

to the end of time its unwavering fidelity to the Bark of Peter, and that on the last day St. Patrick may find himself surrounded by countless myriads of his sons who have fought the good fight and have won the prize of eternal justice."

"THE POPE."

A toast to the Holy Father was next proposed as follows:—

"Irishmen are noted for their allegiance to God and to country. One of the chief characteristics of their intense religious spirit is their affectionate loyalty to the See of Peter. Hence it is with particular pleasure that on St. Patrick's Day they closely associate honor for their Patron Saint and for the Head of the Church. Hence I propose a toast to His Holiness Pius X, to which I ask Mr. A. L. Cameron to respond."

Mr. Cameron responded as follows:—

"Mr. Toastmaster:—

"Most fitting as it is that the Irish students of a Catholic university should gather here this evening to commemorate the glories and triumphs of that illustrious Saint whose name is engraved on the heart of every true Irishman, so also is it most appropriate that we should honor this banquet with a toast to the Supreme Head of the Catholic Church, for, since the day when Saint Patrick first carried the sacred tidings of the Gospel to Erin's shores, there has been nothing more remarkable in the history of the Irish people than their unswerving loyalty and their intimate affection for the Vicar of Christ.

"And well may we pay tribute to the present occupant of the Papal Throne. He is, indeed, a worthy successor of the distinguished prelates who have preceded him. Other pontiffs have been remarkable for their rare intellectual abilities, for their sanctity, and for the extraordinary manner in which they have fulfilled the arduous duties incumbent on their holy office, but, perhaps, the most characteristic trait of Pius X is his extreme simplicity and his tender solicitude for the suffering classes of humanity.

"As parish priest and as bishop, it was the poor, and the rich, and the afflicted who were his special care. He was always at their call. If they required sympathy they had a generous heart to whom they might confide their sorrow; if they were in financial difficulties he was ready to give anything to relieve them; and, when money or articles of clothing were no longer