

Mr. W. Egan was then called upon to contribute his part to the programme; this he did in a very able manner by singing "Ireland I Love Thee." When the outburst of appreciation had died away, the toastmaster rose and proposed the toast to the Irish Party in the following terms: The history of Ireland is a story of contrasts. The bright light shed by Irish learning and sanctity at the golden age of their prosperity was following by the black night of invasion and persecution, during which the nation was robbed of her richest treasures. Many thought that these were lost forever, but the struggle for their reacquisition was immediately undertaken by a few, and to-day victory is all but assured. To the noble band of patriots, who still continue the constitutional struggle for legislative equality, I ask you to drink a toast, to which is coupled the name of Mr. O'Halloran.

Mr. C. O'Halloran, '12, thus eulogized the Irish Party:—

The Irish Party.

An occasion such as this would not be fittingly celebrated if we failed to eulogize the notable success of the Irish Parliamentary Party in safeguarding and advancing the interests of Ireland, and in keeping the cause of Home Rule before the world. The Irish Party was founded by Charles Stewart Parnell in 1880, the same year in which the land league was organized by Michael Davitt.

Now, gentlemen, let me ask, is the Irish Parliamentary Party fulfilling the object for which it was organized? The answer comes re-echoing back over the broad Atlantic from the sea-girt shores of Ireland, from the widely scattered centres of population in the American Republic, from New Zealand and Australia beneath the Southern Cross, from Canso to Vancouver in our own Dominion, and that answer — representing the sentiments of the scattered Gael — is an unqualified and vigorous affirmative.

A few months ago the faculty and students of this University were favored with a visit from Mr. T. P. O'Connor, the well-known Irish Parliamentarian and Journalist. In the course of his reply to an address of welcome, Mr. O'Connor treated of the three foremost achievements of the Irish Party, to wit: Catholic Primary Schools in England, the Irish National University, and the abolition of landlordism.

During the last few years several bills were introduced into the British House of Commons, which if they had passed would have proved a staggering blow to Catholic Primary education in England. But the Irish Party, faithful to the religious and