

death. They often add some sentences, which relate to his public or domestic virtues. Those whose fortunes will permit, have them erected at a great expence. The custom of mourning is strictly observed by all the sects except the Quakers. Among some societies, the father and mother put on mourning even for their infants.

As the burial of the dead among all civilized nations has been accounted one of the first duties of society, a duty so little respected during the revolutionary times of France, I thought it necessary to treat of it in a separate chapter. When it was written, France had no longer to deplore the imperfection of this part of her laws. But I think that the example of a people like the Americans, ought to add still more to our ceremonies.

almost Philadelphia in every respect merits the title of the first city of the United States. It is built on the right bank of the river Delaware, from whence, according to the plan of its founder, it ought to extend to the Schuylkill, which is ~~more than~~ ^{not more than} two miles distant; but the great advantages from the proximity of a navigable river have induced the people to build it in another direction. Consequently, instead of forming a perfect square of two miles, it extends three miles on the Delaware, while it is not built more than three quarters of a mile on the side of the Schuylkill. Thus the reservoir, which according to Mr. Penn's plan ought to have been placed in the centre of the city, to supply every part with water, is at a great distance from the western extremity. The building which incloses it is of a fine architecture, and agreeably terminates a street, opposite to which it is constructed. This street, which is ~~600~~ ²⁵⁰ feet wide, exclusive of the foot-ways, which are ten on each side, is one of the finest in the world. The markets are ~~100~~ ¹⁰⁰ fathoms in length, elegantly built, and superior to any I have ever seen in Europe. They are furnished daily with every delicacy which can be desired; and it is difficult to imagine what order and propriety prevail. I should not insist so much on this particular, if I were not conscious of its great importance to the health of a populous city.

Southern The street which divides the ~~eastern~~ ^{western} part of the city from the ~~western~~ ^{southern}, has occasioned the two parts to be called the Northern and Southern quarters. All the streets that cross it in the direction of the Delaware, are the first, second, third, &c. on the North or South. They are all parallel, regularly constructed, and ornamented with good foot-ways. The houses are of brick, and generally adorned with an elegant white stone, which the Americans call marble; but its grain is too coarse to merit that name.

Philadelphia contains about seventy thousand persons of all sects and religions; and there is no mode of worship in Europe