

Clerical Offences.

The recent lapse, or to speak more correctly, re-lapse of the Rev. M. L. P. Thompson, D. D., of the Buffalo Presbytery, from virtue, furnishes another strong argument in favor of the substitution of a modicum of common sense and justice for the mistaken lenity which usually characterizes the proceedings of ecclesiastical bodies in their dealings with clerical offenders. Dr. Thompson at one time occupied the pulpit of the Second Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, where his eloquence and learning vindicated his right to stand in the place once filled by his predecessors, Lyman Beecher and Dr. Samuel Fisher. He was a man considerably advanced in years, a devoted student, a ripe scholar, and possessed of the divine gift of eloquence. His congregation idolized him and he won the respect of the entire population of Cincinnati. But with all his rare abilities and attainments, he was as Paul says, a man of like passions with other men, and allowed his lecherous instincts to rule and ruin him. The extent of his trespasses in Cincinnati will probably never be disclosed. It is enough to say that they became so flagrant that he was subjected to church discipline, and driven from the pulpit in disgrace. He professed penitence and, after a short probation, was restored to the church and ministry, and now we have the information that he has been convicted and condemned a second time for libidinous practices by the Buffalo Presbytery.

In our comments on these frequently occurring clerical irregularities we have used some severity of language, in the hope that we might impress upon the various churches the absolute necessity of a more stringent method of dealing with the men who disgrace the ministerial calling. Lenity is misplaced in such cases, and mercy, where guilt is shown, is mockery. We speak for the husbands, fathers and brothers whose wives, daughters and sisters are placed in the most intimate relations with the priests and preachers of the various churches, in demanding that those who abuse their holy office to minister to their lust shall be unsparingly exposed and denounced. In this we seek to express the public opinion upon a subject of the gravest importance. Society has a profound interest in the preservation of the personal purity of the clergy, and when we see a tendency on the part of the churches to cover up or palliate their flagrant vices, we would be false to our duty as journalists if we failed to sound the alarm. The recent cases of Robertson of Louisville, and Dr. Thompson at Jamestown, are signal illustrations of the outrageous folly of dealing tenderly with such scoundrels. Both of these men had been detected before, and with a full knowledge of the facts their churches gave them new license to practice their villainies. The man, be he minister or layman, who will undertake to defend the church authorities that lend encouragement to these wolves in sheep's clothing, has a very low estimate of the character of the sacred office of a Christian minister. — Missouri Democrat.

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