

burial, and at the same time see an end of those hideous processions through the streets, and of the struggle of posthumous vanities for pre-eminence in the monumental monstrosities of our graveyards. The Egyptian was a thorough-going materialist and he embalmed the body : we are half materialists and prolong the process of corruption. If we could feel at all for our remains our feeling would surely lead us to desire that they should not slowly putrefy in a box, but that they should mingle again as speedily as possible with the universal frame.

—The debate about Jesuit morality goes on, but with little fruit. There is really nothing to be added to what Pascal has said, and no Protestant can speak with half so much force as the great Roman Catholic writer. That the Jesuits constructed an elastic casuistry for the consciences of the rich and powerful whom they desired to draw to their confessionals and subject to their influence is as certain as any fact in history. But they were sure not to profess immorality or fail to leave themselves loopholes of escape. If you want to fix them with the doctrine that 'the end justifies the means' look at the annals of their conduct, at the part they played in regard to the Catholic League, the Thirty Years' War, the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, the extermination of the Huguenots, the conspiracy of James II. against English liberty, the assassination of heretic princes, the Sonderbund and the Franco-German War, remembering that every act of a Jesuit is the act of the Order and must be in accordance with its Institutes and sanctioned by its head.

—We so far go with the advocates of a Single Tax as to hold that real estate is the best basis of municipal taxation. The apportionment may not be strictly just, but it is roughly so, and the values are capable of ascertainment. Alderman Hallam has put forth a strong plea for the abolition of exemp-