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**Robert W. Twigge, F.S.A.**—While this *Journal* was in the press, we learned with deep regret of the death of another of our most valued members, Mr. Robert W. Twigge, F.S.A., who died at Richmond, Yorkshire, on August 26th.

Mr. Twigge was born at Pickhill, Yorkshire, in 1852, and was the son of the Rev. William Twigge, Rector of that place, a distinguished mathematical scholar and a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. The family came from Selby in Yorkshire, where they had resided for at least 300 years. Robert was educated at St. Peter's College in that county, and also abroad. At the age of 24, while in Rome, he was received into the Catholic Church by the late Cardinal Howard. In 1879 he was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and about the same time was appointed Privy Chamberlain of the Cloak and Sword to Pope Leo XIII. Subsequently the same office of honour was conferred on him by his late Holiness, Pius X.

He was the author of a work on the family of Younghusband, and to this *Journal* he contributed a valuable paper on the Dal-gCais descent, and some notes on the family of Sarsfield. He was an occasional contributor to *The Month*, *The Dublin Review*, and *The Historical Review*. He was a man of wide learning, mature judgment, and of high and honourable character; and he never spared himself in helping a friend in any historical or genealogical inquiries.

Mr. Twigge travelled much, and his cultured mind accumulated a large store of accurate knowledge concerning Irish history, particularly that of the County of Clare, in which he took a special interest. For several years he was engaged on an important work connected with that county, which, it is hoped, was practically completed, and may soon be published. He had strong reasons for the interest he took in Clare history, having married in 1888 Miss Macnamara, daughter of the late Colonel Macnamara, of Ennistymon, who, with her daughter, now mourn him. To both we respectfully offer our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

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