

OBITUARY

CATHARINE BAKER MURPHY
Chatham Daily News, Jan. 13.

Mrs. Catharine Baker Murphy, one of the most highly esteemed residents of the Maple City, and a woman who was greatly admired and dearly loved by all who had the privilege of her personal acquaintance, passed peacefully away in St. Joseph's Hospital at 8.30 o'clock Jan. 12, 1925. She was taken ill at Christmas time, suffering an attack of pneumonia, and in spite of a wonderful resistance maintained for a woman of her advanced years, her condition gradually became weaker, until she quietly and peacefully passed into the other world to be at rest.

Death for her meant the ending of a beautiful Christian life, spent in bringing cheer and comfort to others, and in the performance of those many acts of unselfish kindness and charity which characterize a highly successful and useful earthly existence. She was the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom reached the age of manhood and womanhood and all taking creditable positions in the world of affairs, and in the church. Her friends were legion, and all who knew her were greatly impressed with the depth and intelligence of her nature. Her greatest interest was in her family by whom she was greatly adored and revered, but she also found time to be a great help and inspiration to those of the community by whom she found herself surrounded. In spite of her years, her intellect remained keen and bright, and she took a healthy interest in present day affairs. She was a gifted musician, highly educated and finely cultured, and thoroughly devoted to her church, which meant so much to her during her whole lifetime. Her death even though it has come as a natural thing in the evening of her life, has meant a great shock to her many friends, as well as the members of her immediate family.

Mrs. Murphy, who was seventy-three years of age, was the widow of the late John Baker Murphy, who was a member of the firm of Hudson, Murphy and Sumner, wholesale dry goods merchants of Montreal. She was married in Montreal in 1872, her husband passing away on July 6, 1896.

She was born in Kingston, but lived most of her life in Montreal. She has been a resident of this city since 1912, coming here from London where she had resided for six years. Her husband was one of the most prominent businessmen of Montreal during his lifetime. He was the European buyer for his firm, and crossed the ocean over a hundred times.

The surviving members of the family are three daughters and five sons: Mrs. Florence Holland, wife of Dr. William J. Holland of Malden, Mass., Mother Scholastica and Sister Grace of the firm of order, stationed at the Pines of this city, Thomas Audley of Cleveland, John Bertram of Detroit, Joseph of New Toronto, Stuart, manager of one of the Detroit Savings branches in Detroit, and Howard who is connected with the colonization and development department of the C. P. R. at Winnipeg. The other children who are now deceased were Sister Benedict, who was a member of the Ursuline order, Col. James Hector Ross Murphy, who was killed in France during the Great War, W. E. "Glad" Murphy, the famous Canadian athlete, who died as a result of injuries received in a football game in Toronto a few years ago, and Irving, who passed away in infancy.

All of the surviving members of her family were at her bedside when she came, which, for a woman who was so devoted to her family, was the most happy ending that she could have desired. Those who survive have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in the hour of their affliction.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock from her late residence 210 Wellington Street West, to St. Joseph's church. The remains were taken to Montreal and there deposited in the Murphy-Baker family vault.

PATRICK J. FLANNERY

On December 31st, 1924, the Cathedral Parish of London, Ontario, lost one of its most respected members by the death of Patrick J. Flannery. His demise came as a shock to his many and dear friends in London, for Mr. Flannery was known not only to those of his own faith, but had also made close friends among the citizens of London, owing to the position he held in the London Post Office.

His whole life was spent in London, having been born here on September 17th, 1861, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward

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Flannery, Mr. Flannery was baptized in the old St. Peter's Cathedral. In June, 1884, he married Mary A. Birmingham, and God blessed this marriage with eight children, of whom six survive.

Mr. Flannery, to all appearances, enjoyed the robust health, which was always his, up to Christmas day, when he was confined to bed on account of pleurisy. Pneumonia developed, causing his death.

Always an exemplary Catholic, Mr. Flannery was blessed by God in having one of his sons elevated to the Holy Priesthood, and from the hands of this same son he received the last Sacraments of Our Holy Church, perfectly resigned to go to God, for he had "fought a good fight and had kept the faith." Solemn Requiem High Mass was sung on January 8th, by his son, Rev. W. T. Flannery, assisted by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell as deacon, and Rev. A. P. Mahoney as sub-deacon. In the Sanctuary were Right Rev. M. F. Fallon, D. D., Bishop of London, Right Rev. Mgr. O'Connor, V. G., Right Rev. Mgr. J. T. Aylward, of Sarnia, and Mgr. P. J. McKeon of London, Very Rev. Dean Stanley, of London, and a large number of local and diocesan clergy. The Mass was chanted by the schola cantorum of St. Peter's Seminary.

His Lordship, Bishop Fallon, gave the Pontifical absolution after the Mass, and Dean Stanley, Dr. Flannery, and Father O'Donnell, officiated at the grave. Seldom has St. Peter's Cathedral seen such a beautiful ceremony as the Requiem Mass for Mr. Flannery—a fitting tribute to one of her oldest and most devoted children.

SUCCESS IN 1924

GOOD YEAR FOR NORTH AMERICAN LIFE

During the year 1924, the 44th in the history of the North American Life, the Company made great strides forward in all branches of its business. The policies issued and revived amounted to \$26,239,954, a very substantial increase over the figures for 1923 and the total business in force has now reached \$126,625,049, which is a new high level in the Company's history.

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There is no doubt that the prime object of the North American Life is that of furthering the interests of its clients, this fact being borne out by the consideration accorded them.

Due to the expansion of business in 1924, the Company's Assets now total over \$27,000,000 composed for the most part of the soundest and safest bonds and other guaranteed securities. Investments have always been restricted to the highest class of securities and it is a notable achievement that an advance of nearly \$2,000,000 was made in the total Assets. A feature of the North American Life has always been its high Surplus Fund. This year this amount is over \$4,500,000, more than ever before, and that is why the North American Life is known everywhere as "Solid as the Continent."

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The party which it is expected will be composed largely of pilgrims from the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, will visit Rome in connection with the Beatification of St. Peter's, of the eight Jesuit martyrs of Canada. The pilgrimage will be under the spiritual direction of the Jesuit Fathers and will arrive in Rome in time for the proclamation of the Beatification June 14, and the festivities June 21.

The tour is being organized with the approval of his Eminence Cardinal Begin of Quebec, Rev. Father L. Boncompain, S. J., Provincial of the Jesuit Order for Lower Canada and Father J. M. Fillion, S. J. The itinerary of the party includes London, Paris and Rome, returning by way of Genoa, Nice, Paray le Monial, Lisieux, Honfleur, Havre and thence to London ultimately connecting with the Megantic at Liverpool.

Officials of the Line state that special arrangements will be made to accommodate the party on the Megantic while facilities will be available for the daily celebration of Mass. The Beatification ceremonies coincide with the tercentenary of the landing of the Jesuit Fathers at Quebec, and the voyage and its purpose to Rome will be of special interest to Catholics throughout Canada and the United States.

The Canadian pilgrims will also have the opportunity of profiting by the special favors and privileges which the Church grants to those who visit the Roman Basilicas in connection with the Jubilee of the Holy Year. This opportunity comes but once in every twenty-five years, and in past ages, Jubilee Pilgrimages were made by millions who did not have the facilities of travel which are now available.

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DIED

FOLEY.—Julia Dennehy, relict of late John Foley of Hastings, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Mullins, Woodlee, Jan. 21st inst. Buried at Hastings. May her soul rest in peace.

FLANNERY.—At his late residence, 319 Piccadilly St., London, Ont., on Dec. 31st, 1924, Patrick Joseph Flannery, beloved husband of Mrs. Mary Flannery. May his soul rest in peace.

CAREY.—At St. Joseph's Hospital, London, on January 2nd, 1925, Mrs. Michael (Anna) Carey, aged eighty-three years. Funeral from St. Patrick's Church, Biddulph, on Jan. 5th. May her soul rest in peace.

CROWLEY.—At 6 Inverlea St., Peterboro, on Dec. 21st, 1924, the death occurred of Miss Bridget Crowley, after an illness of only a few hours. Her warm generous nature drew around her a large circle of friends and her loss is deeply felt indeed, by these, as well as her remaining sisters and brother. Interment took place at St. Peter's Cemetery. R. I. P.

The more Thy mysteries are blasphemed, the more we will believe them, O Sacred Heart of Jesus! The more Thy divinity is attacked, the more we will adore it, O Divine Heart of Jesus! The more Thy holy laws are forgotten and transgressed, the more we will observe them, O most holy Heart of Jesus!

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