the stroke has become fixed in the mind, the stroke of the bell begins to be anticipated, and is soon made to ring a fraction of a second before it really sounds. We hope in another issue to give some further results. These, however, will show how earnestly our mental processes are being studied from the side of physical science. All these researches have to do with the element of time ; and as time is the unescapable element of consciousness, a union is possible between physiological psychology and metaphysics.

CREMATION.—The practice of cremation seems to be growing in favor. In Paris a crematorium, to cost $40,000, is to be erected. In Italy there are over 34 cremation societies, the society in Milan taking the lead. The greatest objection to the present method is the danger of polluting the water supply and spreading disease germs. The greatest objection to cremation is the facility it would give for the concealment of crime; but this is met by enacting that in suspected cases an autopsy shall precede incineration. In Massachusetts the practice is taking root. Cremation has been legalized by the Legislature. The trustees of the Mount Auburn Cemetery have been considering the advisability of establishing a crematorium; but as the acts of incorporation provide for interment only, they will prepare depositories for the ashes of the cremated. The "ashes of our fathers" will be as sacred to us when preserved in a columbarium as when laid in the cold ground. As powerful as ever over the heart will be their memories when they "rule our spirit from *their urns.*"

MR. C. C. JAMES, B.A., who, since its inception, has been Editor of KOSMOS, was, at the beginning of this year, appointed to the chair of chemistry in the Agricultural College, Guelph, which chair was vacated by the death of the late Dr. Hare. Those who know Mr. James's abilities are not surprised at this appointment ; and while we congratulate him on his promotion, we likewise congratulate the Agricultural College on obtaining one so efficient to fill a chair so important. This adds another