

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS

We have received advanced sheets of a pamphlet relating to the death of the girl MARY BOYD, formerly a servant in the employ of Dr CAMPBELL, which took place recently in the Asylum. The pamphlet contains a certified copy of the evidence taken at the inquest, all of what has appeared in the papers on the subject, and a very interesting conversation between Mr. BLANK and Dr C which goes over the whole ground, and meets every objection which medical partisanship or personal unfriendliness could broadly affirm or hurtfully insinuate. When the verdict was rendered in this case we strongly censured it, for what seemed to us the very good reason, that a jury should not have been influenced by the practitioners of any one School of Medicine to condemn the practice of a doctor belonging to another and a hostile School. The full statements now before us, which we have carefully read confirm our first impression. Dr CAMPBELL has been made the object of very bitter attack mainly because he is a Homœopathic physician and the President of the Homœopathic Board. It has been very broadly insinuated that the use of galvanism—or what Dr

CAMPBELL calls "Faradayism"—in the case of this unfortunate girl had no pure or proper motive to serve. The evidence clearly shows that the girl was not pregnant, that she was suffering from a condition known as *dysmenorrhœa*, that she labored under delusions which finally led to a species of insanity—delusions which in her saner moments she freely acknowledged. The admission that the girl never was pregnant narrows the question down to one of treatment. If Dr CAMPBELL's treatment is to be open to supervision, censorious criticism and condemnation by every Allopathic physician who differs from him, the Legislature might as well step in at once and declare that Allopaths alone shall be allowed to practice. We have not quite come to that yet, and the more intelligent portions of the public are already pretty well convinced that infallibility, or anything near approaching to it, is not to be found in any School, and that at best medical practice is uncertain enough to be properly called empirical. The pamphlet places the whole matter in its proper light, and ought to be very generally read.—*Toronto Daily Leader*, June 4th, 1868.