

Presidents of the United States, in his message of 1852, says: "Our free institutions are not the fruit of the revolution; they had been previously in existence; they had their roots in the free charters under the provisions of which the English colonies had grown up."

"At the present day England is in course of creating in Australia a "United States" anew, destined as they are to become a great nation, imbued from the cradle with the manly virtues and the glorious liberties which are everywhere the appendage of the Anglo-Celtic race.

"In Canada, a noble French Catholic race, owe to England the benefit of having preserved, or acquired, in addition to full religious liberty, all the political and religious liberties which France has rejected: the population has increased tenfold in less than a century, and will (as was thus prophetically foreshadowed by Montalembert in 1858) serve as a basis to the new Confederation, which extending from the Oregon (British Columbia) to the St. Lawrence, will one day be the rival or the ally of the Great American Republic."—Canadian edition of Montalembert's *Essay of England and her Colonial Policy.* *Debat sur l'Etude au Parlement Anglais* 1858, pp. 18, 19.

But I have done; and I must apologize for having kept you so long. But in such a land—with such great advantages and illimitable resources—and with the spirit of loyalty and contentment, (such as the Governor-General has described), so widely and generously diffused, we have every reason to rejoice in her prosperity and happiness. We are equal sharers in it; and we have thus a double motive to seek to advance her interests, for while we do so we equally advance our own. We as Irishmen, while devotedly attached to our own native land, are no less loyal to the land of our adoption. We have given expression to this spirit of entire unity with Canada in the arms of our Society. With our "green immortal shamrock" we have lovingly entwined the beautifully tinted "Maple Leaf" of Canada. And while, in the legend emblazoned on those arms, we have declared our unswerving devotion to the land of our birth in heartily uttering our "Erin go bragh," we have also, in our motto embodied the words of that loving apostolic injunction which are alike the binding precept and rule of conduct for the individual Christian man, of the aggregate citizens of a Christian community, and of Canada herself to:—

"HONOUR ALL MEN;  
LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD;  
FEAR GOD;  
HONOR THE KING!"