

element is very strong. On every hand you will find Scotch industry, Scotch surnames, Scotch customs, and Scotch idioms; but nowhere will you find any one making use of the term Scotch-Irish. They have all the bad taste to call themselves Irish.

According to you and Froude, the historian—who, by the way, hated Ireland and the Irish—we have to thank the Scotch-Irish immigrants of the 17th century for so many of our famous men, and one of the best strains of blood in American history. Some time ago you published an extract from the Forum, which said in part: "It is impossible to estimate the benefits which the coming of such qualities as these conferred upon a decaying and moribund population, such as existed in New England and other regions at the period when the Irish immigration set in, like a physiological gulf stream, to arrest the downward tendency."

A perusal of the entire article will make it clear that the Forum does not refer to the immigrants of the 17th century, but to those of the 18th and 19th. As regards Froude's Scotch-Irish immigrants of the 17th century, you will observe that the Forum says the population of New England and other regions was decaying and moribund at the time the Irish immigration commenced. You will also observe that, although numbers of these immigrants were undoubtedly of Scotch extraction, the Forum does not call them Scotch-Irish, but Irish; and I believe the Forum is a paper that generally knows whereof it speaks.

It is also more than probable that the majority of the men you mention in your

editorial were descendants of the Irish immigrants referred to by the Forum, and not of those remote Scotch-Irish immigrants that you and Mr. Froude set aside by. It seems to me that you are far more inclined to split hairs on the subject of descent than are the people of the Old Country. For instance, Lords Wolseley, Roberts and Kitchener are regarded as Irishmen over there, although their ancestors were English. One word more, in regard to your reference to Irish ignorance. Up to a comparatively recent date it was a crime for the majority of the Irish to be anything else but ignorant. The English government paid the same price for the head of a schoolmaster as it did for the head of a priest. Under changed conditions we are emerging from our enforced ignorance, and if traces of it still cling to us, you must blame our rulers, and not us. Before we enjoyed the blessings of English rule, long ago, when Ireland belonged to the Irish, we made quite a mark for ourselves as scholars, poets, historians and artists. Give us time, and we may regain our lost reputation. I will not dare to say that we have already done so, lest I should be again accused of Irish ignorance, or arrogance.

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The use of accepted words is not to be set aside through appeal to racial prejudice.

## NO SCOTCH-IRISH.

Of Anglo-Saxon, Either, Says This Correspondent.

PORTLAND, July 10.—(To the Editor.)—Even at the risk of another ebullition of "Irish ignorance," as you are pleased to call it, I must ask you to allow me to reply to your editorial in Sunday's issue, entitled "Scotch-Irish and Anglo-Saxon."

As I am one of the correspondents you referred to in such strong terms, I think I have a right to say something in reply.

To begin with, I deny having showed any racial prejudice in my letter. I admitted the existence of Scotch blood in Ireland. I did not sneer at the Scotch, but at the term Scotch-Irish I would take the same exception to the terms Anglo-Irish, or Norman-Irish, for the reason that while many of the Irish have Norman and English blood in their veins, they call themselves Irish, pure and simple.

My Irish ignorance may prevent me from extracting much information from history, but even an ignoramus may extract information from personal observation. The first 24 years of my life were spent in Ireland, half of that time between the provinces of Connaught, which is purely Celtic, and Leinster, which is largely settled with descendants of English and Norman families. The other half was spent in Ulster, where the Scotch