

burial, and if it became more generally employed would be much less costly. At the Milan crematorium the charge made is only fifty francs, and where can one get a lot in a fashionable part of either of our Montreal cemeteries for an equivalent sum—ten dollars? The charge for cremation at the Boston crematorium is twelve dollars.

The only serious objection to cremation is the legal one; and to meet it, we must admit, is not easy. But it is not insuperable. Some system of preliminary examination would have to be devised, whereupon a sworn certificate could be given in every case of death. In cases of difficulty or doubt a *post-mortem* examination should be enforced. This might necessitate the appointment of a competent pathologist and chemist in connection with each crematorium. The ashes could be reserved for a certain time in every case, as it is stated that some of the mineral poisons are not destroyed during cremation.

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It will be remembered that, at the last meeting of the Provincial Medical Board, Dr. Lachapelle, a member of the Board and a professor in Laval University, repeated formally certain statements which had already appeared in one of the local papers. These statements were to the effect that, at the time of the written examination held by the Medical Faculty of Victoria College, certain of the examination papers had found their way into the possession of some of the students several days prior to the examination. *Prima facie* evidence that this had actually occurred was furnished by the fact that on the 28th March Dr. Lachapelle placed in the hands of Mr. H. R. Gray documents purporting to contain the questions which would be given at the final test. The examination having been held on the 31st of the same month, these and the actual papers were published side by side. Their similarity was unquestionable. The gravamen of the charge, moreover, lay in the fact that it was further stated that these papers had been furnished to students by professors. Dr. Lachapelle requested the Board to apply to the Legislature for a Royal Commission, averring that before such