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A CHAIR OF HISTORY. — The Knights of Columbus seem to be doing great and good work. The latest evidence of their activity is the raising of a fifty thousand dollar fund for the establishment of a chair of history in the Catholic University of America. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a detailed report of the proceedings connected with the presentation of the amount, which took place last week. There is certainly a sign of the times, and a very favorable one, in this. Of all chairs of profane learning, we know of none that is more important than that of Catholic History. To the lack of a perfect knowledge on that all-important subject, much of the errors of the day are to be assigned. Next to a knowledge of the principles—dogmatic and moral—of our holy religion, the next most essential subject for the Catholic to fully grasp is that of the history of the Church and all connected therewith.

ST. PATRICK'S DIGNITY. — Our correspondent "Crux," in our second last issue, dwelt upon the subject of St. Patrick's birthplace, parentage and titles. It will be remembered that he called attention to the fact that St. Patrick was a member of the Order of the Patriarch— instituted by Constantine the Great—and that hence the name Patrick is one of the most noble in history. In corroboration of this, a German philologist, Professor Franz Diedmeyer, in a recent discourse, said: "At the time of the birth of our Saviour, the Irish were in Europe surpassed in culture, learning and arts only by the Greeks and the Romans. Their language was not a rude dialect, without a literature or even an alphabet, as was then the German and the Saxon. In Ireland there existed, long before the days of St. Patrick, a regular form of government with a well-balanced system of laws and the congress of the Irish people assembled tri-annually in the halls of Tara—peer of the Roman senate." This indicates that not only was St. Patrick a patriarch, but even when he came to Ireland he found there an assembly of the members of which were of an order as high, if

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these parties on the reasonableness of the protest against the Chinese policy of the Government, though we fear most of those who assisted in the demonstration went drawn by the natural inducement of a fine day and nothing particular to do. Under those circumstances we suppose there is little else for it but to make a noise.

Here in Canada the tax for each imported or immigrant Chinaman may seem very severe, and has been greatly criticized. But when the circumstances are fully known there is absolutely nothing else to do if our laborers are to be protected against a killing competition.

LADIES' AUXILIARY A. O. H.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Division No. 2, A. O. H., at a recent meeting, passed resolutions to Rev. William O'Meara, conveying the sympathy of the members in his bereavement.

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A Touching Ceremony.

Miss Elizabeth Daly, second daughter of Mr. William Daly, the well known and esteemed manager of the Point St. Charles branch of the City and District Savings Bank, took the white veil on Monday last in the beautiful Chapel of the Hotel Dieu. Very Rev. Canon Vaillant officiated, and Rev. George Daly, C.S.S.R., brother of the one who had taken another step in her noble resolution to devote her life and many talents to God, preached the sermon.

Besides the members of the family of the novice there were a large number of friends and acquaintances present, upon whom the touching ceremony made a profound impression.

The "True Witness" sincerely congratulates Sister Daly on her progress thus far in the attainment of her vocation, and also the good and pious parents who have been so highly honored.

THE A. O. H.

At a recent meeting of the A. O. H. in a large public hall in Cleveland, O., more than 2000 members of the Order were present, at which a class of 150 candidates was initiated.

GERMAN LUTHERANISM

—It is wonderful how the tides ebb and flow, how the moon passes through her various phases, how the seasons succeed each other; but all that is in the order of nature. It is equally as wonderful, and as natural, that human affairs should rise and fall, and that there should be hours of triumph succeeded by hours of reversal. A contemporary referring to the recent changes in the attitude of Germans towards the Catholic Church makes use of a remark that has struck us as very illustrative of the great law of rise and fall in all that is not of absolutely Divine foundation, and therefore stable beyond the chance of mutability. The article says:

WEDDING BELLS.

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday morning the 12th instant, at St. Patrick's, when John J. Walsh, son of John Walsh, and Margaret, daughter of James Connolly, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Martin Callaghan. The altar was prettily decorated with Easter lilies and palms. Prof. Fowler presided at the organ, and Miss Belle Foley rendered two solos, which were very much enjoyed by all.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was gowned in pale blue voile, trimmed with lace, a large blue chiffon hat, and carried a white prayer-book. She was attended by her sister, Miss Katie Connolly, who wore champagne color, over blue, and a large blue hat. The groom's brother, Mr. W. F. Walsh, was best man. After the ceremony, breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's parents, and later Mr. and Mrs. Walsh left for New York, the bride travelling in a gown of dark blue cloth, with blue and white hat. They received many handsome presents, including a mahogany centre table from the members of St. Patrick's choir, of which the groom is a member.

RECENT DEATHS.

MR. JOHN SHIELDS. — One of the popular members of St. Ann's Young Men's Society and of the Shamrock Amateur Athletic Association, Mr. John Shields, son of Mr. James Shields, was, last week, suddenly stricken with pneumonia, and, ere many days had passed, was dead. Mr. Shields had only attained his 21st birthday when the summons came.

He had, after much industry and earnestness, mastered many of the departments in the particular vocation in life which he had decided to follow, that of a machinist.

In athletic circles he was looked upon as a most promising figure, particularly in the lacrosse field. Had his life been spared he would have occupied a place on the Senior Shamrock team during the approaching season.

In the ranks of St. Ann's Young Men's Society he was a favorite with his fellow-members, who appreciated him for his gentle and kindly spirit and his good-will.

The funeral, which took place to St. Ann's Church, where Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.R., the esteemed spiritual director of St. Ann's Young Men's Society, officiated at the Requiem Mass, was crowded with all sections, old and young, of the great Irish parish. St. Ann's Young Men's Society, the S.A.A.A., and the Cadets and their band as well as hundreds of citizens of all classes attended, as a testimony of respect for the memory of deceased and of sympathy for the bereaved parents. The choir, under the direction of Prof. P. J. Shea, rendered the musical portions of the impressive service in a manner which touched all hearts and reminded them of the uncertainty of this life here below.

Many memorial cards for Masses were sent by the organizations with which Mr. Shields had been associated, and by friends of the family. May his soul rest in peace.

Irish University Question

Captain Shawe-Taylor does not seem to be daunted with the opposition he has met with regarding the Irish University question, says the Belfast Irish News. Unionist of Unionists that he is, he still seems to hold an open mind and look upon the question without prejudice. Eyes have been following him with eagle glance in his crusade for the better government of Irish university education, but they have not thwarted his purpose. It appears that no great scheme has appealed to him, not even the agitation for support of the Belfast Queen's College. Captain Shawe-Taylor, on the contrary, flouts the idea which has been entertained by Ulster Unionist members in that respect. We can hold with Captain Shawe-Taylor's dictum that Irish students are forced to seek in Scotland the university education which they are denied in Ireland. We agree with him in saying that university education is practically free in Scotland, and that the possibilities are that a majority of students will look for honors across the Channel that might be better achieved at home. There cannot be any doubt as to the reason of Captain Shawe-Taylor's

CHINESE LABOR.

—They seem in England to be suffering from the same "yellow" or Chinese menace that has caused so much anxiety in American and Canadian labor circles. Out in British Columbia the Chinese question is one that has agitated the people and provoked local legislation of an important character. We notice a report of a great anti-Chinese labor demonstration held recently at Hyde Park, London. A Catholic English contemporary, speaking of that meeting, makes the following remarkable statement: "The Hyde Park demonstration against Chinese labor was a success from the point of view of the promoters. A very large crowd, estimated as usual at very different numbers by different judges, attended; and also as usual, were enthusiastic over the resolutions put by prominent Radicals such as John Burns, M.P., Dr. Campbell, of the City Temple, and others. For once we agree with

MRS. ANN BRADY.

— On Wednesday morning, the 13th instant, Mrs. Ann Brady, relict of the late Peter Brady, sr., of Helena, Township of Godmanchester, at the age of 78 years, passed to her eternal reward. Her illness was a brief one, but her whole life had been one of preparation for death. Mrs. Brady was of a kindly disposition and was highly esteemed in the neighborhood in which she had resided for such a long period. The funeral took place to St. Bridget's Church, Trout River, N.Y., where a solemn Requiem Mass was chanted. She is survived by six daughters and three sons: Mrs. Mahoney, of Springfield; Mrs. Dalphin, Malone; Mrs. Callaghan; Mrs. Caffery; Catherine and Margaret at home; William, of Lancaster; John and Charles, R.I.P.

Finding the Truth.

There are few Catholic Churchmen in England more able and more deeply revered than is the Right Rev. Mgr. W. Croke, Robinson. During the past month this eminent prelate has been giving a series of four sermons at the Church of St. John, Duncan Terrace, Islington. One of these is well worthy reproduction; but for lack of space we can only

Yours obedient servant,

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REV. DR. DE COSTA.

An exchange says that Rev. Dr. De Costa has recovered from his recent illness.

Then he put before him another side of the Catholic Church, and that was that it was hated by everyone—high and low, rich and poor—all agreed in hating it. People could join any religion they liked, they could even become Froethinkers, but if they became Catholics—oh dear! He (the right rev. preacher) received a gentleman into the Catholic Church recently, and on account of the step he took he lost £800 a year, and at the present moment he believed that man was starving. "Let every man enjoy his own opinion," said the Englishman, but was not that an act of bigotry of the worst kind? Could they wonder if some Catholics turned

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