

ticular department he will draw patients to him from all parts. It is a kind of double-edged tool, however. I do not think any of us ever attracted such audiences as the golden chariot did, for instance. I have seen a crowd outside a quack's blocking up the street.

75. Is the gynæcological work well carried on in the University?—The gynæcological work is always very difficult to teach. The work is excellently carried out. It has been carried out by Dr. Batchelor in a most admirable manner, and well carried out by his successor, but it is always an exceedingly difficult subject to teach on account of the nature of the trouble. Only the one or two students who are clerks in these cases can get anything like practical instruction in that department, and that applies to medical schools the world over. It is not peculiar to ourselves; it is peculiar to the nature of the case.

76. Every graduate has to certify that he has attended a certain number of cases?—Midwifery cases, yes.

77. Is there any difficulty in accomplishing that?—Yes, there has often been great difficulty. I think it has been less since the establishment of the Maternity Hospital in Forth Street; but even now we have difficulty sometimes in getting the full number of cases.

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DR. PHILIP RANDAL WOODHOUSE examined. (No. 27.)

1. *The Chairman.*] What is your position in the Wellington Hospital?—My present position is Resident Medical Officer. Up till a fortnight ago I was Acting Medical Superintendent.

2. Taking the place of?—Dr. Hardwick-Smith.

3. I understand that you received all your medical training in the Dominion?—Yes.

4. How were you appointed to the Wellington Hospital?—I applied for appointment when I heard there was a vacancy, and the Board appointed me as Junior House Surgeon.

5. Did you step from that position to the higher one directly?—Through the intermediate ranks.

6. Has your work included surgery as well as medicine?—Yes.

7. You have no degree outside of that of the New Zealand University?—No.

8. *Hon. Mr. Allen.*] You find yourself, I suppose, in contact with other medical men who have degrees granted elsewhere?—Yes.

9. Do you feel that you are in any way inferior because you have been educated in New Zealand?—No, certainly not.

10. How old are you?—Twenty-seven.

11. You were trained in the Otago University entirely?—Yes.

12. You were left in charge of the Wellington Hospital when Dr. Hardwick-Smith went away?—Yes.

13. Did you find yourself in any difficulties in the administration of the Wellington Hospital when Dr. Hardwick-Smith was away, or were you able to carry out the work successfully?—I hope I carried it out successfully.

14. *Mr. Sidey.*] How long is it since you left the University?—I left in January, 1910.

15. Did you find that the training you got in Otago was equal to anything that you required in your practice afterwards: did it fit you for it?—I believe it fitted me for my work.

16. Was the clinical teaching sufficient to thoroughly equip you for the work that you had to do in the Hospital in Wellington?—I believe so. I can hardly answer a question like that. It is for others to say whether they consider my work satisfactory.

17. You believe that you came well equipped for everything that you had to do?—I believe so.

18. Looking back upon the training that you received in the Otago University, is there anything that you have to find fault with?—No, I cannot say that there is.

19. *The Chairman.*] Have you in any way been treated by outside medical men as inferior to them on account of your having only a colonial degree?—Never.

20. *Mr. McCallum.*] Have the students from the Otago University attended the Hospital in Wellington? You have been six months in charge?—Seven months.

21. Have they taken advantage of the Hospital Board's intimation that while away from their classes they may attend and receive clinical instruction at the Hospital in Wellington?—Yes.

22. Do the Otago students learning in Wellington attend when important operations are on: are they allowed to?—They are allowed to observe them.

23. Do they get instruction?—There is no course of instruction at Wellington Hospital.

24. They merely attend?—At their own wish.

25. *Hon. Mr. Allen.*] Does the operator give them any instruction?—They frequently have the cases explained to them.

26. *Mr. McCallum.*] They attend the surgical cases?—Yes.

27. Just look on?—Yes.

28. *Hon. Mr. Allen.*] They get explanation of the case, is that it?—Yes. There is no system about it, but those cases are explained to them when they are there.