

authors, divines, and statesmen; its security is approved by financiers and business men; and its benefits are daily realized by all classes.

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CREMATION.—At Dresden the technical solution only of the cremation question has been arrived at. Its legality has yet to receive authoritative sanction. The cases in which corpses were subjected to the process were purely experimental; but, now that science has vindicated cremation, the society for promulgating it, which includes many of the leading citizens of Dresden, has memorialized the authorities for permission to put the process in practice in a "Cremation Hall," specially built, and specially provided with a furnace. The request, it is thought, will be granted.

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CHOLERA.—Cholera has broken out in various parts of Ceylon. In Colombo and Galle especially the disease has violently attacked the population. In the former town 405 cases were reported in a short time, of which 288 proved fatal. The Cingalese are not distinguished for cleanliness, and it will require all the efforts of the European medical practitioners and authorities to subdue the outbreak.—*Lancet*.

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