

Emmet was a Protestant ! Grattan, Curran, Fitzgerald, the Sheareses, Wolfe Tone, O'Brien, Davis, Martin, Mitchel, and a host of the grandest names that embellish the Irish nation were Protestants by training and by profession ; and their Protestant hearts beat their last earthly pulsations to prove that their bodies and their souls were intensely and eternally Irish. Despicable would we indeed be, and deserving the contempt of all well-meaning people, if while we honor these illustrious martyrs in the cause of trampled Ireland, we would to-day quarrel with their fellow-Protestants on the flimsy pretext of yellow ribbons or unorthodox opinions.

In concluding he said : Go on, brethren, and profit by the relaxation of a day's rustic enjoyment. Go as Protestants and return as such, and display your favorite color from every plume and from every pinnacle ; but despise not the cheerful green that delights me and so many others besides me.

Let us mingle our colors and our hearts will mingle ; and with our hearts united we may defy the efforts of political knaves or religious bigots to break in upon our prerogatives, or to rob us of that repose, that prosperity and respectability which are sure to result from the national unity of a great and liberty-loving population.

