

"THE APOSTLE OF IRELAND."

Mr. Ambrose Unger, acting in the capacity of toastmaster, proposed the above toast in these words:—

"Tonight the Irish students of the University of Ottawa assemble here to honor and venerate Ireland's Patron Saint. Well may they be joyful and thankful for the favor which Divine Providence bestowed upon them in giving to the Irish race such an illustrious Saint as Patrick, from whose coring dates the conversion of the entire Emerald Isle. That little island of the north, Patrick's inheritance, was the chosen field of his labor. What it is now, what it promises to be in the future, may be attributed to the seed of the Apostolic Sower, and we, who are enjoying the fruits of his zeal, should not forget to honor the one who sowed that seed so abundantly.

"To St. Patrick, then, and to St. Patrick's Day, I propose a toast, to which I couple the name of Mr. F. W. Hackett."

Mr. Hackett's fitting response was as follows:—

"Mr. Toastmaster:—

"The circling cycle has rolled past another milestone, and separates us by one more year from the brilliant scenes of St. Patrick's triumphs in the Isle of Reminiscences, but, gentlemen, we are not assembled here this evening to honor St. Patrick alone. Is it not likewise to commemorate one of the great triumphs of the Cross? Patrick was the chieftain who accomplished this triumph without shedding a single drop of blood. Hence it is, sir, that we are once again gathered around the festive board to venerate Ireland's Patron Saint, and by this demonstration to show our recognition to Him who sent that Holy Missionary to our forefathers.

"It is not my intention to deal with the Saint's life; you are all familiar with it. I will merely endeavor to outline his achievement. Patrick did not come to Ireland as a conqueror to obtain temporal dominion, wealth and fame. He carried no sword; his only weapon was the Cross. He came as a poor pious priest. He did not desire to establish a dynasty, but to kindle in the souls of the Irish Christian truth, love, confidence and hope. Let us endeavor to realize the full import of his mission. His task was the enlightenment of a whole nation by Faith, without which there is no solid foundation for Hope, nor sufficient motive for Charity. The sonorous sounds of his vibrating voice spread through the land with magic force. As he unfolded to his hearers