

the woman having "a yellowish sticky discharge"?—I have no recollection of calling his attention to it.

5276. Did you ever have any conversation with him, between the time of your making the entry and the time of the operation, that this woman had such a discharge?—I cannot recollect any.

5277. Do you recollect this fact: whether she had that discharge at the time of her admission to the Hospital, or whether she had it before admission?—I merely entered it as the statement of the patient herself on taking her case.

5278. Did it necessarily mean that she had it at the time of her admission, or did it mean that she had it at different times in connection with her uterine trouble?—I cannot say.

5279. Can you say as a fact whether she had it at the time that she was admitted?—No.

5280. Up to the time of operation in Mrs. S——'s case, was it ever brought before your notice, or did you bring it under Dr. Batchelor's notice, that Mrs. S—— had had a temperature of 101° just before operation?—No.

5281. Did you know anything about it?—I did not.

5282. You operated on Mrs. T——, did you not?—Yes, under Dr. Batchelor's direction.

5283. Was it a difficult operation?—No, it was a very simple one.

5284. Was it successfully performed?—Yes, so far as the operation went.

5285. Did you make any previous examination?—So far as my recollection goes, there was a previous examination made.

5286. With the view of ascertaining whether there was any objection to performing an operation?—That would be the object of it.

5287. Did any objection appear?—Not so far as I have any recollection.

5288. Did Mrs. S—— ever mention to you, or did you ever hear, that she had suffered from rigours?—No.

5289. Are you sure of that?—I am certain.

5290. Had she, to your knowledge, suffered from rigour after admission and before operation?—No.

5291. Did you see her after admission and before operation?—Before operation I saw her two or three times.

5292. Did she ever show any symptoms of an inflammatory character—any septic symptoms—before operation?—My attention was not called in any way to inflammatory symptoms.

5293. I understand that that examination which you have referred to was specially made with the view of detecting such symptoms, if there were any?—Yes.

5294. The patient was put under chloroform, was she not, in order to make an extensive examination?—She was.

5295. Did any of them come to light?—No, there were none recorded.

5296. To go back to the case of Mrs. T——, was there anything in the condition of the patient that you could see by examination, or anything in the operation itself, to call for the rise of temperature that took place afterwards?—The operation was not a serious one in itself. I am not prepared to offer any opinion as to the woman's condition; it is not within my province as a student to do so. I may say that there was nothing that came under my notice to account for it.

5297. Tell us what happened in Mrs. T——'s case? Did the wound do well or badly?—It did badly.

5298. Suppuration followed, did it not?—It did.

5299. *The Chairman.*] When did the bad symptoms begin?—If I remember rightly, there was a rise of temperature on the following morning, and there was a rise of temperature recorded in the evening after the operation.

5300. The same evening or the evening after?—The same evening.

5301. *Mr. Solomon.*] The wound had to be reopened and washed out, we have been told?—Yes.

5302. Do you know whether the patient is in the Hospital or not?—She is still there.

5303. Can you offer any opinion as to how long the operation would have lasted in the ordinary course, if these septic symptoms had not set in?—I should say that the wound would probably have healed by first intention if there had been no suppuration.

5304. It would have healed by first intention, in how long?—I think she would have been out in a few days.

Mr. PETER MILLER sworn and examined.

5305. *Mr. White.*] Have you ever seen this letter [Dr. Batchelor's to Chairman of Trustees] before?—Yes.

5306. Where did you get it from?—Dr. Batchelor left it with me.

5307. *The Chairman.*] In what capacity did you get the letter—as Chairman of the Trustees?—Yes, I think so.

5308. *Mr. White.*] It is addressed to you as Chairman, is it not?—Yes. I may explain that Dr. Batchelor called on me on several occasions about various matters connected with the Hospital, and particularly about the time of Mrs. T——'s operation.

5309. Do you mean before the operation?—No, before her death. He said that he was not satisfied with the state of matters in Mrs. T——'s case. It was either in the morning or the afternoon before her death that he called on me about her.

5310. *The Chairman.*] The operation was performed between 4 and 5 in the afternoon, and she died at 10 o'clock next morning?—Well, he called on me on the afternoon or in the morning before she died—I will not be sure which—and, after hearing what he had to say, I said that, if the results were as bad as he thought them to be, he ought to put the matter in writing, when I would immediately put it before the Trustees. I further said to him that, to my mind, the only way in which the matter could be cleared up was, in the event of the woman's death, to have a Coroner's inquest held, so that the whole of the facts might be brought out.