

St. Patrick's Day Banquet.



ONCE again the Irish students of Ottawa University celebrated St. Patrick's Day in their usual manner. The annual St. Patrick's Day banquet took place in the students' refectory, which was beautifully decorated in green and white, while large portraits and flags hung on every side, and in the centre of the hall the silver trophies, the emblems of so many championships, were displayed.

The banquet took place on Thursday evening, March 16th, and more than one hundred guests, composed of the student body and a number of invited friends, sat down to a sumptuous feast which will long be remembered by those present. The banquet was this year superior to any of its predecessors. Much credit is due to those in charge as they worked zealously to make it a success.

A city orchestra supplied music throughout the evening, which was enjoyed by all. Master G. Freeland contributed to the musical part of the programme by the rendition of several Irish melodies on the harp.

Among the invited guests were His Grace Archbishop Gauthier, Canon Sloan, Rev. Father McGowan, Rev. Father Sherry, Rev. Father Dewe, Rev. Father Healy, Rev. Fathers Stanton, Collins, Kelly, Murphy, Maguire, Hon. Justice Anglin, Judge O'Connor, and Mr. E. Devlin, M.P.

After the guests had done justice to the dainty material part, the toastmaster, Mr. Alan C. Fleming, '11, arose and spoke as follows:

Once more the cycle of the year has brought round to us our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. This yearly banquet of ours, in which we are assisted to-day by the gracious presence of dignitaries of Church and State, cannot but awaken in our hearts sentiments of faith and patriotism; of faith because we are celebrating the festival of the Apostle of Ireland, and of patriotism because this is also the day which Irishmen have consecrated to the memory of her national heroes. It is, indeed, a striking testimonial to the character of the Irish, that they are thus able to unite the two noblest impulses of the human heart, religion and love of country, in one salvo of song and