

witnesses were summoned and many of them were examined. The jury took time to consider their verdict, which was as follows:—

[COPY.]

We, the undersigned Jurors, unanimously find that the death of the late Thomas Woods, was not caused by mal-practice on the part of the Surgeons, who performed the amputation and that there does not appear to have been any want of proper attention or treatment on the part of the House Surgeon or other officers of the Hospital. We are further of opinion, that there was no necessity for calling this inquest, and we recommend that the whole of the proceedings be published.

(Signed,)

S. P. White, Foreman,
M. Scott,
Joseph Moore,
B. Meadows;
R. Tompkins,
R. M. Horsey,
William Pillar,

R. N. Reynolds,
James Campbell,
Thomas Keys,
Henry Brown,
Sam. Westlake,
G. S. Hobert,
Jas. Watt,

Kingston, January 21st, 1861.

A sense of duty is the sole cause of the above appearing in our pages. We regret that the undignified proceedings which it records, (if the above report be true, and we have seen no contradiction to it,) should have occurred within the limits prescribed for our observation; but the fact being as it is, we feel called upon to chronicle it with a few words of commentary, in order to caution such of our medical brethren in the Upper Province as have been appointed Coroners, and there are a great many, against the weak and unworthy acts into which they may be led. We see no escape for Dr. Stewart from the charge of being actuated by some improper motive in thus arraigning the conduct and judgment of not less than five of his fellow city practitioners, and in straining his mere adventitious right as a Coroner to an extent, that would in our judgment justify the annulling of his commission. Of what protection is the statute against the holding unnecessary and vexatious inquests when interpreted by individuals, who, holding commissions, permit their feelings to warp their judgment? We are glad, however, that the enquiry, though improperly pressed for, was so fully carried out. "A great number of witnesses were examined, and the jury took time to consider their verdict," the more satisfactory must be the result to the public at large, and to Dr. Stewart in particular.

INHALATION OF ETHER.

We received the enclosed letter a few days ago by post, and think that the best way of serving the purposes of the committee is to publish it. We are not aware that either Ether or any of its compounds with chloroform have been ever used in this city for anæsthetic purposes. We have certainly never heard of any deaths from its employment. It is possible that some of our subscribers may be enabled to reply to the questions submitted.

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, U. S.

The question of the entire immunity from danger which is claimed for Anæsthesia produced by Ether, being still under discussion, the Boston Society for Medical Improvement has appointed the undersigned a Committee "to investigate the alleged deaths from the inhalation of SULPHURIC ETHER, and to report thereon."