

5765. Do you know if you took Mrs. S——'s?—Yes.
5766. Some doubt has been cast on this chart. Is it in the state it was when you took it?—Yes.
5767. Do you remember when you took it?—I always take them before 9 o'clock in the morning—I will not be quite sure of the time—and before 6 o'clock at night.
5768. Was that chart taken at the time it is there stated to have been taken?—Yes.
5769. And taken on that day?—Yes.
5770. Are you sure of that?—Yes.
5771. You took the temperature of the patient, and wrote it down on the chart at once?—Yes.
5772. *The Chairman.*] You say you marked it down at once?—Yes.
5773. Can you recollect marking it down on this [second chart handed to witness]? You will see, on looking at them, that there is a little confusion. Do you know where the confusion began?—I notice it, but cannot say where it began.
5774. I understand that it is not suggested that more than two observations of Mrs. S——'s temperature were made within the twenty-four hours. Is it possible that an error may have taken place in filling up the spaces?—Yes, it is possible.
5775. Do you observe that the temperature, instead of falling in the morning, as is the usual rule, and rising in the evening, is lower that evening. Could that be a mistake?—Yes.
5776. How do you think it arose?—I cannot tell.
5777. Which chart did you fill up?—This one [chart No. : Exhibit ].
5778. Then you never saw this one [hands second chart, No. : Exhibit ] before?—Both charts are mine.
5779. Where does this "operation" come in?—On the 15th.
5780. Where does this one [second chart] begin?—On the 15th.
5781. Does that chart [No. 2] agree with this one [No. 1]?—It does up to here [indicated on chart].
5782. Did you fill up this chart [No. 2] from memory, or did you reconstruct it from this one [No. 1]?—From the 15th I did.
5783. Who marked this one [No. 2]?—I cannot tell you.
5784. You say that this chart [No. 2] is not the one that you marked?—I have no recollection of it.
5785. You do not know anything about this second chart?—I do not.
5786. This one [No. 2] begins on the evening of the 13th?—So I notice.
5787. On the evening of the 13th it marked a temperature of 98°; while the other chart marked on the evening of the 13th a temperature of 98° and a fraction?—I do not understand it.
5788. Is that [indicating figures on the chart] your handwriting?—Yes.
5789. How came you to keep the two charts at the same time?—I cannot tell.
5790. You never carried out this one?—No. I do not remember that other one.
5791. *Mr. Chapman.*] Do the probationers sometimes write up the charts?—Yes.
5792. Was there a probationer in your ward at this time?—Yes.
5793. Who was she?—Nurse Veitch.
5794. Would the temperature be taken more than once?—It would not be written down more than once.
5795. Would anybody else take it besides you?—No. If I took it no one else would.
5796. *The Chairman.*] After the operation did you keep this chart [No. 1]?—Yes.
5797. Is that your handwriting, "after operation"?—Yes.
5798. Is that the last thing you wrote on this paper?—As far as I remember it is.
5799. You do not remember writing any more on this chart?—No.
5800. Then you began a new chart?—Yes.
5801. You appear to have written "after operation" on both these charts?—They look like it.
5802. You certainly appear to have marked the temperature twice over for the 13th and the 14th?—Yes.
5803. *Mr. Chapman.*] Suppose you made a mistake, how would you commence to correct it?—I have never made a mistake in any chart before.
5804. *The Chairman.*] Was there any reason why the temperature should fall, as indicated here?—I do not know.
5805. You began this chart two days afterwards, did you?—Yes.
5806. And you never continued this one after that?—No.
5807. But this is not the chart at all?—It must be, because it is in my handwriting up to there [indicating on chart No. 2].
5808. *Mr. Chapman.*] Have you any independent recollection that there was a change of temperature before the operation?—No.
5809. Do you remember the morning of the operation?—Yes.
5810. Did you see Dr. Batchelor that morning?—I saw him in the operating-room.
5811. Did you see him before then?—I think I saw him in the ward, but I will not swear to it. *Mr. Hogg*, his student, was certainly there.
- Mr. Solomon:* I do not know if anything turns on this point, but we can bring the evidence (volunteered to us) of half-a-dozen patients, who will swear that Dr. Batchelor was not in the ward that morning.
5812. *Mr. Chapman.*] Do you remember the douche?—Yes.
5813. Did anything particular happen to the douche during the operation?—It ran out, but it was filled up immediately.
5814. Where was it placed?—On the top of the instrument-case.
5815. Who placed it there?—The first time I do not know, but Dr. Jeffcoat lifted it there the second time.