

a division of the Toronto profession into two parties. The party who felt themselves aggrieved by the superintendent's insinuations, and who called the meeting of the Medical Faculty, consisted of the professors of Trinity College, the ex-professors of University College, their friends and supporters; whilst the members and friends of the Toronto, or Rolph's, School of Medicine, sedulously held themselves aloof from all participation in the proceedings of the meeting. This division, however, became quite palpable during the investigation into the charges made against the management of the Toronto General Hospital. Here the parties appear opposed to each other in bitter hostility. The evidence given in this enquiry is a melancholy exhibition of inflated self-conceit, envy, jealousy, and all uncharitableness, such as would scarcely be expected from members of a liberal profession. In this medical tilt, or, rather, professional *rote*, the Universities, as our readers are aware, came off victorious, two of the Hospital staff, teachers in Rolph's School, being dismissed their situations. The agitation excited by this enquiry had not yet subsided—the bitter feelings of enmity still rankled in each breast, when the event occurred which we now intend briefly to notice, viz., the death of Job Broom.

After a careful and unbiassed examination of the whole proceedings of the Coroner's Court, we have been forced to the conclusion, that parties have forgotten the golden rule in medico-legal cases—that the medical jurist ought to consider himself solely as the scientific witness of truth, and not as a biassed supporter of any party, or the opponent of any particular class. They have forgotten that "their evidence should always be given with a view not to the acquittal or conviction of a particular individual, but to the vindication of justice and the protection of society."

The following is an outline of the inquest held in view of the body of Job Broom, condensed from a report furnished by the "Toronto Globe." It was deposed by John Broom, son of the deceased, that his father was 59 years of age, he usually enjoyed good health; he took ill Wednesday, the 18th July and complained of a slight attack of bowel complaint, and towards night felt worse. I was recommended by a friend to apply to Drs. Rolph and Aikin for medical advice. I went to their office on Queen Street, about half-past nine the same evening. The first person I saw was a gentleman, who has since called himself Dr Dickson. I thought at the time he was one of the firm; I asked him to come and see my father and stated the complaint. I thought at the time that Dickson was either Drs. Aikin or Rolph. Dr. Rolph was in the hall when I first went in; Mr. Dickson requested me to take a seat, and said that he would come with me. Dr. Rolph who was standing by, gave his consent that Dr.