

ORDER OF SERVICES
AT THE CONSECRATION OF
MOUNT VERNON CEMETERY,
IN ABINGTON, MAY 31, 1853.

I. MUSIC.

II. INVOCATION, REV. MR. WHITE.

III. READING SCRIPTURES, REV. J. W. WARD.

IV. HYMN, (*Montgomery*) REV. MR. GOLDSMITH.

(Tune, "Amity.")

"Friend after friend departs ;
Who hath not lost a friend ?
There is no union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end.
Were this frail world our only rest,
Living or dying, none were blest.

"There is a world above,
Where parting is unknown,—
A whole eternity of love

And blessedness alone ;
And faith beholds the dying here,
Translated to that happier sphere.

"Thus, star by star declines
Till all are passed away,
As morning light and higher shines
To pure and perfect day.
Nor sink those stars in empty night—
They hide themselves in heavens own light."

V. ADDRESS, BY REV. H. D. WALKER.

VI. PRAYER OF CONSECRATION, BY REV. N. GUNNISON.

VII. ORIGINAL HYMN, BY MRS. MARY A. LIVERMORE,

READ BY REV. JOSEPH PETTEE.

CONSECRATION HYMN.—OLD HUNDRED.

Hushed be awhile the sounds of earth,
Hushed be the din of work and care ;
Let thoughts of prayer have here their birth—
Let solemn song thrill now the air !

The last low dwelling of the dead
To hallow, we have gathered here ;
To consecrate the dreamless bed
Where ne'er invades a woe or fear.

Here shall we lay our dear ones down,
Whose pale, cold lips with tears we've prest :
And when our swift-winged years have flown,
Here shall they bear us to our rest.

Yet let no gloom pervade the spot—
Be banished hence all coward fear !
Be it with beauty wholly fraught,
For lo, the gate of Heaven is here !

Our Christ hath journeyed through the tomb,
And loveliness to death has given :
Now, light flows in to quench its gloom,
Through the wide-opened doors of Heaven !

Here, Nature, then thy gifts bestow,
With kindly and with lavish hand !
For we have learned the grave to know
As portal of the Heavenly Land !

VIII. BENEDICTION.

IX. MUSIC, BY ABINGTON BRASS BAND.