

**The Rev. Thos. S. GUYER**, Independent Minister, of Ryde, died on Thursday se'unnight. On application to the Minister of Binstead Church for his interment he decidedly refused, stating that he was a dissenter, and that he had been the cause of making many leave the Church, therefore he would not bury him. The undertaker was anxious to remove the reverend gentleman's prejudice, as Mr. GUYER had two children buried in the churchyard, and it was his wish to be buried by their side; but Mr. HEWITT said he had previously made up his mind on the subject, and should not do it; but that they might take up the bodies of the two children, and most liberally said he would not take any fees for that, which he was at liberty to do. This specimen of Christian charity has caused great excitement in the town among all classes both of Churchmen and Sissenters, as the deceased was universally beloved.—*Sun*

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**THE LATE REV. T. S. GUYER**

We omitted to notice last week, that, consequent upon the refusal of the Rev. Philip HEWITT to permit the remains of Mr. GUYER to be interred by the side of his two children in Binstead Church-yard, his deeply afflicted widow and family determined that his burial should be in his own Chapel, at the foot of his pulpit. Most persons will probably think, that this was the most appropriate spot.

The funeral took place yesterday se'unight (the 13<sup>th</sup>), amid a crowd of sorrowing friends, neighbours, and acquaintance.

It is not necessary to excite a deeper feeling of scorn and reprobation toward Mr. HEWITT than his own conduct has universally produced. It is felt by all classes as an exhibition of the worst feelings that can possess the human breast—that of an ignorant, stupid, relentless, unforgiving bigot.

Mr. GUYER was never a controversialist. He was ever content with toleration for the promulgation of his own religious convictions; leaving to the great teacher, Time, and the Providence of God, to correct the sinuous inconsistencies of others' religious belief and practice. We know in what aspect the spirit of Mr. GUYER would requite the conduct of Mr HEWITT—"Father, forgive him"—he knows not what he is doing.

The mere tyro in Church establishment matters knows, that Mr. HEWITT would not have refused interment in his Church-yard to the remains of the vilest criminal executed at the drop of the County Assizes; though his whole life had been stained by an uninterrupted course of profligacy. Upon a promise of the payment of fees, Mr. HEWITT would have stood at the grave's mouth of such an individual, and, imparting to the solemnity of the scene all the sacredness of his official costume, would have welcomed the worldly termination of his existence with—"We give thee hearty thanks, O God, that, among the spirits of those who are of 'thine elect', it hath pleased thee to deliver our 'dear brother' out of the miseries of this sinful world, in sure and certain hop of a resurrection to eternal life." We say, a criminal of the deepest dye, whose body may have been given up to friends, for private interment, Mr. HEWITT would have, at Binstead, or anywhere else, pronounced this solemn benediction. Indeed, he dare not refuse; if the individual had passed through the hands, in baptism, of what is (we may say) impudently called a Minister of the "Apostolical Succession."

The regret attending Mr. GUYER's death, and his earthly resting place, was rendered more poignant by a knowledge of the contrast between his pure, spotless, consistent, and useful life, and that of any other, who, though not forfeited to the laws of his country, may yet have been a disgrace to his kind, and a moral pestilence to every circle to which he may have moved; "the favor of regeneration," pronounced by the Priest upon infancy, at baptism, constituting then, the only reason for the difference! Surely such priestcraft must be dissipated ere long; it can never prevail, or co-exist, with the more extensive diffusion of religious knowledge.

Mr. GUYER died in the 57<sup>th</sup> year of his age. The funeral ceremony was conducted as follows:-- The procession of mourning friends preceded and followed the corpse from Mrs. GUYER's house to the Chapel. The coffin was then placed in front of the pulpit, so as to be viewed by the whole assembly. The Rev. E. GILES, of Newport, read from the holy scriptures, and offered prayer for the family of the deceased, and for

his bereaved church and congregation; a hymn was sung, and another prayer offered; the Rev. T. BINNEY then ascended the pulpit and delivered a most affectionate, evangelical, and impressive address; another hymn was sung, and the corpse was then committed to its final resting place. After the recitation of a third prayer, and the pronouncing of the benediction, the vast assembly was dismissed. The Rev. T. ADKINS preached the funeral sermon in the evening of the same day, which was in all respects appropriate, and worthy of the friendship that had uninterruptedly subsisted between him and his deceased brother whose virtues he eulogized.

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