

men of that Jury, to their credit, who have declared, and will yet and again declare it, "that Mr. Linton was scandalously and unjustly treated." But the opposition to the enquiry after facts, were ready *by words* to praise the deceased Mr. Mickle, but who *by deeds*, refused, till compelled otherwise, to ferret out the just circumstances, which were supposed reasonably to lead to the *origin* of the fire, and thereby to his lamentable death.

We wait to give two instances of the opposition. When Jessie Wood (Mr. Mickle's servant) was asked about the ashes in the *store room*, (and some faces in that Jury were observably blank at this new turn of the case) she was asked by a Juror if they (the ashes) "were cold," and she replied "they appeared quite cold;" but when the coroner was asked by Mr. Linton to put the question to her "did she feel them, did she put her hand on them," it was with the greatest difficulty, and under the ignorant smiles on the faces of this ignorant and inhumane opposition, that the coroner was allowed to put the question. The girl's testimony will shew her answer (No. 3.) Again, when the girl stated that she "perceived the fire rushing from Mr. Mickle's kitchen," &c., and as she had stated that there was much smoke and darkness and no light, and knowing that she had *seen* no fire or blaze, she was asked to explain what she meant by the "fire," but the opposition, as that word *fire* was *written* down, and though the witness was present still under examination and on oath, that opposition would not allow the girl to state the *truth*, which however the coroner perceived and got the truth recorded, as the witness understood and meant it. Let Mr. W. Rooney, who has to the inhabitants of Stratford and to the writer of this, shewn hitherto in all general matters, a respectable, truth appearing character, let him, at his next public prayers in the Wesleyan church, think, *before his Maker*, of his opposition in this question, and because D. G. Vansickle is also a Wesleyan Methodist, and as apparently correct and exact as Mr. Rooney himself. Let him think of this, and other matters he opposed, as well as the attempt to distort and do away with truth, when Mr. Vansickle was recalled to tell about his showing Mr. Linton the ashes in *Mr. Dent's yard*, while there had been the custom (as proved) of Mr. Vansickle himself leaving ashes hot or cold *in his own store room under* Mr. Mickle's kitchen, and there was a honest man in the Jury ready to homologate Mr. Linton's evidence as to the ashes. Mr. Rooney can ask his Maker, while on his knees, if his conduct had an Almighty's approval.

The papers, Nos. 4 and 5, are the statements by little "Charlie Mickle" and his mother; and No. 6 the evidence of Mr. Linton, and the letters 7 and 8 refer to the Insurances by D. G. Vansickle,