

61. Did you consult with Dr. Herbert as to whether the patient should be removed to the hospital?—They were very bad, and could not be removed.

62. What was the character of this place at Berhampore as regards buildings—was it a wooden building?—Yes.

63. Lined?—Yes, with two wards.

64. It was built for a fever hospital?—Yes.

65. Would you call it an old whare or a shack?—I certainly would not.

66. Was it in good repair?—Yes; the approach to it was not the best in the world, but the place itself was all right.

67. Was it adapted, in your opinion, for the purposes of a measles hospital?—Yes, if you could not get better. There are certainly better places, but it served its turn quite well.

68. Had you proper equipment there in the shape of beds and bedding, and so on?—Yes.

69. Berhampore is closed now, is it not?—Yes.

70. Did you continue to attend up till the end?—Yes, till the last week—up till the 4th July I attended.

71. And what generally were the results obtained there—good or not?—Very good.

72. That is the convalescents, in most cases?—They went straight on ahead. One or two cases, of course, naturally went back, but that is the case in all epidemics. There are lapses no matter where you have the patient.

73. In the case of measles with grown-up persons they are more dangerous sometimes than with infants?—Yes; you cannot control grown-ups as you can control infants. They take too many chances.

74. When you saw a case was going to be bad you had it removed to the hospital: is that so?—If I thought he was going to be seriously ill.

75. Did you think those cases were going to be seriously ill?—No; they had a rise of temperature one day, and I expected they would follow the usual rule, but they got rapidly worse during the next twenty-four hours by the time I saw them again.

76. On the first rise of temperature you did not regard it as serious?—No.

77. Is that your experience in an epidemic?—Yes.

78. And in the next twenty-four hours they got seriously ill?—Yes.

79. Had the nurse any orders during your absence?—I gave them no orders about removal of patients—I took complete responsibility.

80. Were you informed about the condition of these men by telephone, or did you discover it when you came in next day?—I do not remember any information reaching me, but the sister told me they were not so well as soon as I arrived next day. They could have been shifted the second day, but I considered it would have been detrimental to their chances if I did shift them.

81. They were in a condition to be shifted, but it was taking a risk?—Yes.

82. *Mr. Gray.*] Would the men have derived any benefit from being shifted to Wellington Hospital?—No.

83. You describe the nursing at Berhampore Hospital as good?—Yes.

84. And attention also good?—Yes.

85. Was there any lack of equipment, or anything to the men's discomfort?—No.

86. You say this building, which served its purpose well, has rather an undignified approach at night?—Yes.

87. But there is another approach by motor-car to the door?—Yes.

88. There would be no crossing of ravines and gullies and that sort of thing?—No.

89. Was there anything in the condition of those men to direct special attention prior to the sister saying they were not doing so well?—None, except the slight rise of temperature.

90. Is there anything exceptional in that?—No.

91. That occurred in many cases?—Many cases.

92. Do you know what regiment those two men came from?—I could not tell you offhand. I believe one came from the 2nd Battalion, Trentham.

93. Was there the greatest amount of disease in that?—Yes, markedly.

94. Did that suggest anything to you?—It suggested that they were either a remarkably puny lot of unresisting men unaccustomed to hardship, or else they brought the special disease with them.

95. *The Chairman.*] When these men were sent from Berhampore who sent them away—they were sent away to the morgue afterwards?—Yes. I could not tell you from memory.

96. Would you order the dead bodies to be sent away?—They died after Captain McCaw saw them; he went on my instructions on the 2nd July.

97. *Mr. Ferguson.*] Do you know what time of the day you saw them—would it be early?—Yes. I sent him from Trentham at half past 8 in the morning.

98. *The Chairman.*] He might then have ordered the removal of the bodies?—Yes.

99. You did not know whether the practice was to send them to the hospital?—I have an idea they went to the Wellington Hospital morgue.

100. At Trentham you had to attend to the measles cases?—Yes.

101. They came to you from the lines, did they?—Yes.

102. And where were the measles cases placed while you were in charge?—In the jockeys' quarters.

103. Anywhere else?—Nowhere else.

104. How did they get on there: did you have any fatal cases?—No.

105. Did they all get right?—Well, I transferred them as their temperatures became normal to Dr. Izard's house and to Kaiwarra, and the serious cases to Wellington Hospital.

106. You had nothing to do with Badger, had you?—I saw him once or twice with Captain Ferguson, but it was merely casual.