

their lots and improvements against such effacing and destroying influences. They know that they cannot always be on the spot to watch the beginning and progress of decay, and do not forget that their own personal care can, at the best, continue but a little while. It is still less to be expected that those who may come after them should do what they have failed to accomplish.

#### SHRUBBERY.

In the selection and placing of trees and large shrubs, good judgment and taste should prevail. A very beautiful effect may be produced by appropriately grouping trees; so arranging size, form and colour, that all will harmonize and contrast favorably with the surrounding shrubbery. If attention be not paid to these features, the most beautiful landscape will be marred, and common observation shows that such results in the transplanting of trees are often witnessed.

Discrimination should also be exercised in selecting smaller shrubbery and flowers, that they may be suitable to the purpose for which the grounds are set apart. To arrange a burial plot as one would plant a flower garden is, to say the least, in very questionable taste.

Care ought to be taken that too many flowers are not set out, and that the varieties and colours of such as are selected are appropriate; nothing coarse or incongruous with the object or place, should be chosen. Those which are delicate in size or colours should be preferred. Such as are simple and unobtrusive, and particularly those which are symbolical of freindship, affection and remembrance, seem most fitting to beautify the place of graves. But there is nothing so neat and clean, nothing so pleasing at all seasons, and to all eyes, as a closely shaven green sward.

