

positively, it is incredible on the face of it. Now, we know for certain that he did not accept her ipse dixit as true, for, as we have clearly shown, he treated her for idiopathic suppression of the menses, which would have been all waste powder in case of pregnancy. He only used an instrument when, by her importunity, he was obliged to do something to pacify her, and one use of it of course demanded another. Doubtless he was anxious likewise to observe the condition of the os-uteri, to observe whether any glairy discharge was issuing from it, besides arriving at some approximate idea of the existence of affections of the womb which notoriously simulates pregnancy. Of course we can only conjecture as to his reasons for using a speculum, but if he doubted the existence of pregnancy, there are very good reasons why he used it for purposes of diagnosis. That he did use one is quite evident, and that he did not use it to assist in procuring an abortion is just as evident. We have now examined the proofs *pro et con*, and hope that the public generally, and the medical profession in particular, will give them that careful consideration which the importance of the case demands. We trust we have established from incontrovertible scientific facts and deductions, that the woman Burnham could not have possibly had a penetrating wound of the fundus uteri, but that the opening observed post mortem was due to natural causes. We are convinced we have proven that the symptoms during life, and the morbid appearances after death, were due to the action of a specific poison called small pox. We now claim from the public a sentence logically demanded from the following portion of Judge Patterson's charge:—"But if besides the wound there is another cause, as from pus generated, it might be from small pox. If that is so, and death was really caused by small pox, then we could not say that the wound was the cause of death, as the disease might occur naturally." Guided by the above judicious and equitable considerations, WE DEMAND JUSTICE, AND CONFIDENTLY AWAIT THE DECISION OF AN INTELLIGENT AND CONSCIENTIOUS BRITISH PUBLIC.