

THE case of Mary Boyd, upon whose remains an inquest was held in the Lunatic Asylum some weeks ago has since been the subject of discussion in an evening paper. Dr Campbell whose conduct was impugned by an ignorant jury, acting under the prompting of a ring of doctors of a rival school has defended himself with great spirit and ability so effectually in fact that the journal which admitted the attack upon him, was afraid to publish his closing and most crushing reply. Dr Campbell, has, therefore published the documents, evidence editorials and letters, *pro* and *con*, in a pamphlet which he will send to all the medical men in the Province, and all the newspapers, that they may judge of the merits of the case and which will also be for sale at the periodical shops for a low price. We have been favored with an early copy of this publication, and it confirms our formerly expressed opinion that the charges against Dr Campbell were trumped up against him by medical rivals, and would never have been heard of had he not been a practitioner of a new School. The case is really not fit for discussion in a newspaper, and it fortunately can be disposed of in a very few sentences so far as we are concerned.

A charge of abortion has been insinuated rather than urged against Dr Campbell by his more unscrupulous opponents. The medical men examined at the inquest proved that the condition of the girl was utterly inconsistent with the allegation that she was

or had been *enante* and the supposition that an old experienced physician like Dr. Campbell had attempted an act impossible of performance and for which no cause existed is too absurd for belief. Equally absurd is the supposition that a father, upon being informed by a servant in his house that she had formed improper relations towards a son of 17, two years younger than herself would, if he believed her story true, and not a delusion resulting from mania have kept her in his house. He would unquestionably have turned her out and made an end of the matter. The girl was insane, her allegation was a delusion, and Dr Campbell with the kindness which forms a conspicuous part of his character endeavored to cure her, called in two or three medical men to assist, sent for her clergyman, did everything in short, which humanity could suggest towards a faithful servant, as he supposed, temporarily deprived of reason. As to the use of the galvanic battery by Dr Campbell his accusing rivals think he was wrong. Dr Campbell backs up his views by authorities. The non-medical public can hardly form an opinion on the subject. It is a matter for doctors entirely. But he must be an extraordinary fool who decides as the Coroner's Jury did, that because Dr Richardson and Dr Berryman said galvanism ought not to have been used, Dr Campbell's treatment was wrong. The *odium theologicum* is mildness itself compared with the spirit which animates some of our medicos when hunting down a rival.

We trust that Provincial journalists who came to a hasty conclusion on this case on the garbled evidence supplied by the Coroner, will read Dr Campbell's pamphlet and do him justice in the premises.—*Toronto Daily Globe*, June 5th, 1868.

NOTE—No one in Canada requires to be told that these comments are made by the two leading papers of the Dominion. Of opposite political views, they are alike distinguished for impartiality and the eminent ability with which they are conducted.