

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 17th March 1860

THE CEMETERY IN DANGER

It will be remembered that, after the discussion on the cemetery schemes, a committee was appointed to carry out the decision of the board. On Tuesday last, at the meeting of the Board, it was very properly asked what steps had been taken to carry out the measure. Perhaps are readers will be surprised to hear that but very little has been attempted, and perhaps they will feel a little indignant at the language used by Mr. GABELL, who in the absence of his two leaders, Messrs. THURLOW and FUTCHER, was the principle speaker on the occasion. That gentlemen said that he should do all in his power to prevent the enlargement of the present ground, and also that, to oppose the scheme, he would buy a house which stands near the ground for the very purpose, if necessary. It appears to us that such a course as that taken by Mr. GABELL is highly reprehensible, to say the least of it: for if he intended still to oppose this measure, a very much more honourable course would have been to retire from the committee, and then if he had bought a dozen houses his case would have been clear and above board. As it is he will merit the sneers of the people whom he sometimes professes to serve, and whenever his term of office shall expire, it will be advisable for him to follow the example of the Commissioner COLENUTT, and retire from a contest in which he is sure to be beaten. The appointment of another committee must follow next week by the new Board, when they are all appointed for the ensuing year, and it is more than likely that Mr. Commissioner GABELL may be forced into a position which, had he himself chosen, would have been honourable.

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