

THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANQUET.

St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, and the members of the class of 1907 have taken part in their last student function. However, they have every reason to feel proud of their final effort for the annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet, held on Monday, March the 18th, under the direction of the Irish students of '07 and '08, was a most unqualified success in every particular. The taste displayed in the decorations, and the excellence of the menu, the music and the speeches, all contributed to make the Banquet of 1907 a worthy peer of its many predecessors. Mr. J. E. McNeill, '07 acted as Chairman, giving due honor to the occasion, and his remarks were concise, appropriate, and eloquent. After the wants of the inner man had been attended to in true student fashion, Mr. McNeill proposed the toast to "The Day" in the following terms:

"As the sun rose on that green isle across the sea yesterday morning, every Irishman hailed its beams with a joyous heart, for in every civilized land in the universe the sons of Erin were gathering to celebrate Ireland's national day, and to revere the name of him who first enkindled the fire of Christianity in the hearts of the Irish people. In perfect accord with this spontaneous movement, of Irishmen the world over, the Irish students of Ottawa University have come together to celebrate this great festival. Since away back in the "sixties" St. Patrick's Day has always been a day of rejoicing in the University, but perhaps on no former anniversary, have her students had as much cause to rejoice as to-day, for never since the days of the disestablishment if the Irish church have Irishmen celebrated a 17th of March which promised a brighter future to their native land than does the present one. Right and fitting is it then that, true to the tradition of those who have gone before us, we should celebrate the national day of Ireland, and as faithful sons of the Emerald Isle, I ask you, gentlemen, to join me in a toast to the Day we celebrate coupled with the name of Mr. Hatch."

The latter's response was as follows:

"The festival of St. Patrick has again returned and, in every portion of the globe, the feast of Erin's National Apostle is hailed with joy and exultation.

St. Patrick's Day, it is true, is Ireland's national holiday, but