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# SPEECH

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— TO —

MEMBERS OF ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET  
IN THE WINDSOR HOTEL,

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MARCH 17th. 1914.

I esteem myself very favored in having the honor of being here with you to-night. I am on no political mission in this country; I am just returning rapidly, through this great land, home where I hope to take my place within a very few days in the ranks of the great party to which I have belonged for the last thirty-one years. But the chance which enables me to be here is a happy one since it gives me the privilege of witnessing the extraordinary devotion exhibited here to the cause of Irish nationality. Your welcome is not a personal one to myself, but I feel it and appreciate it all the more because I know you intend to show your esteem for, and confidence in, my colleagues of the Irish Nationalist party. As the only member of that party on this continent to-night I may say that the confidence of the Irish people throughout the world is well placed in the Irish national representatives to-day, because it is our boast to be able to say, without contradiction, that the National representation of Ireland organized thirty years ago by Mr. Parnell, has remained faithful to its trust, absolutely incorruptible, devoted at all times first, to the cause of Ireland and devoted also, to every good cause which needed support in the British Parliament until to-day, thank God, we are recognized at Westminster, not merely as the representatives of Ireland, but

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