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SUBSEQUENT to the death of Lord Byron, a few incidents have occurred, connected with his name and character, which it may not be uninteresting or unimportant to notice, in a more connected manner than they have yet appeared. The subject treated of, almost ensures interest; and as to importance, a lesson may be easily gleaned from these scraps of the great bard's history, second to no biographical moral of the present century.

Let us for a moment revert to his obsequies, and enquire, at this common period for pageantry, what honour was paid him when dead, whom rank and genius had so dignified while living? We know that with the breath of life, enmity generally evaporates. Envy sees nothing which it would fain rob the pale corpse of, to apply to its own use—Hate is disarmed by the passive submission and silence of its victim—Rivalry, eager to earn a cheap character of benevolence is willing to do honour when the competition is closed for ever—Love and Friendship are strengthened, their object demands their commiseration and care, and is about leaving them never to return. At this period then for even officious sympathy, what attention was paid Byron's remains? We get the following as authentic on the subject:—

“Three plain carriages, without coronet or show, accompanied the poet's bier; and even of these one was occupied by the undertaker's men; a small band of literary men, Moore, Campbell, Rogers, and one or two others were in addition to Hobhouse, the only mourners.

“Their celebrity, however, compensated for the smallness of their numbers; they were worthy to accompany Byron on his last Journey; but at the first inn on the northern road, where you change horses, the poets abandoned the remains of their illustrious brother, to go to dine and sleep comfortably in town. From London to Newstead the body of Byron travelled without attendance, without a friend, save his faithful valet—it was abandoned to the mercenary care of those who are hired for such ceremonies. Hobhouse alone came to Nottingham by the coach; he arrived in time to see the remains of his friend united to those