

ceased lady was Mary O'Gara, and she was a native of Frenchpark, County Roscommon, Ireland. Mrs. McDermott was in her sixty-ninth year when the fatal accident occurred.

But, like all fervent and practical Catholics, her whole life was a preparation for death, and in addition to the comfort such a knowledge must bestow on the Christian about to leave this world, she had the consolations that our Holy Church has in store in the plenitude of the last sacraments. Mrs. McDermott was the wife of Mr. Patrick McDermott, the well known and popular contractor of Point St. Charles, and mother of Rev. Father McDermott, who, for some time, was connected with St. Mary's parish and at present with St. Mary's Church in this city. We need scarcely state how sincerely we condole with the near and bereaved relatives of the departed lady, and how fervently we join in the Church's prayers for the repose of her noble Christian soul.

**ST. GABRIEL'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.**

With the same enthusiastic spirit of past years St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society held its annual meeting this week. The reports presented by the various officers were considered satisfactory, and showed that the old organization had done much good work for the noble cause of temperance. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—  
President—Mr. P. O'Brien.  
Vice-president—Mr. C. O'Rourke.  
Financial secretary—Mr. C. Colford.  
Recording secretary—Mr. M. McCarthy.  
Treasurer—Mr. P. Polan.  
Marshal—Mr. J. Wheeler.  
Assistant marshal—Mr. M. Dunhy.

## CATHOLICS ON THE BENCH.

Another Catholic gentleman of England, Mr. Joseph Walton, is readily gaining prominence in legal affairs, following in the footsteps of the late Lord Chief Justice Russell, whose pupil he was, and by whom he was often predicted that the young lawyer would ultimately reach the bench. He succeeds Lord Justice Mathew as judge of the King's Bench Division. Mr. Mathew (also a Catholic) having been advanced to the position of a Lord Justice of Appeal. The "Daily Mail" says that the reasons for Mr. Walton's promotion are not to be sought, and are to be found "in the reasons given by Lord Campbell for the promotion of Mr. Blackburne two years ago, 'because he is the fittest man to fill all England.' It is good news that Catholic men are thus still at the front in the legal profession, their great leader has been so lately taken from them. The new judge is a son of Mr. Joseph Walton of Ford, Lancashire, and is a Stonyhurst school boy. He has visited the United States, when he read a paper before the American Bar Association on the early history of legal studies in England. His son, Lieutenant Louis Walton, died recently in South Africa. Lord Justice Walton took the oath before the Lord Chancellor Oct. 24; and, in his promotion to Lord Justice Mathew's position, a Catholic thus succeeds a Catholic.—Sacred Heart Review.

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