

to the United States, they have consistently risen to the foremost positions in the industrial and intellectual life, and to-day the race can point with just pride to a son of Ireland, Jno. Redmond, as the greatest orator in the British Parliament; to another, Burke Cochrane, occupying a similar position in the American republic; to an Irish party the greatest body of parliamentarism in the world, —to a party that placed the cause of religious education for the children of the Catholics of England before their own greatest hope, national self-government.

It is but natural then, that with this love of learning innate in the Irish people, they should be affectionately attached to educational institutions. This is indeed true of our Alma Mater. For it they have ever had a most tender regard. Their generosity in contributing to the causes of education and religion has always been manifested towards Ottawa University. Generations of Irish students in the past have done their utmost to uphold in every way the honor of their Alma Mater. Among her graduates, scattered over every portion of Canada and the United States, the overwhelming majority are of Irish parentage. In the glorious days of Ottawa College football team, when it occupied the foremost position in Canadian sport, the Irish students were the mainstay of the team. Murphy and Gleeson, McGee and French, Callaghan and Clancy,—names that recall the days of football supremacy,—are but representative of a race whose many excellent qualities in every department of athletics have won many a championship for Ottawa University. And we should not forget the magnificent and generous support accorded by the Irish citizens of the capital, without whose material assistance and consistent encouragement, a football team would have been an impossibility. Nor should we lose sight of that loyal support and kind reception accorded by Irish supporters in other cities when the team had occasion to play away from home, and when, as anyone who has been a member of the team knows, encouragement and support were most required.

All this is tangible proof of the affection of the Irish people for Ottawa University. Consequently we may be sure that when a satisfactory solution of the difficulties which now face the University has been reached,—and we have the most absolute confidence that the wisdom and prudence of the present administration will find a satisfactory solution,—there need be no misgivings