

that he had caused the death of several parties by mal-practice. The doctor immediately on hearing these rumors, sent word to Mr. Casey by his son, that if he persisted in circulating the slanders, he (Dr. Wilson) would prosecute him. Notwithstanding which notice, the defendant continued to repeat the slanders for nine months previous to the action being entered, showing evidently a design to injure the doctor in his practice. In opening the case Mr. O'Hare stated that his client did not wish to prosecute for vindictive damages: but merely to sustain his position before the public as a medical man. On the Saturday previous to the trial, the doctor offered to let the matter drop, if the defendant would only pay the costs of the action, taking that as an acknowledgement that he was in error; and again, after the evidence was taken, Mr. O'Hare, on behalf of his client, offered to drop the case even then if the defendant would pay the costs; both these offers were refused. The witnesses agreed in stating that had they been strangers to Dr. Wilson, they would have been cautious in employing him after what Mr. Casey had said, but knowing him as they did, the stories had no effect on their minds, and they would still continue to employ him. No witnesses were called for the defence; the case was clearly proven. M. Wallbridge addressed the jury in his usual clear and eloquent manner, dwelling forcibly on the fact that the doctor had not shown that he had suffered any damage to his practice from the circulation of these stories. His Lordship in charging the jury, said that it was not necessary for a medical man to prove that he had sustained damage. He considered that the doctor had been dragged into court against his will, and had taken a very prudent and judicious course, having notified the defendant by his own son to desist from circulating the slanders. The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff, and \$200 damages.—O'Hare for Pltff; Wallbridge for Debt.

[Dr. Wilson informs us, that as he would have been as well satisfied with a verdict carrying costs, as with the \$200 damages, it is his intention to devote the remainder, after paying expenses, to some charitable purpose.]

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