

(i) *Sepulcrum* :—

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VOSPER CRISTVM
NEMIHABALIQVOVIO
LENTIAMFIATETNESEPV
CRVMMMEVMVIOLETVR
DEPDIEVIIIDAVGVSTAS
ADELFIO V̄C̄ CONSS

(In *Mus. Lat.* ; De Rossi, n. 752.)

[Adjuro] *vos per Cristum* (Christum), *ne mihi ab aliquo violentiam* (violentia), *fiat et ne sepulcrum meum violetur*. *Depositus, die VII Idus Augustas, Adelfio* (Adelphio), *Viro Clarissimo, Consule*.

"I conjure you by Christ that no violence may be offered to me by any one, and that my sepulchre may not be violated. Buried on the seventh day before the Ides of August, in the Consulship of Adelphius, a most distinguished man," *i. e.* August 7th, 451 A. D.

Such *prayers and injunctions to respect the sanctity of the sepulchre are found in Pagan epitaphs : in both also the stronger form of imprecations is used. In a Heathen epitaph, we have *si quis violaverit ad inferos non recipiatur*; in a Christian, *male pereat, insepultus jaceat, non resurgat, cum Juda partem habeat, si quis sepulcrum hunc violaverit*.

Sometimes the anathema is resorted to, as in the following, found in the island of Salamis, and given by Kirchhoff, n. 9303 :

Οἶκος αἰώνιος Ἀγάθωνος ἀναγνώστου καὶ Εὐφημίας ἐν δυοῖν θήκαις ἰδίᾳ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν. Εἰ δέ τις τῶν ἰδίων ἢ ἑτερός τις τολμήσῃ σῶμα καταθέσθαι ἐν ταύτῃ παρὲς τῶν δύο ἡμῶν, λόγον δώσει τῷ θεῷ καὶ ἀνάθεμα ᾗτω μαρναθῶν. *i. e.*

"The everlasting dwelling of Agatho, a reader, and Euphemia, in two graves, one for each of us separately. If any one of our relatives or any one else shall presume to bury a body here, besides us two, may he give account to God and let him be anathema maranatha"

* In Henzen's n. 6371 there is a similar prayer. I subjoin the inscription, as it is in some respects peculiar :—*Alexander Augg. ser. fecit se vivo Marco filio dulcisimo, caputafricesi, qui deputabatur inter bestitores* (vestitores) *qui vixit annis XVIII mensibz VIII diebz V. Peto a vobis* (vobis) *fratres boni per unum Deum ne quis vii titulo molestet post mortem*. See Orelli, n. 2685.