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SIR,—It has sometimes occurred to me that it would be interesting to ascertain how many of the Norman or Breton names which came in with the Conqueror could still be traced in their cradle of eight centuries ago. An instance of such continuance came under my notice recently. I met an intelligent Frenchman, who came from La Cote du Nord, in Brittany, and I availed myself of the opportunity to enquire if the name Gare-la-bête still existed; he at once replied in the affirmative, that he had known four of the name in his native province, about thirty leagues from the boundary of Normandy. Now these are the same stock as our Gabbetts, of Caherline, and other places, still seated in Ireland, etc. The name, also written Garbett,* has assumed its present form from the more graceful original as above, and the bête in question still flourishes on the shield as a griffin supporting a knightly banner. It comes home to us in Canada through the O'Briens of Shanty Bay (Lord Inchiquin): William Smith O'Brien, M.P., married Lucy Gabbett, whose first cousin Maria-Daly-Fortye Maunsell, was my wife's mother (Maunsell, of Thorpe Malsor, Landed Gentry,

*Hereford, now represented by the family of Walsham, Baronet.