

the body of a child under twelve years of age, when it shall not be less than three feet below that level.

6. That the whole surface of the cemetery not occupied by buildings, monuments, roads, or foot-paths, shall be covered with soil on which a living vegetation shall be maintained.

*Arthur Helps.*

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 16th day of *May*, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the twentieth and twenty-first years of Her Majesty's reign, intitled "An Act to amend the Burial Acts," it is enacted that it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order made by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, on the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, from time to time to establish such regulations as to Her Majesty may seem proper for the protection of the public health, and for the maintenance of public decency, in respect of all burials in common graves in any cemeteries named in Schedule (B.) to the Act fifteenth and sixteenth Victoria, chapter eighty-five, and in respect of the like burials in any cemetery established under the authority of any Local Act of Parliament; and that every such Order in Council shall be published in the London Gazette; and that all persons having the care of such cemeteries and burial-grounds and places shall conform to and obey such regulations; and that any such person who shall violate or wilfully neglect to observe any such regulations, shall on summary conviction thereof before two justices of the peace, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding ten pounds: Provided always, that no such representation shall be made in relation to any cemetery or burial-ground until ten days' previous notice in writing of the intention to make such representation shall have been given to the person, or one of the persons having the control or care of such cemetery or burial-ground:

And whereas the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Manager of the Great Northern Cemetery at Colney Hatch, ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has made a representation stating that he is of opinion that, for the protection of the public health and for the maintenance of public decency, the Regulations hereinafter contained should be established with respect to all burials in common graves, in the Great Northern Cemetery at Colney Hatch;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the following Regulations be established in respect of burials in the GREAT NORTHERN CEMETERY, AT COLNEY HATCH; viz:

That in common graves therein, no coffin be buried within one foot of another coffin, and that every coffin be forthwith covered with soil a foot thick, which soil shall not be again disturbed,—such soil, if of clay, to be carefully rammed down; that no coffin be buried at a less depth than four feet below the general level of the ground, unless it contain the

body of a child less than twelve years of age, when it shall not be less than three feet below such level; and that the surface of each common grave shall, when filled, be turfed, and never again be opened.

*Arthur Helps.*

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 16th day of *May*, 1871.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intitled "An Act to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England, beyond the limits of the Metropolis, and to amend the Act concerning the burial of the dead in the Metropolis," it is enacted that, in case it appears to Her Majesty in Council, upon the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that for the protection of the public health, the opening of any new burial-ground in any city or town, or within any other limits, save with the previous approval of one of such Secretaries of State, should be prohibited, or that burials in any city or town, or within any other limits, or in any burial-ground or places of burial, should be wholly discontinued, or should be discontinued subject to any exception or qualification, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that no new burial-ground shall be opened in any city or town, or within such limits, without such previous approval, or (as the case may require), that after a time mentioned in the Order, burials in such city or town, or within such limits, or in such burial-grounds or places of burial, shall be discontinued wholly, or subject to any exceptions or qualifications mentioned in such Order, and so from time to time, as circumstances may require; provided always, that notice of such representation, and of the time when it shall please Her Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by the Privy Council, shall be published in the London Gazette, and shall be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some other conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation, one month before such representation is so considered; provided also that no such representation shall be made in relation to the burial-ground of any parish until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation shall have been given to the Incumbent and Vestry Clerk or Churchwardens of such parish;

And whereas the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbents and the Churchwardens of the parishes hereinafter mentioned, ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, has made a representation stating that, for the protection of the public health, no new burial-ground should be opened in the undermentioned parishes without the previous consent of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials should be discontinued in them, with the modifications hereinafter specified:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the twenty-fourth day of March last, to give notice of such representation,