

5844. Do you think it is at all likely that you would stand by Dr. Batchelor and see him operate on a patient who was in that condition without telling him about it?—I would not, when his clerk saw it.

5845. Then you stood by, without saying anything about it?—Yes, I did.

5846. These two charts were given to the hall porter, we have been given to understand?—They were taken down immediately after the woman's death.

5847. *The Chairman.*] Do you remember taking the two charts down to the hall porter?—No, I did not take them down. The porter came up for them.

5848. Do you remember how many charts were given up to him?—I do not.

ELLEN MARIA MONSON sworn and examined.

5849. *Mr. Chapman.*] You are a nurse in the Dunedin Hospital?—Yes.

5850. For how long have you been there?—Eighteen months from 1st September.

5851. Are you a certificated nurse?—Yes.

5852. *The Chairman.*] Did you come to the Hospital with a certificate?—No. I have been certificated since the 1st March.

5853. *Mr. Chapman.*] Do you remember Mrs. T——'s case?—Yes.

5854. Did you prepare her for the operation?—Yes, I got her ready.

5855. Were you present at the operation?—No.

5856. Did you see her after the operation?—She was brought to my ward after the operation.

5857. *The Chairman.*] That is No. 5 ward?—Yes.

5858. *Mr. Chapman.*] By whom was she brought?—She was brought up on a stretcher carried by two men. Dr. Copland and Nurse Shaw accompanied her.

5859. Was she conscious at that time?—No; she was under chloroform.

5860. Did you notice anything special about her?—After she was put into bed I noticed that her face was very blanched. She was very cold, and seemed to be almost collapsed.

5861. Did Dr. Batchelor see her?—He came in for a few minutes after we had packed her in bed, and before he went away from the Hospital after the operation.

5862. I suppose she came out of the chloroform?—Yes. I tucked in the bedclothes, and tried to keep her warm. When she came up she complained of being cold.

5863. What then?—She still said that she was cold, and complained of pains in her back. I could not understand how she was so cold. I put pillows under her knees and then found a pool of blood right under her back. I told the housemaid to go for Dr. Copland, who came and undid the stitches. Neither the bandage nor the bed were wet. The blood was coming up through the tube. Dr. Copland took out the stitches and found that the blood was coming out through the tube.

5864. *The Chairman.*] Who took off the dressings?—Dr. Copland took them off, in order to see where the bleeding was coming from. I was looking to see hemorrhage, but did not see any until I lifted up her knees to put the pillow under them.

5865. You did not see the blood through the dressings?—No; it was not on the dressings. The blood was welling up from the tube. Dr. Copland applied the usual remedies for hemorrhage.

5866. What did you do?—I got hot water for him at once.

5867. *Mr. Chapman.*] What happened then?—He put in hot water with a syringe. That stopped the bleeding for a second or two. The tube filled slightly, it seemed to come half-way up; but it filled when she was retching.

5868. *The Chairman.*] When did she retch?—When she came out of the chloroform.

5869. How long?—She had been retching two or three times before I noticed the bleeding. She would lay quiet for a bit and then give a kind of struggle.

5870. How long had she began retching before you removed the dressings?—I cannot tell the time. I was just watching by and did not observe the time. Dr. Copland went out, and a little while afterwards Drs. Maunsell and DeZouche came in. Dr. Maunsell asked me for a board to elevate her legs with, and I brought one in from the bath-room and put it over two chairs and so raised her legs up. Dr. Maunsell (I think, but am not sure) kept washing the wound out, and left in a little wool with iodoform.

5871. Did it seem to keep filling up then?—Yes; but it filled slowly.

5872. The applications did not stop it?—They would stop it for a little while, but then it would fill again. The bleeding stopped for a bit, and Drs. Maunsell and DeZouche went away. So long as she lay quiet I saw no blood, but when she moved it came up quickly.

5873. How long was this after she had been brought from the operating-room?—It was about 4 o'clock when she came up, and about 5 o'clock when I called the house surgeon. It was a little before 6 o'clock when Drs. Maunsell and DeZouche were there.

5874. Did you leave at 6 o'clock?—No; I stayed with her till about 7-30.

5875. *Mr. Chapman.*] When did you come on again?—At 6 o'clock next morning.

5876. What did you find then?—Dr. Batchelor was in the ward, as were Dr. Roberts, Dr. Copland, and Nurse Waymouth. Dr. Batchelor said, "Come along, nurse, get some hot water." They had shifted the bed under the gaslight—it was now about 6-30—in order to look where the bleeding was coming from.

5877. Was there plenty of hot water?—Yes. Mrs. Burton had told us to be careful and keep a good supply.

5878. Did the water supply run out?—Not in the ward. There was plenty of hot water in the barrel.

5879. Had the supply run out beside the patient's bed?—All the water in the jug might have been emptied out, but we can always keep filling it, to have it of even temperature.

5880. How long does that take?—Only a few seconds.

5881. Was the operation stopped from the want of water?—No; we held sponges all the time.