

and it was accordingly not performed. After a time the woman's symptoms materially improved and she went to the full time without further accident. It would appear that, on the strength of this occurrence, the defendant said to several persons that Dr. Levi had suggested to him an operation which would have resulted in the death of both mother and child, and did not hesitate to use towards him the words abortionist and murderer. To Roman Catholics he gave the information that the Church condemns the operation and that any one guilty of the same is damned.

Upon other matters in connection with Dr. Levi's practice his language was not more moderate than that quoted above.

It appears that the plaintiff Levi treated with contempt the slanders of Reed for over six months, hoping that by showing indifference Reed would ultimately cease: these libels, however, not abating at the expiration of this time, the two met in the County Registry Office, when Dr. Levi remonstrated with his opponent and told him that if he did not cease he would appeal to the Courts. Dr. Reed, knowing the difficulties Levi would meet by going to law, ridiculed the threat and repeated the slanders publicly in Levi's presence, adding that he would prove "that Dr. Levi had asked him to assist in committing a murder."

Thereupon Dr. Levi began an action of damages against Dr. Reed for \$10,000 damages, in the month of October, 1877. After the case had dragged over two years, during which time there were eight enquêtes, and fifty-four witnesses were examined, the Superior Court gave judgment for the plaintiff in the following words:—"Il (le défendeur) semble n'avoir négligé aucune occasion de faire au demandeur, la plus mauvaise réputation comme médecin, dans le but de lui nuire dans l'exercice de sa profession. La persistance à cet effet a été remarquable et elle s'est manifestée de la manière la plus injurieuse jusque dans le témoignage qu'il a été appelé à rendre en cette cause. Le défendeur n'a pas prouvé de provocation de la part du demandeur, et j'ai cherché en vain la justification des propos qu'il a tenus."

The defendant Reed was condemned to pay the costs of the