

we looked properly for it," but the lower part was so ulcerated that he did not remove it, and as there was danger of cutting his fingers in removing it, he thought it unnecessary to run that risk; but he repeated, that all that was necessary to be removed, had been removed as he specified in his certificate." This it is not pretended to deny, but what became of it?

Upon this Mr. Hossack telegraphed back to Quebec as follows: "Examine the body as the diseased parts are there." Now, although neither Dr. Fremont, myself, or any of the family believed one syllable of this bold asseveration, it was at once determined to leave no proof unsought or unrecorded, *causâ veritatis et humanitatis*, and an order was obtained for the disinterment of the body. The exhumation took place on the 29th Sept., just nine days after death, and four days after interment, and Dr. Fremont and I, carefully examined it, opening the thoracic and abdominal cavities. Decomposition was considerably advanced, but not sufficiently so, to interfere at all with our examination. The *postmortem* had been conducted in the most slovenly manner, and would have disgraced a Canadian student in his first session, at any of our schools. *The sphincter ani and entire rectum were wanting!* excepting a small portion of the mesorectum, about an inch or less in diameter, that had escaped the unskilled knife in the removal of the connecting parts, and bore traces of carcinoma, which were also visible in the left sacro-iliac region.

The following telegram was in consequence immediately transmitted to Mr. Hossack: "Examined body, diseased parts not there." It was as promptly communicated to Dr. Leach, who evidently doubted the fact of the disinterment; and for a time persisted in saying, that if we had sought *properly* the parts would have been found. Mr. Hossack however continuing to demand the return of the abstracted rectum, Dr. Leach now said, that he would have the body examined again, and as he knew some medical men in Montreal, he would appoint them to go to Quebec to examine the body for him. To this Mr. H., assented, and called at Scott's at the time specified, to obtain their names, when he received the following note instead, written in the same hand and style as the former certificate:

Oct. 1st, 1860.

To Mr. Hossack,

Dear Sir,—I am unable to find any directory or list of physicians in Quebec, we will leave the matter in your hands having entire confidence in your judgement and discretion. You will therefore by our direction appoint *three* of the most competent physicians and surgeons, in your city to make further examination of the body, and forward to us, the anus and lower portion of the rectum of the deceased. The above mentioned *not* to include the names of Drs. Marsden or Fremont.

I am, Sir,

Very truly, &c.,

G. H. LEACH, M.D.

Shortly after the receipt of this note, Mr. Hossack, having waited to speak to some of the patients in the institution, Dr. Leach came in, and after repeating something like the content of his note, Mr. H. asked him, as a *dernier resort*,