

strictures on the United States. In "Commonwealth and Empire," an elaborate study of the political conditions of the United States, issued just before Professor Smith turned the eightieth milestone of his life, he remarked that the question of Commonwealth or Empire now confronts the American people. America is, he tells us, at the parting of the ways, like the maiden in Longfellow's poem, but he refrains from the comparison which is mine. The influences drawing her from the traditional course are plutocracy, militarism and imperialism. With Professor Smith the traditional course is the only safe one for America, as the three great evils, just named, are blinding her with the lust for power, seducing her with the empty dream of world conquest, and, while apparently extending her commercial strength and interest abroad, weakening her vital powers of continued life at home.



Two Great Churchmen Dead.

Cardinal Ledochowski, in his eighty-first year. A Polish count, ordained a priest in 1845; made Primate of Poland to placate Prussia; kept two years in prison by Bismark, whom he had angered; made Cardinal while in jail by Pius IX; ordered back to prison again and again, after he had been liberated and had withdrawn to Rome, his refusal being followed by fines and confiscation of his property; establishing peace with Prussia at Bismarck's death; and for the last ten years holding the position of Prefect of the Propaganda, such is the record of a life that fills a large space in the history of our times.

Archbishop Croke, in his eightieth year. In 1870 made Bishop of Auckland, New Zealand, in 1875 transferred to the Archdiocese of Cashel and Emly in Ireland and ever since easily the most conspicuous champion of the rights of the people amongst the Hierarchy of Ireland.