

in that struggle which the Irish are making for justice. To the Stars and Stripes then I propose a toast, to which is coupled the name of Mr. Coughlan.

Mr. J. T. Coughlan, '13, responded thus to the toast to his native land:—

United States.

I felicitate myself on having the honor and pleasure of speaking in behalf of the land of my home, and, especially to-night, when that spellword "Ireland" re-echoes around the world, from the "pines of the poles to the palms of the tropics."

Every Irish American to-day appreciates the many things in common which have linked the history of Ireland with that of the Glorious Republic to your south.

American chronicles show that, as early as 1607, among the first English settlements, and notably that of Jamestown, many a colonist bore an Irish patronymie and owned the nationality of the Emerald Isle. Since those days, driven from their happy homes by man's inhumanity to man, they have followed the star of hope as the wise men of the East, sixteen hundred years before, followed the Star of Bethlehem, and as one led to the cradle of the world's Redeemer, so did the other lead to the cradle of human liberty, to the land where the law rests upon the rights of man, and the spirit of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man was to have recognition in the structure of the nation.

It is to the Irish race in America and the part it has borne in the upbuilding of the United States, the assertion of its independence, and the maintenance of its integrity that I purpose to refer.

To those individuals who indulge in the impression that the Irish race played but a minor part in the formation stages of the nation's history, I have but to say that the War of Independence, which had such a happy culmination, saw no more numerous or dauntless volunteers fighting in the colonial armies than the Irish troops, and, still later, when the Union was threatened with disruption by civil strife, the Irish regiments were foremost in every combat. Those illustrious names,—John Barry, Patrick Henry, Sullivan and Carroll are emblazoned on the walls of fame, and it is such deeds as theirs that are in consonance with the ambitions and feelings of the true Irish-American.

In the United States which has sheltered and welcomed them,