



prove but repetitions of what may be already fairly well known, the writer desires to call attention in as few words as possible to those portions of the work that may not be so well understood; viz., separate sewerage, and the apparent recovery of the soil after pollution. The former of these two subjects is better un-

derstood, perhaps, than the latter, although still imperfectly known in this country. The latter subject, so far as the writer's knowledge extends, has never been discussed in print before, and although isolated cases have been noticed where soil was recovered, to greater or less extent, yet it has apparently either been

