

## CREMATION IN NEW ENGLAND.

Spray of Petroleum Produces a Temperature of 3,000 Degrees Fahrenheit.

When the stockholders of the Massachusetts Cremation Society met to hear the reports of officers and to review the second year of the society's existence, they will find that, contrary to the experience of most cremation societies, the second year of this one has been more successful than the first. In most societies the second year shows a falling off in the number of cremations, due to a flagging interest. After that the number of cremations has shown a steady increase. The Massachusetts society began the cremation of bodies Jan. 4, 1894, and in the first year eighty-seven bodies were thus disposed of, some of them having been held for cremation from the last months of the preceding year. This year eighty-five bodies have been cremated, an actual increase in number over last year of about ten.

Perhaps no more forcible argument has been made in favor of cremation as a mode of disposing of the bodies of the dead than the experience of the constructors who were engaged in the construction of the subway, who found it necessary to remove two or three hundred bodies along the Boylston street mail, and bury most of them together in trenches. The members of the society point to this fact as one of the most striking illustrations of the advantages of cremation. The growth of cremation has been slow, but it has been sure. The first crematory in this country was erected by Dr. Julius Le Moine in Washington, Pa., in 1875. In the first decade only thirty-six bodies were cremated; in the second decade 264 bodies.

With a few exceptions, the stockholders of the Massachusetts society who have died within the past two years have had their bodies cremated. Of the 174 cremations by the Massachusetts society, however, only a few were of bodies of stockholders. Looking over the list of those cremated within the past year, one finds that all ages and classes were represented, and that more men than women were cremated. Two or three well-known clergymen, among them the Rev. O. B. Frothingham, were cremated, and among others may be mentioned the son of Dr. Le Moine, who, as stated, was the first to start cremation in America. It is notable, also, that the body of one Catholic has thus been disposed of this year. Ten years ago a Papal edict pronounced against cremation, but two years ago the interdiction was removed, cremation now being sanctioned where the priest consents. Among the bodies cremated by the Massachusetts society were those of several persons who had died of contagious and malignant diseases. It is not necessary, under the method employed at the Forest Hills crematory, to take the bodies from the coffin, an advantage which can be plainly understood in the cases of persons who have died from contagious diseases.

Bodies have been sent to Boston for cremation from all parts of New England during the last year, and from points as far distant as Estport, Me., Truro, N. S., and New York city, although there is a crematory at the last-named place. All who have visited the crematory to see the process applied to bodies of their friends or relatives have gone away satisfied of the advantages of cremation.

The number of visitors at the Forest Hills crematory within the past year has been very large, and a committee from Milwaukee, where a large crematory is soon to be erected, recently visited the Boston institution and decided to adopt the method in use here. The Boston system differs from that of most other incinerators in that a spray of superheated petroleum is used, and a heat of 3,000 degrees can be secured. Under this system expensive coffins are unnecessary, and the body is not removed from the coffin, even if it is of lead, but goes directly into the retort. The crematory is always open for inspection, and on pleasant Sundays in summer has been visited by as many as 200 people in one day.

Reports of the financial officers to the stockholders will show that the organization is flourishing and has never had to borrow a dollar. The society has a small deficit, owing to incidental expenses, such as repairs, but the cost of running the crematory has been fully met, and the deficit will be made up by the sale of stock. The society has erected the walls of a chapel, which is to be a part of the completed crematory and hopes soon to sell enough stock to finish the building. It will take about \$10,000 to put on the roof and finish the inside of the chapel, and it is hoped this stock will be taken soon after the next annual meeting.—LX.

## Maine's Wealth in Forests.

The extent of the woods of Maine is a matter on which few people have any very clear idea. There are at the present time some 13,568,000 acres of forest in the State. These figures may not convey much to the ordinary mind, but the fact that one could take the States of Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Delaware and hide them away in the forests of Maine ought to give some idea of the immense size of the Maine woods. The assessed valuation of this forest is \$30,250,000, but there is no doubt that much of the magnificent water power of the State is due to the effect of the vast forests around the headwaters and sources of her mighty rivers. The value of Maine's forests is a thing that cannot be estimated, and the above value is based simply on the lumber and land—Argus.

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## DICTATOR AND YANKEE.

An Amusing Story of Guzman Blanco and a Hustler from the North.

A gentleman who went to Venezuela some years ago to secure a contract from the Government tells an interesting story of his experiences with Guzman Blanco, who was then the autocrat of that country. For three or four months he was kept dangling around the Casa Amarilla (the yellow house), in which the President resides, and finally told Guzman that he wanted a final answer. Guzman turned to him with some impatience and said:

"Come to my country house at Antimino at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning and we will close this matter up."

"I'll be on hand, your excellency," was the reply.

The next morning he was called at 4, galloped out to Antimino, and was at the Dictator's residence before the clock in the parish church struck 6. To his surprise he found twenty or thirty people waiting to be received, and some of them men of importance, while the President sat upon the porch sipping his coffee and reading the morning paper. It was considered a dreadful breach of etiquette to interrupt the great man when he was reading, and there was not a person in the entire company who dared do it. They simply stood around or sat by where he could see them and awaited his summons. But the Yankee marched boldly up to the porch, and said:

"Good morning, General."

Guzman Blanco looked up in surprise from his paper, but the Yankee, knowing his temper and peculiarities, did not wait for him to speak.

"In my country, General," he said, "it is not the custom for people to get up so early, but it is also a point of honor to meet an engagement promptly, and you see I am here on time."

"Have you had your coffee?" asked Guzman.

"Yes, sir; at the hotel a few minutes ago."

"I must have been miserable stuff. You ought to taste mine. I use none but what I grow on my own plantation, and always carry it with me, no matter to what part of the world I go, and ringing the bell he ordered a cup of coffee and a roll for his caller.

But the latter did not propose to waste time, and immediately said: "You did me the honor to say yesterday that you would close up that matter at our interview this morning, and I have come prepared to do so."

"I wish my people were as prompt as you. Our great fault as a nation is procrastination. If we were as energetic as your countrymen Venezuelans would be a richer and more productive nation," and with that they went into business.

For an hour the details of the concession were discussed, and, being agreed upon, the President dictated to his stenographer the terms of the contract. Then turning to his guest he said:

"My secretary will write this out and to-morrow we will sign it."

"I would prefer to have the document signed now," was the Yankee's reply. "You have just said that the fault of your people was procrastination, and I propose that we avoid it this morning."

The secretary looked up in amazement. He had seen men sent to the calaboose for less, and evidently expected that the Dictator would call a policeman to take the Yankee in charge. Guzman was a little angry at first, but, seeing that his guest was not abashed, smiled and said:

"That is a neat way of applying my philosophy to your own interest. We will wait until the document is written and sign it here."

Handing a cigar to the Yankee he lit one himself and sat down for a chat while the secretary was writing. In a moment or two the Director-General of Police tapped at the door and said that he wanted to see the President concerning a matter that required his instant attention.

"You will have to wait until I am through with this Yankee," was the Dictator's reply; "he is teaching me the way they do business in the United States."—Chicago Record.

## Loved the Colored man.

The peculiar case of a young woman trying to prove that she has negro blood in her veins will come up this week in court in Muncie, Ind. The young woman is the daughter of a prosperous white farmer in that place, and there has never been any suggestion that she was other than of pure white blood, and there is said not to be the slightest ground for her claim now. But she fell in love with a full-blooded negro, and was married to him by a colored minister last week. It is unlawful in Indiana for white people and colored people to intermarry, and the couple were arrested and for unlawful marriage. The girl declares she is of colored blood, and will try to prove her allegation in order to keep her husband, and to keep him and herself out of jail. She is a decided blonde and of attractive face and manners.

## Some Worms Are Curious.

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