

97. They were written in connection with an election contest, were they not—at the time of an election contest?—Yes.

98. I suppose there was a good deal of feeling then on both sides?—Obviously.

99. Are you aware that proposals are at present before the Government to so increase the salaries of the lecturers at the University as will make the lectureship the first consideration for the lecturer: are you aware that that is the object of the increase?—No, I do not know that.

100. I gather from your evidence that you say it should not be done in the meantime?—I should think the better way to do it would be to take away the right of private practice if you propose anything of the sort.

101. Do you not think that if a very considerable addition is given in the way of salary on the understanding that the work of lecturing is the first claim on the lecturer it will have that effect?—It will have that effect if the conditions are resolutely enforced.

102. If the lecturing is the source from which he gets most of his remuneration is he not likely to regard it as having the most claim?—If that is the main source of his revenue naturally he will attend to that rather than work returning a smaller remuneration, in case he should lose the greater part. Of course, I do not agree with the suggestion; it is chimerical.

103. What experience have you had in other universities?—I have had no experience of universities except my experience here and my training in medicine in London.

104. Did you go Home to London from here?—Yes.

105. Is the London University the only one into the working of which you have an insight?—I am not talking about the University, I am talking about the London Hospital.

106. At what university did you take your medical degree?—In the College of Surgeons in London—not a university.

107. Do you know anything about the Edinburgh University?—Very little. I never was in Edinburgh.

108. You know very little about the universities in the Old Country, with the exception of the London one?—No, I do not know anything about them beyond being in them and seeing people who had worked in them.

109. Do you know anything about the constitution of the other universities in the Old Country?—No.

110. How did you get the impression that there has been friction between the Otago University Council and the Charitable Aid Board?—From the newspapers.

111. Can you give us the details?—You will surely recollect the time when the attitude of the trustees was that this was their Hospital for the treatment of the sick, and there has sometimes almost been talk as to whether they would not fling the student out. Nobody surely wishes to suggest that there has not been friction between the Council and the Board.

112. *Hon. Mr. Allen.*] With regard to this box of pills, what did you produce this for—what was your object?—My object was to show the condition of affairs in the Dunedin Medical School—what is being done there—what can be done without any notice being taken. From an ethical point of view that is a scandalous state of affairs.

113. But what has this got to do with the Medical School in the University?—Surely the tone of the teachers in the University is of importance.

114. I want to get at the specific reason for your producing this box?—That is my whole reason.

115. Was it your intention to discredit Dr. Batchelor, who at one time was lecturer in the University?—My intention was to draw attention pointedly to the condition of affairs at the present time in Dunedin which permits that sort of thing being done.

116. I want to know whether you did it with the object of throwing discredit upon Dr. Batchelor?—I have told you my reason—to draw attention to the fact that this sort of thing is being done in Dunedin, and to show what is the condition of affairs with regard to the medical profession in Dunedin when this sort of thing is permissible.

117. Is it a discreditable thing to have your name on a box of pills?—Certainly, for a medical man.

118. I understand you to suggest that it is still more discreditable because it is the name of a professor in the University?—I think it is very much more discreditable. The more highly placed a man is the greater is his responsibility.

119. And that having his name on the box is injurious to the school?—I think it is injurious to the school.

120. Do you know whether he gave permission for his name to be put here?—I could not tell you whether he did or not. I know that these things have been selling in Dunedin for twenty years or so.

121. With his name upon them?—Yes.

122. Do you know of other medical men having their names upon pills or medicines?—No.

123. Not a single instance of prominent medical men?—No.

124. You never saw one?—Oh, yes; I have seen the names of medical men.

125. I mean a prominent medical man. Have you ever seen the name of a prominent, respectable medical man upon a box of pills or upon some medicine?—No.

126. Never?—No. It is not permissible in medicine. It is quite unallowable for a man to do anything of that sort in medicine.

127. You got some training in anatomy and matters pertaining to a medical degree at the Otago University, did you not?—I was there one year.

128. What did you get in your one year?—Anatomy and physiology.

129. Was that good?—No.

130. Which was bad?—Physiology was bad.