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*A JUDICIAL NONAGENARIAN.*

The death, in his ninety-second year, of the Right Hon. Hedges Eyre Chatterton, which we recorded last week, removes from the legal and judicial word one of its most interesting links with the past. Mr Chatterton was one of a number of men of great eminence at the Bar and on the Bench who flourished in the last century and attained the nineties. Two Lord Chancellors of England—Lord Lyndhurst, who died in 1863, and Lord St. Leonards, who was Lord Chancellor of Ireland and subsequently Lord Chancellor of England and died in 1875—had entered respectively on their ninety-third and ninety-fifth years. The Right Hon. Thomas Lefroy, Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, discharged the duties of that great office till 1866, when he had entered on his ninety-first year, and lived for three years after his retirement from the Bench. The Right Hon. James FitzGerald, who in 1799 ceased to hold the office of Prime Serjeant of Ireland, which was abolished in 1805 owing to his opposition to the Government on the question of the Union, lived into the thirties of the last century, when he was well advanced in the nineties. Mr. Robert Holmes, the leader of the Irish Bar, although a stuff gownsman—he refused all preferment, including the Solicitor-Generalship—was born in 1765 and died in 1859.

Mr. Thomas De Moleyns, Q.C., who at his death in 1900 had entered on his ninety-third year and was the father of the Irish Bar, had a curious parity in his career with Mr. Chatterton. They were both natives of Munster; they both had served in the Royal Navy as midshipmen before they matriculated in Trinity College, Dublin; and were both leaders on the Munster Circuit contemporaneously. Mr. Chatterton was, strange to say, called to the Irish Bar, at which the call is made, not at an Inn of Court, as in this country, but by the Lord Chancellor sitting alone in court, by a Lord Chancellor, Sir Edward Sugden (Lord St. Leonards), who himself lived to be a nonagenarian.—*The Law Times.*