

COURT OF CHANCERY—JULY 7.

The Venerable Nathaniel Bland and others v. McGillicuddy.

This is a suit by the Archdeacon of Aghadoc and others, to administer the trusts of the will and seven codicils of the late Richard McGillicuddy, commonly called The McGillicuddy of the Reeks, who died in January, 1866, leaving surviving his widow, a daughter (Mrs Leader) by a former marriage and nine infant children. The three plaintiffs were trustees of the will, in which they had also been named executors. The latter office they, however, renounced, whereupon Madame McGillicuddy obtained administration. The will was long and complicated, the testator having parcelled out his property into separate estates, which were severally limited for the benefit of his sons, subject to a jointure of £500 a year for his widow, and portions and a maintenance fund amounting in all to about £22,000, for his younger children. The minors had been made wards of court, and the chief difficulty, the arising of which rendered the present suit necessary, was, the death of the testator's eldest son, Richard Patrick McGillicuddy.

The Lord Chancellor directed that the case should stand over until the taking of certain accounts in addition to those standing in the minor matter, which were to be used so far as practicable.

Counsel for plaintiffs—Messrs Walsh, Q.C., and David Fitzgerald, instructed by Mr. M. J. White. For Madame M'Gillicuddy—Messrs Jackson Q.C., and Hickson, instructed by Mr. Huggard. For Mr. Denis Charles M'Gillicuddy (the eldest surviving son)—Messrs W. M. Johnson, Q.C., and Murphy, instructed by Mr. D. M'Gillicuddy. For John M'Gillicuddy (the second eldest son)—Mr. John Murray instructed by Mr. George Plunkett. For Mrs. Leader—Mr. Reeves, instructed by Messrs. Keily and Lloyd. For the minor defendants—Mr. Eife, instructed by Mr. James Plunkett.