

THE OBSERVATORY—A MAUSOLEUM.

The observatory, which had been the delight of the philosopher in his lifetime, was desired by him to be his mausoleum after his death. A plain slab of marble, inscribed only with his name, the time of decease, and age, was placed above it. The service took place in the garden at the observatory. The Rev. Ashbel Green, of the Second Presbyterian Church, made an address on the occasion. When first erected the situation of the observatory was not ineligible; the ground in the neighborhood of Arch and Seventh Streets was mostly vacant. The Rittenhouse lot was of generous width, and if the progress of improvement in the neighborhood could have been restrained the usefulness of the structure would not have been interfered with. But large buildings began to be erected on Arch Street, so that the observatory was hemmed in, and the unobstructed view of the heavens necessary for scientific observation was shut out. When the family sold the property the observatory was taken down, and, of necessity, the remains of Rittenhouse were removed. They were placed in the graveyard of the Third Presbyterian ("Old Pine Street") Church. From said graveyard the remains of David Rittenhouse were removed again, on January 18, 1878, and reinterred in lot, west part of 61 and east part of 62, Section P, in North Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia, where we hope they may rest unmolested for ever.

TROUBLE COMES—THE CASE OF THE SLOOP "ACTIVE."

After the death of Mrs. Rittenhouse (October, 1799), Mrs. Elizabeth Sargeant continued to reside in the house at the corner of Seventh Street, while her sister, Mrs. Esther Waters, occupied the adjoining dwelling house on Seventh Street, on the north end of the lot. The properties were not separated otherwise, the garden space being open for the use of both families. Around this corner, in the year 1809, were posted State troops, who bivouacked in the streets and kept