

Her daughters are Louisa and Dorothy Mary. The mother of these ladies, Mrs. Louisa Ellen Wright Gowland, was born in Maryland, in 1819, presumably at "Wyoming," near Queenstown, once the home of her father, Gustavus W. T. Wright. She went out to Rio, at the early age of 14, with her uncle, Mr. W. H. DeC. Wright, and when 23 years of age married Mr. Gowland, a gentleman of high standing, whom she met in Monte Video, having gone there with her sister, Alphonsa Eloise (Mrs. Fiddes), to visit the American minister, Mr. Hamilton, and his wife. When 13 years of age, Mr. Gowland entered the house of John Jackson, a very wealthy merchant, and when 21 was taken in with him as a partner, and separated partnership about 1840. The two brothers, Edward and John Gowland, then did business together.

The father of these gentlemen, Mr. Thomas Gowland, was sent to South America by the English government to look after the effects left there by the English army after their evacuation of Monte Video in 1808. In 1812 Mr. Thomas Gowland took his family out to South America. The two eldest sons of Mr. Thomas Gowland settled in Buenos Ayres, where they amassed a fortune, and have left innumerable descendants, some of whom have married into the most prominent families of that city. The two youngest brothers settled in Monte Video. Mr. Thomas Gowland was a cousin of Sir Charles and Sir Edward Hamilton. This Sir Charles would have inherited the Marquisate of Abercorn, about 1813, had not an infant lived that was extremely delicate. The present Duchess of Abercorn has 101 living descendants. The following explains how the Gowlands and Hamiltons are connected: Two Misses Chamberlayne married, one a Roman Catholic gentleman, Gowland; the other a Baronet Hamilton, related to the Sir Charles Hamilton mentioned. The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn is a daughter of the Duke of Bedford. A description of the celebration of her 82nd birthday came out in the *Graphic* not long since, which brilliant family gathering will doubtless be read with interest by the North American relatives of the Gowland family.

#### "A FAMOUS GATHERING AT MONTAGUE HOUSE.

"Such a scene as was witnessed some days since at 'Montague House,' the town residence of the Duke of Buccleuch, was not only unique, but touching and impressive. On the occasion of the 82nd