

nion, myself and all the rest of their children were strictly educated. My father was a native of the Barony of Forth, in the county of Wexford, and was, in the conventional language of the world, well to do, and very respectably connected. His relations were distributed through various parts of the counties of Wexford and Waterford, and consisted chiefly of mercantile men, opulent graziers, and thriving farmers. This, as far as social position is involved, was well enough: and to make up, as it were, for the want of heraldic honours, the family connexion was dignified by the incorporation of no less than two veritable Priests, and one Titular Bishop. One of the former was quite an original in his way; and as Lord Byron prided himself more upon his prowess as a swimmer, than upon his genius as a Poet, so Father Roche thought more of his physical performances, than he did of his theological attainments. He was, according to tradition, very much distinguished, not for his intellectuality, but for his agility, not for his acquaintance with canons and councils, but for his consummate ability in leaping, vaulting, wrestling, and other gymnastic exploits. The other was a good deal of the Churchman—one that stood by his order, and enjoyed considerable reputation as a preacher. The prelate—the Right Rev. Dr. Sterne Brock, was, I have

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