

foot of a raised grave, is placed in a spacious covered hall or temple, and records simply the fact that the person commemorated was re-committed to earth in those grounds. In a few months, indeed, no monument would indicate the remains of any dead. In that rapidly resolving soil the transformation of dust into dust is too perfect to leave a trace of residuum. The natural circle of transmutation is harmlessly completed and the economy of nature conserved."

Dr. Richardson concludes his very clever and highly interesting address as follows :

I know we are of one mind, that though the ideal we all of us hold be never reached during our lives, we shall continue to work successfully for its realization. Utopia itself is but another word for time, and some day the masses, who now heed us not, or smile incredulously at our proceedings, will awake to our conceptions. Then our knowledge, like light rapidly conveyed from one torch to another, will bury us in its brightness.

" By swift degrees the love of nature works
And warms the bosom, till at last, sublimed
To rapture and enthusiastic heat,
We feel the present Deity, and taste
The joy of God to see a happy world !"

While this admirable address tends to show to what a state of perfection a city might be brought, and, we may say, without very great difficulty, it yet appears to be incomplete, to be deficient in comprehensiveness, though probably as much so as the time and occasion permitted. While most prominence is properly given to the most potent causes of disease, as filth, defective drainage, etc., there are many other causes not provided against or touched upon. We can only mention two or three of these before concluding. Bad cookery is one, which might be easily enough overcome; intemperance in eating, more common probably on account of the " prohibition " as regards alcoholic beverages; the exercise of the unrestrained passions; over work and idleness; and the excitement arising from striving after wealth and position, are causes much more difficult to meet, but which would probably gradually become less potent in the model city so graphically depicted by Dr. Richardson.