

caused his death. Here we have medical evidence, so far as we know equally entitled to credit, in direct opposition. We can form no idea, from the evidence given, as to the extent of surface denuded of cuticle, and, therefore, would rather not hazard an opinion on the subject.

We cannot close our remarks, without denouncing in the strongest terms the conduct of Drs. Rolph and Aikin, in encouraging medical students to practice on the poor, and in allowing them free access to the medicines in their surgery. Has it come to this, that two medical teachers, and one of them an honourable too, have no hesitation in permitting first-year students to tamper with the lives of their fellow beings? What does a student on the termination of his first session, know of the symptoms of disease, or the nature, properties and doses of medicinal agents? And who should be better acquainted with his ignorance of these matters than those who are yearly in the habit of examining medical classes? If blame lies at any door, it is not so much at that of the unfortunate young man, who by his mistake has for ever ruined his professional prospects, as at that of his teachers who countenanced and encouraged him in his irregular proceedings.

ANOTHER INQUEST AT TORONTO.

We had just finished the preceding article, when a bundle of seven numbers of the *Toronto Daily Globe* came to hand, containing full details of an inquest held by Coroner Duggan, in view of the body of John Blackie, who had been attended in his last illness by Dr. Philbrick, one of the principal medical witnesses in the case of Broom. The investigation extended over a period of seven days, and was marked by the occurrence of scenes, disgraceful to all who took part in them. Coroner Duggan was rather "bothered" by the gentlemen of the long robe, and at length became so exasperated as to lose all command over his temper. He had no great objections to a round or two, and thought, notwithstanding his age, he was a match for the best of them. He had been asked by Mr. Eccles, "a scoundrel who would not dirty his fingers on him," to make friends, by drinking brandy with him; but having been treated like a "blackguard" by Eccles, he had no idea of condescending so far.

The medical evidence places beyond doubt the truth of what we have stated regarding the existence of two hostile parties among the practitioners of Toronto. It would appear to be the determination of all to injure, in every possible way, the professional reputation of any one belonging to the opposite faction. We warn those, however, who would seek to bring about investigations into the re-