

laws and the ceremonies of Nature, and to the interests and proprieties of civilization ; but there it is, and nothing short of the initiation of a Society of Incremators, like the recently formed Société de la Mort of Zurich, will produce any effect. If a few hundred men of notable character, ability, and respectability were to agree to commit their bodies to the flames after death, and make suitable arrangements, they might probably soon be imitated by many more thousands, and so the foul practice of committing a rotting body to the ground, there to poison the soil which it encumbers, would be replaced by the more reasonable and cleanly reduction of the body to ashes by the speedy agency of flame. Perhaps what Sir Henry Thompson has written may be the precursor of a plan of action. He has the ability, the courage, and the social influence, which fit him to lead the way in so useful a reform. If he succeeded, he would prepare for himself an earthly immortality.—*British Medical Journal.*

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## DEATH OF THE SIAMESE TWINS.

We observe in the telegraph reports from New York, dated 20th January, that the Siamese Twins died at their residence Greensboro, North Carolina, on the 17th of January instant. It appears that Chang was in ill health, being partially paralysed, and had for some time past, become addicted to drinking liquor, as a means of giving relief to his sufferings. As soon as it was discovered that he was dead, his brother Eng became very much excited and raved incoherently. This state was followed by what is reported as a deadly stupor, in which condition he died two hours after his brother. Was this from mental shock? We shall look with interest for a more full report, and keep our readers *au courant*.