

33. And that child was brought back to you for inspection, was it not?—Yes.
34. And how were you able to report upon it?—Satisfactorily.
35. When did you see the child again?—I never saw it.
36. Not until the trial?—No.
37. You received a letter, did you not, from Mr. Young, to the effect that the child was suffering from a loathsome disease and threatening you with proceedings?—Yes, and demanding £600 for the mother and her child.
38. You then, Mr. Fitzgerald, summoned, or rather employed, Drs. Cleghorn, Faulke, and Fyffe to make an exhaustive examination of the child for the purpose of ascertaining whether there was anything in the charge that was levied against you?—Yes.
39. And this is the report which you received?—Yes. [Report read to the Committee by Mr. Izard, "D."]
40. You made application, did you not, for further examination of the child, and you were refused?—Yes.
41. *The Chairman.*] Who refused?—The solicitor for the child.
42. That is Mr. Young?—Yes.
43. That child is living now?—Yes.
44. *Mr. Izard.*] After this you wrote a letter to the Colonial Secretary, dated the 24th February, asking the Government to assist you?—Yes.
45. On the 4th October you vaccinated or inspected certain other children?—Yes.
46. *The Chairman.*] Thirteen?—Yes.
47. *Mr. Izard.*] And you subsequently, on the 27th June, 1898, employed Drs. Rawson and Faulke to examine these children, and this is their report?—Yes. [Report read, "C."]
48. The lymph which you used on the 4th October, where did you receive that from?—From Dr. Wilford, of Patea, distributor for the Government.
49. Then it was Government calf-lymph with which you vaccinated this child?—Yes.
50. After vaccination, is it your usual practice to give any instructions to the parents?—I always tell them what to do—to keep the arm carefully shielded from dust or outside impurities until the sores are perfectly well.
51. During the process of vaccination do you use the proper antiseptics for vaccinating one child after another?—Yes.
52. Then this child was brought to you after a period of seven days: that is the period within which they are compulsorily bound to return to you?—Yes.
53. And you examined the arm then?—Yes.
54. And what was the condition of the arm?—It was perfectly normal, and taking very nicely. I filled in my certificate to the Registrar as a successful vaccination.
55. Did you see the mother of this child shortly after that?—The mother returned with a second child for vaccination.
56. Did she make any complaint to you about the child Olive?—No.
57. How long after the complete vaccination of the first child?—Without the book, I should say a fortnight after—about.
58. *The Chairman.*] And you vaccinated that child?—Yes.
59. And the mother returned after a period of seven days with it?—Yes.
- 59A. And she made no reference to the first child?—No.
- Mr. Crowther:* One was thirteen months and the other four months old.
60. *The Chairman.*] Did she say why she was so long in bringing the child to you for vaccination?—No.
61. In the first vaccination she was eight months over the time?—As far as I can remember, she stated that she did not believe in vaccination.
- Mr. Crowther:* She was reluctant.
62. *The Chairman.*] There was no complaint about the vaccination of the second child?—No.
63. When did it die?—About two months ago.
64. How long after vaccination?—About eight months.
65. And during these eight months there has been no complaint about the vaccination of the second child?—No.
66. And did you use the same class of vaccine for the second child as you did for the first?—Yes.
67. Obtained from the same source, the same doctor, and the same district?—Yes.
68. *Mr. Izard.*] Then, Mr. Fitzgerald, just before the trial there was £60 paid to Roberts?—Yes.
69. I think that you had better explain to the Committee yourself the circumstances under which that payment came to be made. You know, do you not, Mr. Fitzgerald, a person of the name of Lambert?—Yes.
70. He is the representative of some mercantile association?—Yes.
71. You have known him for some time?—Yes.
72. Have you had any business dealings with him?—Yes.
73. He came to you and said something about Roberts: what was it?—He came to me and said, "There is a man down in my office from whom I am asked to collect some rent and a doctor's bill. He is absolutely penniless, and he owes a doctor's bill for a child that died lately, and there is little use my sending him to gaol, as he has not a shilling. Some doctors said he has a good case against you." He (Mr. Lambert) said, "You vaccinated my children for six or seven years, and I and my wife have been delighted with the way in which it was done. Now, if this thing gets into the newspapers it will damn your business. Had not you better give him something? He would square it for £60." I (Mr. Fitzgerald) told him to go —. Four days later he was in my room again. He (Mr. Lambert) said, "Are not you going to give Mr. Roberts something? He is sick an