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## SIR THOMAS GRATTAN ESMONDE.

THE RECENT visit of Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde to our College was the third occasion in little more than a year upon which we have been honored by the presence in our Academic Hall of a prom-

inent member of the Parnellite Party.

The first was when Justin Mc Carthy came on a lecturing tour through Canada and the United States; and the second when William O'Brien undertook to expose to liberty-loving America the atrocities perpetrated on the estates, and in the name of Canada's Governor-General.

Both these patriots were received with enthusiasm, and the reception tendered Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde was such as befitted his name and mission. Besides being one of the heroes in the fight now going on in the old land and possessing personal qualities of high merit, he is a direct descendant of Ireland's great orator, Henry Grattan. The knowledge of these facts guaranteed him a cordial welcome from the Irish on this side of the Atlantic, and the students of Ottawa University offered no exception to his triumphal tour of the past few weeks. On behalf of his fellow-students M. F. Fallon addressed him a few words of welcome, to which Sir Thomas feelingly replied.

Though not possessing as yet any tokens of lofty eloquence his language is clear, elegant, and forcible, and his manner and bearing pleasing, even fascinating. In speaking he is easy, graceful, natural and winning — having in a high degree that personal magnetism which exercises so powerful an influence over an audience, and this power he uses to the best advantage. He is eminently fitted to accomplish the mission upon which he was sent to this country — to show that the programme of the Irish National Party is not so base as it is pictured by the cable. The moderation of his language, and the calm unimpassioned manner in which he discussed the most enraging points of Salisbury's Co-