

he took the medicine. He was perfectly conscious, and when asked where the pain was he replied in his belly. Mr. Burgess went for Dr. Hoare, but he did not arrive till after the child was dead. My wife gave me the three powders, and I handed them at the inquest to Dr. Scott, the coroner. The defendant asked when he came to the house, where the powders were; but did not ask to have them given to him.

To Mr. Cameron.—One of my children died in 1854, but not suddenly. My wife told me that the child had a short convulsive fit on the Sunday previous to his death. We had got castor oil at Dr. Hoare's, and, on one occasion, when Dr. Philbrick was attending my wife, the medicine prescribed was got at Dr. Hoare's, Dr. Philbrick told me to get the medicine there.

MARGARET TAYLOR, mother of the child, said:—My deceased child passed a worm on the evening before his death, and I went to Dr. Hoare's and asked for "Cherokee worm powder." He said that he had none in stock, and that he was in the habit of giving children a powder of his own preparation. He made up four powders, and directed me to give one to the child every five hours, to be followed by a dose of castor oil. I did not administer the powder on my return, but waited till 12 o'clock, as I would be more likely to be awake five hours after to give him the second. I mixed the powder in blackberry jam. I intended giving my little girl one of the powders, but waited to see how the one I had given to my little boy would operate. In about a quarter of an hour after my son took the powder he commenced to scream and said that he had great pain in his stomach. I took him up and put him in my bed. When I picked him up he put his arms round me and complained of pain in his stomach. I gave him to my husband and went to call Mrs. Barton. The child was conscious. He had a convulsion fit on Sunday for a short time. He moved his mouth but was unable to speak.

To Mr. Cameron.—It was after dark when I went for the powders. The gas was lighted in the store. Dr. Hoare took the medicine out of three different bottles. A young man came in while I was there. I cannot tell where the bottles were standing from which he took the medicine. I have got oil and pills in Mr. Hoare's store before. I have lived 15 or 18 months in the neighbourhood. Dr. Hoare has lived there all that time. I have never seen any one attending the shop but himself.

Dr. SCOTT said.—I officiated as Coroner at the inquest on the body. At the inquest Mr. Hoare made the following voluntary statement, and which I reduced to writing. Mr. Hoare was on oath. He was not accused of anything at the time; and made the statement against the wish of his counsel and my own remonstrance. It is as follows:—

"RICHARD COLLIER HOARE, apothecary and druggist—I have no license to practise medicine or surgery in this Province. I hold a diploma as a licentiate from the Apothecaries' Company of London, England. The medicines I prescribed and dispensed for the deceased, Franklin Alfred Taylor, I have frequently ordered on previous occasions under similar circumstances with good effects. The contents of the powders dispensed for the deceased were as follows:—"Six grains of Santonine, six grains of Scammony, two grains of Jalapine, with ten or twelve grains of white sugar, divided into four powders, one to be given every five hours, and when all the powders were given to be followed by a full dose of Castor oil. At near one o'clock on the morning of Friday the 18th inst., I was summoned to see the deceased who was alarmingly ill. I waited on the patient as I learned from the messenger that he was in convulsions. I directed the messenger to have the child placed in a warm bath, and said I would take some medicine with me. On reaching the house I found the child to be dead. The body was warm. I gave instructions to Constable Miller to acquaint Coroner Scott with the circumstances of the child's death, with the view of an inquest being held. I have a dispensary establishment, and none but my wife has access to my drugs. All the medicines in my store have permanent positions, and are not liable to be disturbed, so much so that I believe I could go down in the darkness of the night and put my hand on any bottle I required. I keep poisonous drugs in my store which are kept separate from the others. Laudanum, Oxalic acid, Strychnine, Tincture of Aconite are all labelled "poison." I have no diluted