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BY  
AN IRISH SENNACHY.

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"In this country there is happily no conventional barrier raised against the admission of a man of the people into the ranks of the aristocracy. Industry and good conduct, favoured by Providence, in the acquisition of wealth, may raise a poor man to a place among the rich landed gentry of the country, and another generation may see him not only in the *House of Lords*, but allied by blood to the highest families of the land. Therefore it is the true interest of the people to maintain those social and political institutions which are thus liberal towards them."—*Vicissitudes of Families*, Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King of Arms, 1st series, p. 44. London: Longman, Green, Longman, and Co., Paternoster Row. 1861.

"Most people appear to be content with mere traditional details of their lineage, without being at the pains to authenticate them by reference to proper records or regular genealogical authorities."—*Anderson on Genealogy and Surnames*, p. 5. Edinburgh: Wm. Ritchie, 18, Elder Street.

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DEDICATED TO SIR CHARLES BLUNT, BART., &c.

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*Farm Lodge, near Lurgan, Nov. 15, 1865.*

SIR CHARLES,—

In dedicating this Family Epitome to you, which was suggested, and indeed in part called for, by the Scotch "Chronicle," I would disclaim any intention of making you responsible for its statements.

A feeling of gratitude for that antiquarian research displayed by you, and a portion of which you have expended in elucidating many details of our "Family History," first led me to think of some attempt which should exhibit that feeling; and yet, when I think that you are in part descended from the same old stock, it may be thought that in your own person I am endeavouring to compass the reflection of a compliment.

You, I feel, will not confound my religious and political principles; and though as an Unitarian Christian I am *zealous* for my God, I am still loyal to my Queen, and *firmly* attached to that old order of things under which we have so long flourished as a family: while for ages my ancestors have been brought up in the Church of England, I am but a Reformer, that the Church of Britain may flourish on a basis more "BROAD," and that while a "*Reformed Liturgy*" enables us to meet in the same church for the common worship of Almighty God, we may yet on minor points of creed or discipline agree to differ.

I am, my dear Sir Charles,

Yours very obediently,

THE "IRISH SENNACHY."