

therefore, requested me to place the position of affairs before the Catholic public in the earnest hope that the next few weeks will bring the help that is so urgently required.

Subscriptions for this purpose should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Frank Geoghegan, Esq., 8, Old Jewry, E.C., marked "Emergency Fund."

The result of appeal will be made known at the end of four weeks from this date.

In the unfortunate event of the response being inadequate the Emergency Fund subscriptions will be returned, and the Home and Institute closed.

Yours faithfully,

TORRE DIAZ.

21, Devonshire-place, W., August 2.

OBITUARY.

J. P. MURPHY, K.C.

We regret to announce that the death took place on Friday night in last week at his London residence of Mr. J. P. Murphy, K.C. Mr. Murphy, who was born on March 17, 1831, was the eldest son of the late Mr. P. M. Murphy, Q.C., of Dublin. He was educated at Stonyhurst and Trinity College, Dublin, and entered the Middle Temple in 1854. He began his legal career in the offices of Sir George Hornymann and Baron Pollock, and afterwards joined the Home Circuit and the Herts and Essex Sessions. He was one of the counsel to *The Times* in the Parnell Commission. In 1876 he was made a bencher of the Middle Temple and a Commissioner of Assize in 1897, in which year he retired from practice. Mr. Murphy was leading counsel in many election petitions, and, as *The Manchester Guardian* points out, took part in the memorable petition against the return of Mr. Balfour for East Manchester. In the King's Bench Division, Mr. Justice Bray made reference to the death of Mr. Murphy, who, he said, was well known till a short time ago in the High Court. He was a very dear friend of his, but he was a friend in the very best way, whether he was leader or junior. He knew of no one whose career at the Bar showed better than Mr. Murphy's what an honourable barrister should be and should do. He was sure that the Bar would echo these feelings. Mr. Wheatley, of the Junior Bar, associated himself with everything said by his lordship. Every member of the Bar must feel the great loss sustained by the profession. R.I.P.

FATHER CHARLES COLLINGRIDGE.

On Friday, July 26, a priest once well known at St. Edmund's, Old Hall Green, and elsewhere in the archdiocese, passed to his reward. Father Charles P. F. Collingridge, a member of an Oxford family which had held fast to the faith through every generation, and had given one of its sons, in the person of Bishop Collingridge, O.S.F., to the higher service of the Church, received his education at Old Hall and Saint Sulpice and after his ordination did good work at various missions in the diocese of Westminster, and acted for some years as army chaplain at home and abroad. He spent some years in New South Wales when the late Archbishop Bede Vaughan, O.S.B., governed the Church of Sydney; and returning to England served at Colchester and elsewhere till his appointment seven years ago as chaplain to the Convent of Marie Réparatrice at Chiswick. Much of his leisure was devoted to literary work in English and French, chiefly in vindication of the rights of the Holy See to independence and temporal power. For the last five or six months his health has been failing and the end came on the feast of St. Anne, after he had received the Last Sacraments at the hands of Father Bernard Pownall, of Shepherd's Bush. The Mass of Requiem was celebrated on Tuesday last at the convent chapel at Tower House, Chiswick, by Father Gilbert Dolan, O.S.B., in the presence of his Grace the Archbishop of Westminster, and many of the clergy of the neighbouring missions. The burial service at the cemetery of Old Chiswick Church was performed by Father Egan, M.R. of Our Lady of Grace at Turnham Green. The deceased was in his 64th year. R.I.P.

THE LATE ROBERT HAMMOND-CHAMBERS, K.C.

A correspondent writes:

"Will you allow a passing tribute to one, well known I am sure to many of your readers, whose untimely death last week is mourned far and wide—Robert Hammond-Chambers. Born in 1855, the son of Mr. Robert Hammond of Great Marlow, he was educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford, and was called to the Bar in 1879. He gradually built up a considerable practice, and took silk in 1897, becoming a bencher of Lincoln's Inn two years ago. He seemed made for friendship—a man of extraordinary geniality and sympathy, and these no mere superficial qualities, but the genuine product of a deeply lovable nature. Many are the stories which might be told of his acts of charity, not only to his own communion—for he remained a devout High Anglican to the last—but to Catholic priests and religious and their work. The present writer, who was his pupil at the Bar, looks back from his monastery cell on the hours spent in Hammond-Chambers' society, as golden memories in his life. May this last tribute from a deeply sorrowing friend be a little offering to his beloved memory."

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.—Miss Kate Looney writes from St. Mary's Home, 41, Brook Green-road, Hammersmith, W.: "Seize it, kind friends, that our little children may benefit by a few days' 'outing' during the holidays. The debt on this Home at the death of Miss Fanny Wilson was nearly £5,000. Thanks to the donations received since her death, it remains now £3,100; but, having this debt, we cannot afford to provide treats unassisted. Could any from their store assist in lessening the debt, how grateful we should be! May the great pleasure of thanking many for their generosity be the task of the Directress."

ET CÆTERA.

Under the will of Miss Mary Mason, a lady who lived at Ealing and died at the age of seventy-nine, a sum of over £11,000 is dealt with, some of it under conditions the following clause will explain: "With much pain, I desire to state that I leave no pecuniary legacy to (a nephew named) in consequence of his having contracted a marriage with a member of the Roman Catholic Church, or to (a niece named) as I have reason to believe that she may become a member of that Church, to which I strongly object, and I have warned her of the consequences." This penalty is not imposed for the first, or the five-hundredth, time; for so has private judgment been interpreted in daily life by its theoretical approvers, time out of mind; and our comment is perhaps less concerned with the clause itself than with the sympathetic tear shed over it by a paper, whose reporter observes that it is "likely to prove very disappointing to two of her relatives." But why "disappointing" to those already "warned" against the harbouring of hopes. The two relatives took their choice, and will never regret it. They were given by their aunt a precious thing she perhaps did not know how to appraise—the opportunity of sacrifice; and if money, nothing in itself, is mainly valuable for the honour which, when well spent, it brings in its train, we can only say that these two young unbought votaries of religious liberty are richer by far in their renunciation than they would have been in their inheritance.

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"No man's career at the Bar showed better than Mr. Murphy's what an honourable barrister should be and should do," was Mr. Justice Bray's tribute to the K.C. who passed away last week. Mr. John Patrick Murphy, though he set out to be a musician, spent forty-two profitable years as an advocate; and, Irishman and Catholic though he was, he was selected by *The Times* as one of their Senior Counsel before the Parnell Commission. Again, in 1896, when Mr. Rhodes became involved in a Parliamentary Inquiry, Mr. Murphy was one of the Counsel engaged. He retired from practice a year later. Of the fortune he made at the Bar he was a generous dispenser; and his admiration for Cardinal Manning was expressed by one of the handsomest of the donations made to his Memorial Fund.

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From Dublin is announced the death of Surgeon-General Charles Kilkelly, M.B., F.R.C.S., of Drimcong, Co. Galway. Born in 1830, he entered the Indian Medical Service, from which he retired in 1884 with the rank of Surgeon-General, leaving to his eldest son the winning of further fame in his father's profession. Nor was he disappointed; for Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel Charles Randolph Kilkelly, C.M.G., distinguished himself in South Africa during the late War, and is now in charge of the Officers' Royal Convalescent Home at Osborne.

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The most sudden leap into fame among singers of the year has been that of the young Irish tenor, Mr. John McCormack, who is to take important rôles in the Autumn Italian Opera season at Covent Garden. Mr. McCormack, born twenty-three years ago at Athlone, studied for the Civil Service. It was not till 1902 that he seriously turned his attention to music, having, in that year, at a friend's advice, taken part in the National Irish Festival, where he won the gold medal for tenors. In 1903 he entered the choir of Marlborough-street Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, and next year sang at the St. Louis Exhibition. A benefit concert given in Dublin helped him to go to Italy two years ago, where he studied in Milan with Sabatini. His forthcoming appearance will signalise him as probably the youngest tenor to tread the Covent Garden boards in Italian Opera.

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Mr. Edward Blount, of Imberhorne Manor, has expressed to the East Grinstead Central Conservative Association his