

EARTH TO EARTH.—The well known artist, Mr. Seymour Haden, has recently written a letter to the *London Times*, on "Earth to Earth," in which he powerfully and eloquently advocates the burial of the dead in the earth, in proper soil, instead of resorting to the practice of cremation, as recommended last year by Sir Henry Thompson. Below, we give six propositions which he sets out for consideration, and we regret that space will not permit copious extracts from his indisputable truths.

"1. That the natural destination of all organized bodies that have lived, and that die, on the earth's surface, is the earth.

"2. That the evils which they (the Cremationists) would have us believe to be inseparable from the principle of interment are independent of that principle, and wholly of our own creation.

"3. That the source of these evils is to be found—not in the burial of the dead, but in the unreasoning sentiment which prompts us to keep them unburied as long as possible, and then to bury them in such a way that the earth can have no access to them.

"4. That the burial of the body supposes its resolution by the direct agency of the earth to which we commit it, and, again, that the earth is fully competent to effect that resolution.

"5. That to seek to prevent this beneficent agency by enclosing the dead in hermetically sealed coffins, brick graves, and vaults, is in the highest degree unphilosophical, since it does but engage us in a vain resistance to an inevitable dispensation, and since it has led us to accumulate in our midst a vast store of human remains in every stage and condition of decay.

"6. That the remedy for such evils is not in cremation, but in a sensible recognition of, and a timely submission to, a well-defined law of nature, and in legislative action to enforce the provisions of that law."

"NEW JOURNAL.—We welcome to our list of exchanges the SANITARY JOURNAL, published at Toronto, Ontario, and edited by Edward Playter, M.D. The JOURNAL presents a very neat appearance, its selections are well made, and its editorials exhibit an ability competent to the consideration of this important branch of science. We wish the new comer a long and vigorous life."—*Peninsular Journal of Medicine, Detroit.*

"THE SANITARY JOURNAL. Edward Playter, M.D., Editor, Toronto.

We have received several numbers of this new journal. * * It takes the right positions on the temperance and tobacco questions, as well as general reform. We wish for our contemporary a fair share of success, and trust that the people of Canada are sufficiently awake to their interests to give it the support which it well deserves."—*Health Reformer.*