

being rejected; burial immediately after death; interment in plain earth with total disuse of vaults and bricked graves, and rapid decomposition by means of heat, known as cremation. The positive improvements consisting of turning the dead body to useful purposes. One recent writer advocates the abstraction of fatty matters to be turned into soap, candles and glycerine, and the drying and pulverizing of the muscles and bone, so as to form a valuable manure resembling guano, rich in ammonia and phosphates. Another writer suggests that we should hand over all that is mortal of our departed relatives to the gas company, which would give us in return a *bon* for so much illuminating gas, which they would distil from it, keeping as their share of the profit the coke, ammonia and tar, with its endless possibilities of beautiful color. He terminates his article with the grim remark that it would then be possible for a beauty to appear at a ball, decked in hues from, and literally shining in the light of, her ancestors.

WESTERN HOSPITAL.

There is at present a large attendance at the out-door department on Mondays and Thursdays, when the gentlemen who are interested in studying the diseases of women have ample opportunities for practical work. Two members of the class are detailed each day to make examinations and record their observations, under the direction of the lecturer on Gynecology, Dr. Laphorn Smith. As the material is practically unlimited, their opportunities are only bounded by the time they care to devote to it.

In the in-door department the staff attend every day at 12 o'clock.

Dr. McConnell gives a practical clinic on diseases of the heart and lungs, every Monday at 11 o'clock.

IMPROVEMENTS IN PHARMACY.

At the invitation of Mr. Lawrence, of the Davis and Lawrence Manufacturing Company, a representative of the RECORD was lately shown over their extensive factory. This establishment is the outcome of the National Policy, as owing to the Protective Tariff manufacturers for the Canadian market are obliged to manufacture their goods in Canada. It may not be generally known to the physicians of Canada that Messrs. Wyeth & Bro. of Philadelphia now manufacture all of their pre-

parations in Montreal, and sell them in this market at the same prices as they get for them at home in the United States where competition is much greater. We understand that this firm were the pioneers, so to speak, in introducing to the medical world the new and elegant preparations which have almost done away with the old style of dispensing. Their compressed triturates, for instance, are exceedingly convenient for country practitioners and others who desire for various reasons to dispense their own medicines. Instead of having to laboriously weigh them out and do them up in powders, he has only to count out the desired number, all ready, accurately weighed and compressed into the form of a neat little tablet. As an instance of the saving of time which this effects, we might mention that having a prescription for a powder which we very often use, which requires the greatest care and exactness in putting up, we banded a small package of the ingredients to this establishment, and in a few minutes we received it back in the form of the proper number of tablets, each of the proper weight. The machinery by means of which this result is obtained is exceedingly ingenious, but would have to be seen to be properly appreciated. Each machine is presided over by a neat but demure little maiden, as bright and clean as the polished steel before her. There was one feature of this factory over which our reporter was especially eulogistic, and for which the firm cannot be too highly commended, the large amount of space allowed for each operator and the ample facilities for getting light and sunshine. This firm seems to understand that good work cannot be got out of people who are breathing bad air. The whole appearance of the place and the method of doing business reminded us forcibly of Squibb's celebrated establishment in Brooklyn.

Our space does not permit us to specify all their preparations, but the most important are the hypodermic tablets which no physician should be without, as they are always fresh and ready for use. Also the tablets of rhubarb and soda, bismuth and pepsine, and the old reliable five and ten grain Dover powders. In conclusion, we are informed by Mr. Lawrence that they will be glad to show any of the profession over their factory, as they feel sure that any such will leave feeling satisfied that everything is carried on with the sole object in view of obtaining accuracy, uniformity and perfection in manufacture.