

the Cornishman and Northumbrian without traceable racial connection, are both unmistakeably and evidently English. No difference of religion or ancestry can alter or affect the law that governs such matters, an unwritten and unformulated law as immutable and unchanging as that of gravitation. The influence of the land even extends to those that have resided in it and submitted to its attractive power, for St. Patrick, of Italian descent, born in Scotland and educated in France, died as true an Irishman as ever lived from the love in his heart for the land and its people.

The more modern history of Ireland extending over the past half century, is full of interest, especially to those that day by day, with ever increasing absorption watched the pages of its drama unfold. It, too, is not without deep sadness. Time and again the clouds have broken, and gleams of sunshine struggled through, only to be replaced by deeper gloom, till it seemed as though some malignant influence blighted every hope ere it could be realized. When everything seemed most full of promise, the Phoenix Park tragedy destroyed in one hour the labor of years, and although the Cavendish family, of which the Duke of Devonshire is