

throughout the whole world, and the crown of her ancient splendor, once more, is about to be placed on her head, as formerly when she was declared to be the "Lamp of the North."

We can readily understand, then, how each Irishman celebrates heart and soul, with fitting pomp and ceremony, the feast of the great St. Patrick, we can readily understand how the celebration of this festive day is naught else but the annual celebration of Ireland's triumph in religion.

Yes, Ireland's ancient honor and glory is coming back and she is about to reap the well earned reward of her well tried faith. Faith which she preserved in joy and in sorrow, and which she shall always preserve pure and immaculate.

Let us therefore, on this day rejoice, and let us above all be faithful to our traditions, and to the inheritance that our illustrious ancestors have handed down to us, and further, let us resolve ever to be loyal to our church, to our country and to the land of our forefathers, "Ireland, The Mary of the Nations'."

In proposing a toast to the Pope, Mr. McNeill said:

"We would be recreant to every principle that we hold most dear, and false to the purest glory of the land of our fathers, did we fail to emphasize to the fullest extent that as Irishman, one of the most precious memories which circles round "the Day We Celebrate", is that Faith which Patrick brought to Ireland almost 1500 years ago. Ireland is the single country of the world of which the gospel took possession without bloodshed. At his coming, Patrick found the country universally pagan; when he died, 60 years later, he left it universally Christian. And Ireland is the single land in all the world which has never swerved from the teaching of the first Apostle.

To Pius X, then, the venerable head of that holy religion for which our forefathers fought and died, I ask you to honor a toast to which Mr. W. H. Veilleux, will respond."

He replied:

"On this day, when the members of a race, famed in history for their profound spirit of catholicity, are joyfully celebrating the feast of him who brought to their shores the priceless boon of the christian religion, it is only natural that the hearts of that generous people should go out, in loyalty and in sympathy, to the great Pontiff who now occupies the throne of St. Peter.

It was one of his predecessors, the saintly Célestine that commissioned Patrick to bring to the Irish people that religion, which,