

Mr. P. G. McKenzie, sworn : Has heard the statements of the other medical men present ; Dr. Durquand's treatment was most proper for a punctured wound ; witness is a licentiate ; does not consider Mr. Scott's treatment proper ; would certainly have dilated the wound on the second day, or as soon as symptoms of irritable fever appeared.

The testimony was then closed, and Dr. Turquand read an extract from Gibson's Surgery, on the treatment of punctured wounds, which perfectly agreed with that described by the medical men present. We should observe that the work in question is an indisputable authority in all such cases. The coroner then summed up the evidence, and the jury retired for a short time, when they brought in the following verdict, "We do agree that the deceased, Asa Davis, came to his death for want of proper medical aid."

(Signed)

JOHN PHELAN, *Foreman.*

And so, because Mr. Scott has "enjoyed the confidence of the people in his neighbourhood for many years," probably from the want of good professional advice, and because "he had done as well as he could," a human life is to be sacrificed at the shrine of ignorance and cupidity. Alas poor Asa Davis ! to thee the pain and suffering, ease and comfort, thou didst endure while on earth are now alike. The cold hand of death hath swept over thy wounded foot and tortured frame ; but if from the shadow of that mysterious and impenetrable veil which separates the living from the dead, thou hast been permitted to witness the effort made to unfold the secret of the severance of thy spirit and body—thou wilt also surely recognize the remorseful pang of conscience with which he who "did as well as he could" must have heard the verdict of his countrymen, that he had suffered a fellow-creature to depart from life through ignorance and omission.

We congratulate Dr. Patterson upon the able and impartial manner in which he conducted the inquest. We congratulate Dr. Turquand upon the satisfactory manner in which he has been able to clear his professional reputation from unjust aspersions and envious slander. We congratulate the jury on their intelligent and manly verdict,—and Mr. Scott may congratulate himself upon the forbearance and clemency of those, who might if they pleased, and whose strict duty it undoubtedly would be, to prosecute this matter by further judicial investigation.

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