

The Defeated Undertaker.

(New York Times.)

It was only a few days ago that the Times was called upon to mention the brilliant way in which a Kentucky minister, with an excess of silver-plated castors, punished an economical and mendacious elder. Far more brilliant was the victory which another minister has just obtained over a peculiarly formidable undertaker. The affair did not happen in the West, where, indeed, far too many things have latterly happened, but in a city situated not very far from Boston. One morning the minister received a call from a habitual undertaker, who desired to retain his services in connection with an approaching funeral. In his humblest and saddest manner, the undertaker explained that the minister's duties would be limited to a few remarks at the house deceased, and that he would not be required to follow the hearse to the grave. "There is no use," said this plausible person, "in imposing any strain upon your sympathies which can be avoided. As for myself I undertake purely out of sympathy for the afflicted and am ready to accompany the remains of our dear brother to their last resting-place, and so that the filling up is done in a gentle and considerate way. This is my duty, but so keenly do I suffer that I am unwilling that anyone else should unnecessarily share in the painful and final ceremonies." In conclusion, he added, that a carriage and pair of gloves would be sent to the minister prior to the funeral, and then, with a heavy sigh, he noiselessly withdrew.

When the hour of the funeral approached a pair of black cotton gloves were received at the parsonage, but no carriage made its appearance. At the last moment the minister hurried on foot to the house of mourning, where he was received as one who had wilfully delayed the funeral. Mindful of the undertaker's request, he performed a short service, and then returned home, feeling that he had done his whole duty, and resolving to say nothing to the undertaker in regard to his mistake as to the carriage.

In the course of a few days loud complaints of the minister's heartlessness in failing to be present at the grave reached his astonished ears. The mildest criticism upon his conduct was that he was too lazy to perform the whole duty; while there were not wanting hints that his delay in reaching the house on the morning of the funeral had suggested to several keen-eyed mourners the hypothesis of apple-jack. Like a straightforward man, he at once went to the chief mourner and explained that he had acted in strict accordance with the request of the undertaker, and that his tardy arrival at the funeral was due to the failure of the undertaker to send a carriage. His explanation was accepted, and he was informed that the mendacious undertaker had been foremost in charging him with neglecting his duty. An inspection of that person's bill was then made, and among the items were a charge of five dollars for kid gloves, and another charge for a carriage—all of which it was alleged had been furnished to the minister.

A determination—made strictly in a spirit of love—to "get square" with that undertaker immediately took possession of the minister's mind, and he hastened to put it into execution, so that the sun might not go down upon his wrath. Arming himself with his black cotton gloves, he sought the undertaker, and promising that he was, so to speak, rolling in gloves, expressed a desire to return them and secure their value in money. The undertaker, with a sad but affable smile, consented, remarking that he had another funeral nearly ready—provided the corpse did not recover—and could easily use the gloves on that occasion. Accordingly, the black cotton gloves were handed to him, and he produced twenty-five cents with which to pay for them, assuring the minister that they were worth precisely that sum. Then the good man, rising to the level of the occasion, and winking to the utmost extent consistent with his holy profession, remarked: "You are mistaken; your bill shows that these gloves cost five dollars." With a groan of anguish the wicked undertaker paid out the five dollars and withdrew to the inmost recesses of his shop, there to calm his mind with coffins and forget his humiliating defeat in the contemplation of hearse-plumes.

This is the first instance in which an undertaker has been signally defeated. Let us hope that the noble minister was only the pioneer of a revolt which will overthrow the undertaker's baneful despotism, and give to every minister the right of burying his private corpses according to the dictates of his own conscience and his personal purse.

Died.

At Lot 34, on the 1st inst., after three days illness, Daniel Carey, a native of King's Co., Ireland, aged 88 years. Funeral from his late residence on Sunday morning, the 3rd of February, at 10 a. m.

On Feb. 1st, 1878, after several weeks sickness, Thomas Dawson, Esq., aged 84 years. Funeral at 4 to 2 o'clock on Monday next, by train to the Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully requested to attend. (Pat-ent please copy.)

Charlottetown Cemetery Co.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Co., for the election of Directors and other business, will be held in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall on TUESDAY, the 5th day of February next, at seven o'clock in the evening. By order, F. W. HALES, Secretary. Ch'town, Jan. 28, 78.

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[By Telegraph to Reading Room and Daily Examiner.]

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LONDON, Feb. 1.

The Grand Duke Nicholas is at Adrianople. The Russian vanguard has occupied Bolaski, Haskioi, Demetza and Kerk Kilissa.

The Czarowitch crossed the Lom in force. The Turks are everywhere retreating upon their fortresses.

On Wednesday the Russians were at De-degatch and Feridje, and were reported to be advancing on Galipoli.

The credit debate is going on in the British Parliament. Mr. Forster moved an amendment to the Government proposition. Several members have spoken.

Some hopes are entertained of a European Conference, to meet at Vienna, to determine the conditions of peace between Russia and Turkey.

No objections to this plan of settlement have yet been raised by Russia.

The Chamber of Deputies at Bucharest are afraid that Russia is desirous of annexing a slice of Roumania to her dominions.

OBITUARY.—On referring to the death of Mrs. Aitken, wife of Wm. B. Aitken, Esq., which is recorded in another column, many of our readers will lament the death of a very amiable and christian lady, who was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of this town. The words of regret expressed by all who knew her, and the deep sympathy felt for her family, are far more eloquent than any words of ours. She was respected and admired by everybody, and the loss sustained by her bereaved husband and family is equally shared by a wide-spread circle of people in this community. The funeral procession yesterday, was the largest we have yet seen in this place.—Advertiser.

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