

the faithful. Just so long as it is quite convenient to the circumstances of the day will consecration last ; as soon as the ground in question becomes of value by the encroachments of the living, will the consecration be removed, the resting places of the dead rooted up, and the ground itself sold for the purposes of the living. If monuments have been placed by a former generation to mark the hallowed spot, these must in turn give place, there is no practical use in retaining them, even though they did cost, perhaps, the price of many a meal, which has been abstained from by the destitute, rather than that so sacred a duty as raising a monument to the memory of the departed should be omitted. These thoughts have been suggested by the very practical manner in which the two burial grounds in this city have been disposed of.

In the case of the old English burial ground, the property is situated in the heart of a populous district. It has been for over ninety years the burial place of protestant citizens of this City. In the year 1856, a By-Law was passed forbidding any further intramural interments and that ground was closed. In course of time, a Church of England Congregation, sought to secure the ground for the purpose of erecting thereon a free seat church, but so many conflicting elements existed in this connection, that the proposal was found to be impracticable. Subsequently an Act of Parliament was obtained, authorizing the sale of this property to the City, and a certain amount of money we believe was paid by the City to the Mount-Royal Cemetery Co., ostensibly for the purpose of removing all the bodies of the dead lying in that ground, and placing them in the Mount-Royal Cemetery. This has not been done, the required time has elapsed, and the City of Montreal has entered upon occupancy of the ground in question, all the monuments are being rooted up, destroyed and reduced to fragments, the ground is to be levelled and converted into a garden, and in due course of time, we will have fountains playing and other modern improvements, which certainly