

the fruits of the seeds which he sowed. let us not neglect to honor the one who sowed them.

To St. Patrick then, and to St. Patrick's Day, let us raise our glasses. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Harrington, who was summoned last night to the bedside of his sick mother, I will ask Mr. M. A. Gilligan to respond.

Mr. Gilligan did full credit to the occasion in the following words:

Each recurring Seventeenth of March brings with it a flood of memories, some joyful, some sad, but the one that is most deeply impressed in the minds of Irish-Catholics is the memory of St. Patrick. It is to do honor to their patron saint, who rescued them without the shedding of a single drop of blood from the bondage of paganism and brought them the blessings of the true religion, that Irishmen the world over engage in celebrations such as this which we are holding here tonight. Gentlemen, that is exactly the purpose for which we, children of Irish parents, true to the customs of our forefathers, are assembled on this occasion.

To form a just appreciation of the effects of St. Patrick's mission, we must consider, not only the good that he wrought to the Irish people and their descendants, but the good that has been wrought to many other peoples, in religion, in civilization, in culture, in learning, in the cause of true freedom, by the children of the great apostle, to the sublime influence of whose teaching they freely and gladly ascribe whatever of real worth they may have accomplished for themselves or for the rest of humanity.

Among the results of the world-wide beneficial influence exercised by Irishmen, is the attitude of friendliness and sympathy that has always been maintained by the nations towards Ireland. There is not one that owes us a grudge for a deed of wanton offence or aggression. It is well to remember that the centuries-old quarrel with England is bounded by English rule within the shores of Ireland and it is a quarrel for which Ireland is in no-wise to blame. Thus it is that by reason of these immemorial happy relations with other countries the people of so many lands and of such widely different nationalities join with their Irish friends in doing honor to St. Patrick's day. Tonight celebrations such as this are being held from the poles to the tropics, and although at each of these countless gatherings the scattered Gael will sing the glories of St. Patrick and of