

and Plantagenet Kings of England. In a future number we propose to show some particulars of this brilliant array of ancestry.

Scottish Adjective Names.

THE use of adjective names prevalent among the Highlanders of Scotland is a subject which should receive more attention than has been given to it by writers on names. The reason of the custom arises from the paucity of surnames in Scotland and from the very common repetition of christian names in the members of one family, the adjective names being neither christian name nor surname, but added for the purpose of distinguishing the individual. These names are principally of two classes, one personally descriptive of the individual and the other denoting some relationship or the like. For examples of such names we may refer to the genealogy of Maclean in *Ontarian Families* ii.-190, where most of the persons referred to are distinguished by adjective names. Of the latter class, denoting relationship, there are Lachlan Oig, or junior, and Lachlan Cattanach, or of Clan Chattan, so named as his mother was a Macintosh. Of the former class there are Ian Dubh or Black John, and Eachuinn Ruadh or Red Hector. These latter names often curiously and interestingly record some personal characteristic of the individual, as John Gorm Campbell, in the same genealogy, whose adjective name tells us that he had eyes so blue as to be a distinguishing mark. In reading a genealogy where such names occur we thus form some idea of the personal appearance of the individual. The mind at once pictures to itself some impression of one named Dhu or Dubh, the swarthy man, or Bain, the fair man.