

asked her if she had kept it—she replied, no! he then asked her, why? her answer was, “because he, Dr. Dickinson had not told her to do so.” My opinion with regard to Anne Jordan was, that her disease was apoplexy, the result of the shock produced by the unexpected illness of Sarah, and I have now no doubt as to the correctness of my opinion. Sarah’s case was more complicated and more difficult to diagnose. I thought it congestion of the brain, produced by heat or something of the kind, like sunstroke. I did not tell Dr. Dickinson this, but I told it afterwards, publicly, when Dr. Pringle was present. I did not, nor do I now, think she was poisoned. I made a third visit on the 19th, about 10 A. M. Sarah was in a dying state. Anne could not yet swallow. I applied mustard to her spine. I also bled her. On the 20th, the day Sarah died, I visited Anne again. She could then, but with great difficulty, swallow a little, when assisted. As she had not voided urine since the day before, I administered nitrate of potash in solution. I also gave her a purge—it operated well. On the 21st I saw her again—she had only urinated once since my visit of the previous day. She died on the 22nd. I met Dr. Pringle on the 19th. He examined both Sarah and Anne. He formed the same opinion of Mrs. Jordan’s case that I had, and said there could be no doubt at all about it—it was paralysis. I gave him a history of the case. He said that Sarah’s case was very complicated, and one in which it would be very difficult to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion—that it might be congestion of the brain, or it might have been produced by sunstroke, or running out barefoot in the wet grass, or by the suppression of the menses, or by one, or any two, or all of them combined. I then called the friends who were there together, and told them that Sarah and Anne were both dying and could not possibly recover. Dr. Pringle did the same. We advised them to have an inquest—that we did not think they were poisoned, but that an inquest would clear the matter up. Some of them objected very strongly, among them Thomas Henderson and two of the brothers of Sarah Jordan—they live in Waddington, State of New York.”

By Dr. Dickinson, through the Coroner—“I think some of the symptoms present in Sarah’s case were such as might have been produced by a narcotic irritant, for instance the fluid about the mouth; but any poison that would have produced such symptoms as these under which she laboured *would have caused her death in from six to twelve hours* from the period of the attack. (A little sparring here took place between the witness and Dr. Dickinson, who undertook to cross-examine him, but as it had no bearing on the case, we omit it as really irrelevant.)

The witness was then examined as to the post-mortem. “I agree