

Thomas Jordon

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Funeral Sermon --- Filial Obedience

On Saturday last, the remains of Thomas Jordon, Esq., an old and respected citizen of Washington, were accompanied to the Congressional Cemetery by a large concourse of citizens. The funeral services were conducted at his late residence by Rev. J.C. Smith, Pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, of which the deceased was one of the oldest members. In the course of an eloquent and appropriate discourse, the Rev. ... introduced a beautiful tribute to the Presbyterians of the north of Ireland, premising it with the assertion of a right to speak of Ireland and her sons, as he was himself the son of an Irishman. He then observed that filial affection and obedience to father and mother constitute a characteristic feature in the character of the Presbyterians of the north of Ireland; that this submission and Christian relation continues between parents and children while life lasts, and that it was pre-eminently exemplified in the family for which the deceased was the late head. The late gentleman regarded the absence of this feeling of obedience and submission to parental authority which prevails in our country as an alarming and perilous sign of the ... Insubordination in the domestic circle is the ...point them which our young men commence their career of crime, lawlessness and disgrace, but we had always believed and our own observation has convinced us we were right, such high authority to the ... notwithstanding, that the beautiful attribute which the Rev. ... portrayed, belongs to no particular sect or province in Ireland, but it forms one of the brightest jewels on the brow of the whole Irish nation. So at least say her historians and all intelligent travelers.

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The Late Thomas Jorden

"A.B." informs us that the Bible and Tract Society connected with the 5th Presbyterian church convened at 2-1/2 o'clock, p.m., yesterday (Sabbath) on which occasion an obituary address was delivered by John C. Mattison, Esq., on the late Thomas Jorden, who was a beloved member of the society. The speaker paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of the old man, who had spent a lifetime in the furtherance of the cause. Resolutions were adopted expressive of their regard for the deceased; and the society adjourned.