

Lords and Gentlemen, I ask permission to avail myself of a very pleasing privilege that has been conferred upon me, the privilege of proposing the toast of the health of our Chairman of this evening, the Lord Chancellor. It is a very great pleasure to me to propose the toast of the Lord Chancellor. Lord Halsbury has always identified himself most closely, I understand, with everything that interested the Bench and Bar of this country, and I am quite certain that on no occasion was he more in sympathetic unison with the Bench and Bar than on this memorable occasion—I would say, this most auspicious occasion. I would ask to be permitted—I hope that you will not consider it intrusive—to say one word of welcome as an Irishman and an Irish Judge—to say one word of welcome, of hearty welcome, to the Bench and Bar of that great country to which the Irish race owe so much. But to return to my most pleasing duty, I think that everyone here, that every person, every member of this distinguished company, wishes my Lord Chancellor very many happy years of health and prolonged life, and a long enjoyment of that prominent distinction which he so worthily gained in the administration of justice and in the service of his country. My Lords and Gentlemen, I have great pleasure in proposing the toast of the Lord Chancellor.

The Hon. Chauncey M. Depew: My Lord Chancellor, your Excellency, my Lords and Gentlemen, I am not here with the expectation of making a speech, but I cannot let the evening close after the command of his Excellency, the American Ambassador, without cordially seconding the sentiment which has just been proposed to the presiding officer of the evening. I was especially interested in what Lord Justice Smith said in reference to American lawyers, that he had never met any of us. It occurred to me that possibly he might feel, as Daniel Webster did once when he had been Secretary of State, Foreign Minister as you call it, and was therefore absent for several years from his accustomed place in the Supreme Court of the United States. He said before commencing his argument when he again appeared before the Court,