

will greatly counteract and long retard them, while those who shall see fit to take advantage of the suggestion for the preservation of monuments, may insure their integrity and beauty for ages to come. With the view of promoting this result the following regulations and suggestions are made.

ENCLOSURE OF LOTS.

Various modes have been adopted according to varying circumstances. Those which have been in use are, hedges, posts and chains, posts and bars, iron railings, and granite or marble copings. We will notice them in order :—

HEDGE ENCLOSURES.

These, although very beautiful under favoring circumstances, are objectionable in several respects :—

1. They are not suitable for lots which have much descent as the loose earth about the stems and roots is liable to be washed away by the heavy rains.
2. They are not suitable for small lots, as they occupy too much ground.
3. They obstruct the free circulation of the air, and thus retard the healthful growth of the grass in and around the lots, especially if, for the want of trimming and care, the plants are suffered to attain undue height.
4. They are perishable, and must be frequently renewed. Even in seasons of ordinary severity, solitary plants are often destroyed, which seriously impair the uniformity and beauty of the enclosure. But the almost total destruction of hedges in severe winters, has determined the Trustees that no lot sold in this cemetery shall be enclosed with them.

POSTS AND CHAINS.

This mode of enclosure is also objectionable. The chains are extremely liable to rust ; and as they do not bind the posts firmly together and are frequently used as seats and swings by children, they soon get out of place, and, of course, present an unsightly appearance. This style of enclosure is also prohibited.

POSTS AND BARS.

Enclosures of this kind are admitted only in certain isolated and public places, and if permitted to be erected, care should be taken that no posts should be used but such as are free from stratified formation. Quincy granite and also some kinds of sand-stone are exempt from this objection. The bars should be galvanized to prevent dislocation of the stone from the rust of the iron, and to avoid the necessity of having them frequently painted.