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CREMATION AND BURIAL.

This is the subject of a lengthy paper by Dr. J. F. Adams in the last annual Report of the State Board of Health of Massachusetts; it is the subject of numerous articles in medical journals; in June, F. S. Hayden, F. R. C. S. E. addressed to the *London Times* his final and longest letter on the subject of disposing of the dead, and as the *Medical Times and Gazette* observes, certainly the fact that that journal devoted, at that season of the year, three full columns of its pages to Mr. Hayden's letter, is as strong proof as can be obtained of the wide spread interest taken in the subject; our contemporary, the *Canada Medical and Surgical Journal*, of Montreal, in the June number, contains an article on the same, strongly advocating cremation; and we have recently received a pamphlet on the "Disposal of the Dead," being the last of a series of lectures on "Hygiene and Public Health," delivered in Montreal, last winter, by Geo. H. Baynes, M. D. So that the wide spread interest may be said to be taking root in Canada, and a discussion of the question to be springing up.

We have not given the subject a great deal of attention, not regarding it as, at present, one of the most important matters connected with public health, but so far as we have been enabled to learn, we cannot think there is any necessity, either on sanitary or even economic grounds, for change in the present method of disposing of the dead; though there certainly appears to be a necessity for improvements, indeed for very radical reform, in the present manner of burial.