

REFORM IN FUNERALS.

TOMFOULYER IN CALIFORNIA TO POINT A MORAL AND ADORN A TALE.

How the Reverend Oily Gammon Newman Earned His Fee—Some Sensible Comments Called Out by a Recent Remarkable Funeral Occasion.

From the Missouri Republican.

A funeral sermon, for which a fee of \$10.00 was paid to the orator, the Rev. Dr. Newman of New York, formal decorations consisting of many costly and needless equipments probably amounting to as much more, were the extraordinary features of the obsequies of Leland Stanford, Jr., in San Francisco not long ago. The utter absurdity...

Although so young, he was tall and graceful as some Apollo Belvidere, with classic features some masters would have chosen to chisel in marble or cast in bronze; with eyes soft and gentle as an angel's, yet dreamy as an eagle's; with hair, broad, white forehead, home of a radiant soul. He reminds us of the beautiful Joseph, "a godly person and well favored." Think of him as a rapid lecturer to the mature conversations of such men as Sir Joseph Hooker, Sir Wm. Jenner, Baron Rothschild, Dr. Schliemann, and General Grant. He was the reproduction of Christ among the doctors at the age of twelve. Our youth should read his biography, which is a rare and rare work, and more and more edifying than the creations of the imagination.

There is solemnity in death, and there is pathos in the taking away of the young and gifted, but both became almost grotesque when connected with the ostentatious and vulgar display of wealth and "fancy habillings" of a hired orator, who travesties grief by offering at his shrine a foolish and fulsome eulogy for the gratification of family pride.

It is such occurrences as this that illustrate more forcibly than anything else the moral and domestic decay of our civilization. Private fortunes that of late years have become a feature of our national progress, follies, because such vanity and wastefulness are entirely contrary to the true spirit of American society, and exhibit a corruption of social simplicity and dignity that must exercise a poisonous influence, and dangers because such acts inflame the resentments of the poor against the rich, and bring the owners of great wealth and the manner in which they expend their money into popular contempt.

The costly burial of the dead and the erection over their remains of magnificent monuments, which, though but their cost, will hardly last two generations, form a characteristic of modern times that is alike odious to common sense and the spirit of Christianity. A reform in this matter has long been a subject of discussion in England, and should also be instituted among ourselves.

But if change and economy be desirable in coffins, floral decorations, trappings of woe and monuments, how still more necessary is the reform in the matter of funeral addresses. Nothing can be more absurd than listening to a clergyman, often hired for the occasion, and, in the most of his address, making a long trip to the virtues of the deceased. If such things are endurable at all, surely the sacred precincts of the church or the home of the deceased, where the bereaved relatives have their grief augmented by an infinite variety of oratorical flourishes, is not the place for them. The marvel is that the clergy, who are generally gentlemen of education and taste, can be prevailed upon so often to lend themselves to a profession that so much interested to soothe with flattery "the dull cold or of death," as to fill the vanity of the living. True, genuine grief does not find expression in elaborate symbols and in the rounded periods of a professional orator. The people who bring about such features at the funerals of their friends, and who really discourage sympathy and refuse condolence. The ordinary words and good offices of friendship are thus compared with the pomp and herculean of the formal occasion, and the bereaved ones, having listened to an oration, there is nothing to be done but to leave them to their consoling harmony. To funeral flowers, and solemn and simple ceremonials, there can be no objection, and they should be cultivated and satisfying, without calling in other accessories. As in death we are equal, it would seem to be wise not to separate too widely the funeral of the rich from that of the poor, and the other classes of society. Those who can afford it may, with all reasonable economy, invest the sad occasion with grandeur, but this can be done without great expenditures and unnecessary pomp and circumstance. A reform in the costliness and extravagance of funerals would restore simplicity and dignity would prevent the annual waste of a large sum of money, and at the same time would be a declaration and testimony against the extravagant and ostentatious which are among the most serious evils of modern times.

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