from Vancouvers narrative, that some great epidemic had recently passed through the country as manifested by the quantity of human remains uncared for, and exposed at the time of his visit and probably the Indians being afraid of contagion, had burned a house in which the inhabitants had perished with the dead in it. This is frequently done: They almost invariably remove from any place where sickness has prevailed, generally destroying the house also. At Semiahmoo Mr. Whidby one of Vancouvers officers noticed several sepulchres, formed exactly like a sentry box. Some of them were open, and contained the skeletons of many young children, tied up in baskets The smaller bones of adults were likewise noticed, but no one of the limb bones could be found, which, he says, gave rise to an opinion that these, by the living inhabitants of the neighborhood were appropriated to useful purposes, such as pointing their arrows, spears or other weapons. It is hardly necessary to say that such a practice is altogether foreign to Indian character The bones of the adults had probably been removed and buried elsewhere. The corpses of children are variously disposed of, sometimes by suspending them, at others by placing in the hollows of trees. A cemetery devoted to infants is however an unusual occurrence. In case of chiefs or men of note, much pomp was observed in the accompaniments of the