

sentiments of unquestioning devotion and reverential affection, so that they may be a solace and a support to him in the midst of his many tribulations, and that the closing period of the reign of this 'Tenth Pius may be illuminated with a vision of hope for the future, in which he will see his holy ideals perfected and all things "restored in Christ."

"CANADA."

In requesting the gathering to raise glasses to "Our Dominion," Mr. Unger said:—

"Whatever our love for Ireland may be, Canada first demands our allegiance. To her we are bound by the ties that should unite every good citizen to his country. Needless to say, we appreciate the many advantages she offers—her stable government, her magnificent climate, her inexhaustible natural wealth. To the past, present and future of the land of the Maple Leaf let us drink a toast to which Mr. Aubrey Maher will respond."

Mr. Maher replied as follows:—

"It is fortunately one of the characteristics of Canada that her sons are always ready and always proud to sing her praises. This loyalty of Canadians, and their spirit of contentment are unquestionable signs of the real condition of our country, signs which have made our fair Dominion known in every corner of the globe as a land of good government and prosperity.

"Canada has not a long history; she is still in her infancy. She cannot boast of her great army, or her powerful fleet, or of magnificent conquests in foreign lands. No! But she can at least say that whenever her sons have been called upon to defend her they have not been found wanting. She can recount stirring tales of the greatest bravery against the wily redskins in pioneer days, and she can point with a finger of pride to the heroes of 1812, and of the recent South African war, and say, "This is the stuff of which Canadians are made!"

"Long years of uninterrupted peace have enabled us to devote our energies almost exclusively to the development of our vast resources. In a very short space of time parts of our country which were hitherto unknown, such as the Klondike and Cobalt regions, have sprung into prominence as gold and silver fields, the like of which was never seen before. Our extensive forests are practically inexhaustible. Our fertile prairies, which but a few years ago were grazing fields for vast herds of buffaloes, now