

Parnell, another Protestant, had perfected it. (Loud cheers.) Parnell's name, he continued, would live forever in Irish hearts, for it was he who won for Ireland the sympathy of the world. He trusted that such men as Gladstone, McCarthy, O'Brien, and our own Edward Blake would make Ireland truly

"Grand, glorious and free;
First gem of the ocean,
And first flower of the sea."

About this stage of the proceedings, the chairman introduced to the assembled students, Rev. Dr. Conaty, of Worcester, and Rev. J. Conaty, of Springfield, who had just entered the hall with Dr. McGuckin. The introduction of Dr. Conaty was the signal for a most enthusiastic V-A-R, for this was his second visit to us on St. Patrick's day, and the boys always remember an orator such as he has shown himself to be. He arrived just in time for the toast of "The Neighboring Republic," to which, when the cheering had ceased, Mr. A. Burke rose to reply. He believed that though all the great nations of the world were sympathizing with Ireland at the present time, nowhere was this sympathy stronger than in his native land—America. And rightly so, he said, for America owed much to Ireland. Irishmen had played an important part in the two great American struggles—the war of the Revolution and the Civil war. The Irish, he said, were truly American, and were the main factors in building up the American nation. He pointed out that the greatest mission of the Irish in America was the spreading of Catholicism, and concluded by showing the many gains made by the Church in the great Republic. Dr. Conaty was then called for, and as usual everyone wanted more when at the end of fifteen minutes he resumed his seat. "This is a great treat" was the gist of many comments that came to the ears of the OWL representative. Father Conaty, of Springfield, was also requested to speak and though he told us that if we had known him we would not have called for him, yet he agreeably surprised us, for there was something we rather liked about the way he expressed himself.

Next came a toast never omitted at an Irish banquet, "The Irish Clergy." Rev.

W. Murphy was called for, and in a few words told the students of the faith and devotedness which had ever characterized the Irish priests. They were ever trusted by the Irish people, he said, simply because they had ever been true to the Irish people. He hoped, in conclusion, that in the days of Ireland's prosperity which seemed so close at hand, harmony and devotedness on the part of the Irish clergy and people would still continue.

"Sister Nationalities" was replied to by Messrs. L. Raymond and J. McDougal, for France and Scotland respectively. Mr. Raymond contended that there were many reasons why the French and Irish should be fast friends. One was because St. Patrick was a Frenchman, but as this was disputed he did not wish to prove his contention from it. The best reason why they should be friends was the fact of the material assistance which France had often given to Ireland, but more especially the fact that they were the two most intensely Catholic countries in the world. He then traced other similarities between the two peoples, showing that they differed only in language. "Non realiter" inquit, "sed accidentaliter distinguuntur." Responding for Scotland Mr. J. McDougal said several good things and said them well, as usual. Scotland, he maintained, should have a place on the toast-list of a St. Patrick's day banquet, because Scotchmen and Irishmen are of the same Celtic blood, their languages differ but little, their hopes and aspirations with regard to liberty and independence have always been the same, and in fine, because Scotchmen and Irishmen are at present fighting on the floor of the English House of Commons for the same great cause of Home Rule for Ireland. This is why on knowing such men as Gratton, O'Connell, and Parnell, we should pause for a moment and give some degree of praise to heroes like Wallace, Bruce, and Livingstone.

The chairman's proposal of "The University" called forth a hearty V-A-R., at the conclusion of which Mr. Jas. Murphy, who through untiring attention to class matter, to societies, and to the OWL, has become one of the best speakers among the students, rose to answer for his Alma Mater. The University for the student, he said, was a place of transition between