

Re: Mrs. Leopold (Theresa Littauer) Bamberger.
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Re: Obituary Editorial on Mrs. L. Bamberger - Denver World, 3/29/1888

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A NOBLE JEWESS DEAD

To honor the virtues of the dead is to render the best service of duty to the living.

Last Sunday afternoon a Jewish woman, once distinguished for her beauty, her wit, her social tact, her rare intellectual culture and for the noble graces of her heart, passed quietly from this life into the next at her modest home in Bonita Terrace, this city.

She was ^(Sic) Teressa, the beloved wife of Mr. Leopold Bamberger, and she died in the 59th year of her age. This lovely old couple of high-bred Jews came to Denver five years ago to be near their daughter who then resided here and they have made their home here since and gradually transferred the investment of an ample though modest fortune to this city till now. Mr. Bamberger has come to be a considerable holder of real estate in Denver. They were both people born to wealth, to intellectual surroundings and to high social consideration among their sect, and ~~thru~~ their married life has been one of remarkable levelness, piety and duty throughout.

Mr. Bamberger acquired his private fortune as an importing merchant in his native city, New York. Though engaged in trade, he has been a man of intellectual tastes, and in some special departments of learning has attained a rare scholarship. His wife, through whose death the gentle and scholarly old man sustains an immeasurable bereavement, was a meet companion of such a life.

She was a woman of noble presence, and a fine spirit, fortified by virtue, exalted by a great and liberal piety, and refined by every grace that adorns womanhood.

Gifted in her youth with beauty and wit, and possessing wealth, she became the social leader of her sect in New York and her house was for years one of the intellectual centers of the metropolis.

But though her mind was lively, her heart was always serious and she early devoted herself to a life of pious duty in which she brought her family to share fully. She gave herself up in her brilliant youth and while surrounded by all the allurements of wealth and all the opportunities which wealth affords, to selfless indulgences, to good works. Such was the force of her fine character that while yet almost a girl she was made life President of the Hebrew Ladies Relief Society of New York, and retained the important position for thirty years, resigning it only when she left her native city to make her home in Denver.

It is one of the noble traits of the Jews that they take care of their own poor and never allow their indigent to become a burden on public charity. In the dispensation of all the magnificent charities of the Jewish sect in New York, the building of hospitals for the aged, the relief of indigent immigrants, this noble woman who has passed away was a guiding spirit and a ministering angel. It is no mere figure of rhetoric to say that she was one of the mothers of Israel.

But she was a woman not less liberal in her piety than broad in her intellectual culture. She had travelled much in Europe and her home had become an interesting ~~ominum~~ gathery of objects of art collected with the fine discernment of a connoisseur.

Advanced in life when she came to Denver, she has cultivated the retirement of her home and devoted herself to the companionship of her new lonely and bereft husband. Not that her good works ceased, but they were practiced in a smaller field and neither she nor her gifted husband had become widely known ~~in~~ in Denver society beyond their own sect. But they were sufficiently known to be much esteemed for their lovely and honorable lives. Mr. Bamberger preached sometimes, and always with fervid piety and scholarly eloquence to the Jews of Denver at their tabernacle.

From a brilliant youth to a sweet and serene old age, this estimable man and woman have walked, hand in hand, lovely and beloved, strewing their path with blessings throughout and receiving the benedictions of the peer. The noble examples of their virtuous and useful lives, honors the name of Jew.

This, in the calendar of their sect, is the week of feast of the Passeever, and, it is characteristic of the woman who lies dead, that she had arranged to open her house to all the strangers of her sect within the gates of the city, who might desire to partake of the feast. But she was called up herself instead, suddenly, though not altogether unexpectedly, to partake henceforth of the feast of the righteous where the spirits of the just are made perfect and refreshed for time everlasting, at the table of the Lord.

She will be buried in New York from the home of her only son, Mr. Ira L. Bamberger, a distinguished lawyer. The body is now lying at the home of her bereaved husband, awaiting the arrival of her daughter from California, who will accompany the father east.

By whatever the Jews of Denver do to honor the memory of this noble daughter of Israel they will honor themselves and their religion.

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