

thereupon, and endowing the family with it, and the Washington honours, that men for ever hereafter may be provoked to contrast the qualities of the founder with those of his insignificant descendants, but to build there public colleges and schools, so as to teach the young, while sitting within sight of his grave, to imitate his great example.

Which of these two is the preferable mode of honouring the illustrious dead?

No traveller leaves Washington without seeing the President, so, like all the rest of the world, I determined upon a visit to the great man. "No need of an introduction, everybody goes that likes," said all the folks of whom I inquired. Having, then, ascertained the proper day and hour, I bent my steps to the White House, and had some difficulty in finding on which side the entrance lay, until a man, who was digging in the garden, showed me. I walked in, the doors being open, and in a passage met a plainly-dressed man, of whom I asked the way. He pointed with his finger, and I went onward, through three or four doors, open or ajar, until I came into a large room, where a number of people of both sexes were standing in groups, talking. I stood but for a moment, when a person came up and shook me by the hand. He had so little about him of that manner which some call the dignified, and others the consequential, according as they are pleased or not with it, that I at first thought he must be the "Padladeen" of the scene; that is to say, the master of the ceremonies, or introducer of some kind. But that I might not be wrong, I said, "Have I the honour of speaking to the Pre-