

with the dead. The moon shines peacefully o'er this lonely waste as in days gone by, but there is not even a "record" left of those who are sleeping beneath its changing shadow. Our hearts are grieved when we think of this beautiful old churchyard being desecrated. But the forms of those who were once loved and protected are beyond human reach. Not only are they lost to sight, but to "memory," too. The falling leaves of the two honored old oaks that remain, obeying nature's call at autumn time, may still mantle the quiet slumberers. The birds that yet nestle in their branches, chant sweet music to the memory of our noble ancestors. The wings of the holy angels may hover over them as they quietly sleep on their restful pillows. The "beautiful stars" may twinkle above them as the evening shadows gather. The "solemn rain" may tell them of sorrow they will never feel again. The south winds that sigh through the graceful branches of the two old oaks may speak to them of the sweetness of the air, the beautiful tints of the wild flowers, the gentle evening dews, the roadside near them, flushed with daisies. Beautiful, fragrant flowers may shed their perfume o'er them, the eglantine bloom near, in beauty and seclusion. Here let them wait, embalmed in wild flowers. Their virtues will be revealed in heaven. The skies are waiting to receive them. No sound can arouse them. Let them sleep on, "unhonored and unknown."

Part of the money to build old "Chester Church" was advanced by Mr. Richard Cook Tilghman, of the "Hermitage," another aristocratic home that cannot be surpassed in beauty of situation and old-time memories. The family grave-yard, which contains precious forms, is a beautiful spot and speaks of the antiquity of this lovely homestead.

Dr. Richard Tilghman and Mary, his wife, came to America in 1660, and settled at the "Hermitage," on Chester River. It is said that Dr. Tilghman was one of the petitioners to have justice done upon Charles L. He was descended from Richard Tilghman, of Holloway Court, Kent County, in England, who lived about the year 1400.

Dr. Richard Tilghman, the emigrant, came to this country in the ship Elizabeth and Mary, to settle upon a tract of land on Chester River, granted to him by Lord Baltimore in a patent dated January 17th, 1659, "Hanson's old Kent." Mr. Otho Holland Williams is the present proprietor of the "Hermitage." He was born