

APPENDIX NOTES.

NOTE 1.—It is humanly impossible now, to understand or appreciate the Irishman's faith, without recalling these conditions of Ireland, at a period of which the details are less written in books than in the hearts of the Irish people. . . . Under the laws of a foreign dominance, no man might hold to his old faith and retain his estates. The estates, needless to say, went down in the balance. . . . The story is old, yet worth repeating, as significant of the strain of blood transmitted to men like Archbishop O'Brien, from a race of landless, homeless, persecuted men, who yet lived up to their highest faith, and so held an empire of which "every man's possessed that's worth his soul."

Among the O'Briens there was one weakling, lax in faith and patriotism, but worldly-wise, who yielded up his heritage of sovereignty for a paltry earldom from an English King, with the retention of his domain. And in Cromwell's time his descendant "Morrough of the Burnings," educated at the English Court, confirmed by cruel massacres of the Catholic Irish, the new title of these O'Briens to their old principality, and to the favour of the new rulers. Ireland had few