

« At a Congress on the utilization of sewage, held at Leamington,
« (England), in October, 1866, Dr. Hawkesley, of London, read a
« paper on the "Dry Earth System."

« The deductions he drew, at the conclusion of his paper, were
« that the refuse organic matter from any human community is of
« immense amount, and of great value if well applied, but the source
« of great, varied, and increasing evils to the public health if ill
« applied, as well as a great drain on the resources of the wealth and
the food of the people; that the present mode of dealing with the
« sewage of towns fails to utilize it, but, on the other hand, so mixes
« it up with the great essentials of life—the air we breathe and the
« water we drink—as to lower the standard of vitality, produce much
« disease, and convey epidemic poisons in the most fatal and wide
« spread manner; that the present system is an error from the
« beginning to the end, and incapable of any satisfactory improve-
« ment; and that the method of employing agents for absorbing,
« deodorizing, and utilizing the matter, according as he had described
« and detailed it, affords a complete, practicable, and highly practical
« mode of accomplishing all the objects of the sewage system.»