

globe. In every village, town and hamlet we find the district school rearing aloft its glorious banner of the Stars and Stripes. Any lesson of patriotism, think you, in that? Aye! they breathe it in from their very cradles. No wonder then that they are ready to "do and die" for their country.

What have the results been? In a very short space of time this infantile country has produced a most illustrious race. By the artifices of man all nature has been forced to yield up her treasures. These great rough barriers she has thrown up on the face of our mighty land, have been torn down or bridged over by the wonderful ingenuity of man. Railroads, canals and artificial waterways have bound all parts of our country together and by this great internal system, industries have been propagated and social intercourse thoroughly established.

United States stands first in the commercial world, first in inventive powers, and first in electrical developement and she is largely accountable for the 20th century receiving the title of "The Electric Age."

Think of it gentlemen! it is of a comparatively new nation, I am speaking of one not even yet in the prime of vigor of her youth. What glorious possibilities await her! Surely the world is better for her coming! But, to whom shall we attribute her greatness? It is largely due to those sturdy Irish immigrants, who were driven by oppression, from their own dear island home, and who have brought with them those sterling qualities, which have placed them in the forefront of the nation, preeminent in every walk of life.

The United States stands, not the envy, but the admiration of the world! Her attitude is friendly to all and her sense of right and justice is unquestioned. All other nations are proud of her achievements and would gladly reach her the helping hand in her hour of need. Right here, your own dear country, this fair Canadian sister of ours, has ever been our warmest friend and kindest neighbor. Never before were our social relations so pleasant, our business interests so allied.

Is it any wonder then that Americans boast of this glorious heritage of ours? Is it surprising that her praises are sung from the rising to the setting of the sun? Humanity is her cry, and her watch word Liberty and Justice to all!

But this great country of ours is only at the foot of the great mound of fame. She is swiftly but surely scaling its rocky heights, and ere the world ceases to be, she will be seen, firmly established