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Quando ullum invenient parem?*
HOR.

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CHAPTER I

LINEAGE.—EARLY YEARS, EDUCATION AT WESTMINSTER AND CHRIST CHURCH.

THERE have been many men of eminence, in the different walks of life, whose lives have been passed in the faithful discharge of important duties, but whose biographies need not be published in the interests of literature or of posterity. Their memories may have been fondly cherished by relations and friends, the traditions of their excellence may be piously preserved by descendants, the story of their lives even may have been written for private circulation; but those who are interested, if they are wise, are well contented, as a general rule, that the revered object of their affections should be allowed to rest in peace. There are reasons, sometimes, for digressing from this rule; and in the present instance the reasons will be understood by the reader who peruses this memoir.

No memory was more fondly cherished than that of Archbishop Markham; not only by descendants, but also by a host of friends and of the inheritors of their traditions. The last survivor among his children died nearly forty years ago. The Marchioness of Hertford, the last out of seventy grandchildren, died in 1904. The affectionate memories are fading; but they are preserved by recollections of conversations with people