

on the pinnacle of greatness, clasping in one hand, the American Eagle, symbolic of power and strength, and in the other the grand old Star Spangled Banner, hailed by every government under the sun, as:

The Pride of Nations!
The Promoter of Peace!
The Leader of the World!"

The toast to Soggarth Aroon was then proposed by Mr. McNeill in these terms:

"Of all the characteristics of the Irish people, their respect for their priest is one of the most predominant. It is a natural sequence of that faith which once implanted in their souls, neither centuries of suffering and persecution, nor the most alluring prospects of wealth, fame, glory have ever been able to extirpate. But if ours to-day is the privilege of gathering to sound the praises of Ireland and her patron saint, if ours to-day is the privilege of wearing "the kingly ermine of her faith," for whom shall the honor and the glory of all this be -- if not for the Irish Soggarth who, through the centuries that have gone has proved himself to be the real friend of his people, and whose unwavering devotion to his persecuted, down trodden Irish children won for him so large a share of their love and affection, as to impel this warm hearted people to crystallize in their own imperishable Celtic speech their grateful appreciation of his undying devotedness and attachment, by giving him a little to which no other language can furnish a parallel, whose wonderful expressiveness is its greatest charm -- that grand and glorious title -- soggarth aroon -- "dear friend of the soul."

To Soggarth Aroon then I ask you to drink a toast coupled with the name of Rev. Fr. Hammersley."

In his reply the latter spoke feelingly of the tender relations that have always existed between the Irish priest and his people, and concluded with a fervent tribute to the Irish Soggarth.

In toasting "Our Guests" the Chairman said:

"We have been honored by the presence here to-day of several of the most prominent citizens of Ottawa -- gentlemen holding high positions in both the Church and the State. On behalf the Irish students of the University I wish to thank these gentlemen for having accepted our invitation. I am afraid our youthful efforts could hardly have interested them very much, yet by honor-