

claiming to be of kindred or a friend to the deceased, and satisfying the proper authority thereof, shall require to have the body buried, or if such deceased person was a stranger or traveller who suddenly died ; but the dead body shall, in all such cases, be buried, and no body shall be surrendered until the physician requesting the same shall give to the board, by whose order the same is to be surrendered, the bond required by the twelfth section of the twenty-second chapter of the Revised Statutes.

"SECT. 3. The tenth and eleventh sections of the twenty-second chapter of the Revised Statutes, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage."

The Anatomy Bill passed in the session of our Legislature of 1843 would be much improved by the adoption of some of the provisions contained in the above.—*Eds. M. M. G.*

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS.

The following certificate has been signed by 120 highly respectable medical men in England. It is thought that it will yet be much more numerously signed, though it has been found very difficult, thus far, to draw up a paper which in *style, language and phrase* will suit all minds.

"We are of opinion that there is no principle of strength or nourishment for the human frame in alcohol, or generally in drinks of which it forms a part, such as ardent spirits, fermented wines, cider, ale, beer, porter, and others ; that any trifling portion of nourishment contained in the last three is greatly exceeded by that of barley water, porridge, or gruel, made from an equal quantity of grain ; that alcoholic beverages generate ultimate weakness instead of strength ; that alcohol never entirely assimilates with the corporeal system ; that intoxicating fluids are in no wise necessary to persons in ordinary health, nor are they required for any particular constitution : that the daily or habitual use of any portion of them (much more what has been generally, but erroneously, thought a moderate portion) is prejudicial to health ; that the excitement or cordial feeling they create is mere stimulation, which departs in a short time, and is unproductive of any element of strength ; and that, contrary to ordinary opinion, the health would be greatly promoted by their entire disuse as beverages."

We have read over the names and are perfectly acquainted with several of the individuals whose signatures appear at the foot of this certificate. But we would strongly suggest to them the propriety of inserting in a second edition of the above, after the words "porter and others," the following, nor should people at any time except under the authority of medical attendants make use of any *medicine*, compounded of *alcohol*, as *æther*, *laudanum*, or *spirits ammoniæ aromat* : We were informed some years ago by a most intelligent druggist living in our immediate neighbourhood, not many miles from St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, that his sales of the three above articles