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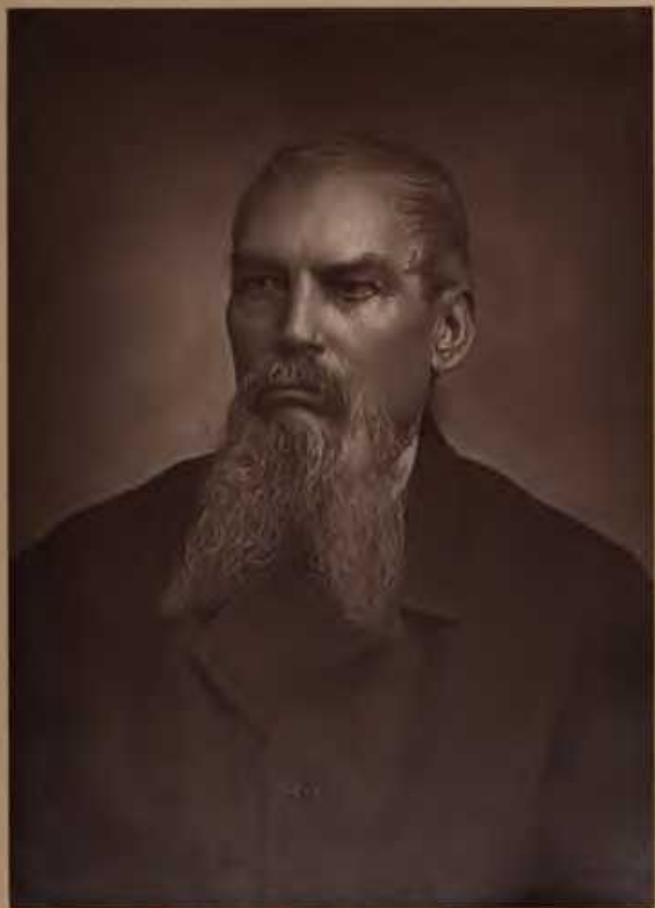
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"Wanted: Men,  
Not systems fit and wise,  
Not faiths with rigid eyes,  
Not wealth in mountain piles,  
Not power with gracious smiles,  
Not even the potent pan;  
Wanted: Men.

"Wanted: Deeds.  
Not words of winning note,  
Not thoughts from life remote,  
Not fond religious airs,  
Not sweetly languid prayers,  
Not love of scent and creeds;  
Wanted: Deeds.

"Men and Deeds.  
Men that can dare and do;  
Not longings for the new,  
Not pratings of the old;  
Good life and action bold—  
These the occasion needs,  
Men and Deeds."

—DUNCAN MACGREGOR.

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IN the foremost rank of the noble band of illustrious Explorers of which England is so justly proud, stands Captain Sir Richard Francis Burton, K.C.M.G., F.R.G.S., late of Her Majesty's Bombay Army (18th Native Infantry); Chief of Staff Irregular Osmanli Cavalry serving in the Crimea; Her Britannic Majesty's Consul for the West Coast of Africa; for Santos (São Paulo, Brazil); for Damascus, and now for Trieste, Austria, the celebrated Eastern traveller, author, and linguist; Gold Medallist of the English and French Royal Geographical Societies and Maitre d'Armes in France.

Richard Burton's grandfather was the Rev. Edward Burton, Rector of Tuam in Galway (who with his brother, Bishop Burton, of Tuam, were the first of this branch to settle in Ireland). They were two of the Burtons of Barker Hill, near Shap, Westmoreland, who own a common ancestor with the Burtons of Yorkshire, of Carlow, Northamptonshire, Lincolnshire, and Shropshire. Richard Burton's grandfather married Maria Margaretta Campbell, daughter, by a Lejeune, of Dr. John Campbell, LL.D., Vicar-General of Tuam. Their son was Richard Burton's father, Lieut.-Colonel Joseph

Netterville Burton, of the 36th Regiment, who married a Miss (Beckwith) Baker, of Nottinghamshire, a descendant, on her mother's side, of the Scotch Macgregors. The Lejeune above mentioned was related to the Montmorencys and Drelincourts, French Huguenots of the time of Louis XIV. (See Appendix A.) To this hangs a story which will be told by-and-bye. This Lejeune, whose name was Louis, is supposed to have been a son of Louis XIV. by the Huguenot Countess of Montmorency. He was secretly carried off to Ireland. His name was translated to Louis Young, and he eventually became a Doctor of Divinity. The morganatic marriage contract was asserted to have existed, but has disappeared. The Lady Primrose, who brought him to Ireland, was buried, by her own desire, with an iron casket in her hands, and it is supposed that some secret, or papers, may have been concealed in this way.

Richard Francis Burton was born on the 19th March, 1821, at Barham House, Herts.

His education as a traveller and linguist commenced in his fifth year, when he was taken to the Continent. Here, with the exception of a few months passed at the Rev. Mr. Delafosse's school (Richmond, Surrey), he continued, until the age of nineteen, travelling through France, Switzerland, Germany, and Italy, and thus acquiring a practical knowledge of modern European languages and fencing.

In 1840 he entered Trinity College, Oxford, where he remained until 1842. This is a curious reflection at school for any boy or any master, "What *will* become of the boy? Who will turn out well, who ill? who will distinguish himself, who remain in obscurity? who live, who die?" I am sure, although Burton was brilliant, rather wild, and very popular, none of us foresaw his future