

casual benevolence, and comparatively very limited in its amount, its total inadequacy to meet the calls made upon it, was soon perceived, and a more efficient establishment speedily followed, known by the name of

The Corporation for the Relief of Poor Widows and Children of Clergymen.

A Royal Charter was granted by Charles the Second for this institution, soon after the Restoration, under which it has flourished up to the present time; having acquired large funds of its own from the pious munificence of numerous benefactors, and being moreover the trustee and administrator of several private charities for the relief of necessitous clergymen and their families. Its objects are declared in its designation; and the course of its benevolence is the supplying the insufficiency of the former institution in providing apprentice fees, and allowing small portions towards the support of the widows and unmarried daughters of clergymen, above forty-five years of age; near five hundred of the former, and upwards of one hundred and eighty of the latter, being annually pensioned from its funds.

But the whole exigency of the bereaved families of the poorer clergy was not met by either of the above specified establishments, their younger children yet remained very precariously and insufficiently provided with the means of education; and another institution was still found wanting, to render those already in existence complete. Under this conviction some charitable individuals, in the year 1749, associated themselves together, under the designation of

The Society for cloathing, maintaining, and educating poor Orphans of Clergymen of the Established Church, in that part of the United

Kingdom called England, until of age to be put Apprentice.
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OBITUARY.

It is our painful duty to communicate to our readers the death of Mrs. M'GILL, wife of the Hon. John M'Gill, Receiver General of the Province. This melancholy event, which happened on the morning of the 21st, has thrown a deep gloom over the face of the whole Society, and left a sad blank which will not soon be filled up. She had experienced the most acute and racking pain during a very long illness, which she bore with uncommon meekness and resignation.—In her departure, York has lost one of its most useful members and distinguished ornaments; her intimate acquaintances, a kind hearted friend; her husband, an affectionate and invaluable wife. Few persons ever possessed the benevolent and amiable qualities of her sex in a more eminent degree. The kindness and attractive simplicity of her manners, endeared her to all who knew her. The sons and daughters of distress and want claimed her regard, and shared it bountifully.—Her life might be considered a stream of benevolence, and it was Christian benevolence, which disregarded labour, fatigue, or trouble, in doing good.

In the hour of death, Mrs. M'Gill enjoyed the consolations of our holy religion, for she was a sincere Christian, and of the most pious habits; and, from the whole tenor of her life, we have the best grounds for believing, that she will be welcomed at the day of judgment, and admitted to the joy of her Lord.

May we not hope, that an example so pious, benevolent, and resigned, will not pass away without producing some blessed effects upon her sorrowing friends and neighbours?