefield; as to £10,000 upon trust for the children of testator's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Buckton, now of Oxford; and as to the remaining £10,000, upon trust for the children or child of testator's sister, Mrs. Emma Woodhead.

The testator goes on to direct that the trustees are to divide the residue of the proceeds of his estate into six parts, and to pay one of such parts to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; one other of such parts to the Lord Bishop of London for the time being; another of such parts to the Lord Archbishop of York for the time being; and another of such parts to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being. The receipts of the secretary of the said society and of the said Bishop and Archbishops respectively to be good discharges.

Out of the residue of testator's estate, the trustees are to set apart and invest £10,000, and pay the income to his sister, Emma Woodhead, for life, without power of anticipation. After her death the £10,000 is to fall into the residue. Out of the residue £7,000 is to be set apart and invested, and the income is to be paid to Mrs. Margaret Eleanor Micklethwaite, of Harrogate, for life, without power of anticipation. After her death the £7,000 is to fall into the residue. The trustees are to stand possessed of testator's residuary estate, including any sums which may revert thereto. Upon trust to set apart and invest £6,000 and £10,000, and to stand possessed of the £6,000. Upon trust to pay the income thereof to Mrs. Nellie Ackroyd, the wife of William Ackroyd, Esq., of Birkenshaw, for life, with remainder to her children and other issue absolutely. The £10,000 is to be held by the trustees upon trust for Mr. John Micklethwaite, of Harrogate, absolutely.

Any unapplied residue is to be paid to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, to be applied (but without any limitation as to time) in the same manner as directed with regard to the one-sixth part of testator's residuary estate bequeathed to that society. Moneys bequeathed for charitable or philanthropic purposes are not to be applied towards the purchase or acquisition of land.

Owing to the alteration in the law of mortmain which has taken place since the will was made, the residuary bequests in favour of the children of testator's brother and sisters is virtually null and void, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel takes a large portion of the estate which would otherwise have passed to those children.

One of the codicils contains a bequest of £15,000 to the testator's nephew, William Hall Marriott, and a further provision of £5,000 for the children of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Buckton, and a proviso that the £10,000 bequeathed by the will for the benefit of Mrs. Emma Woodhead shall, after her death, be in trust for her daughter Grace. The testator directs that the four several sums bequeathed to the Secretary for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Lord Bishop of London, and the Lord Archbishops of Canterbury and York are not to be free of duty. Lastly, the testator bequeathed to Sophia, the wife of the executor Mr. Thomas Alfred Smith, the sum of £7,000.

The value of the personal estate has been sworn at £593,479 18s. 5d., and the value of the real estate is stated at £3,160.