

78. *The Chairman.*] With reference to the question of cold feet, how was it his feet were cold : was it through want of hot water?—No. His feet must have just gone cold.

79. *Mr. Salmond.*] Was he a dying man then?—Yes, he was a dying man.

80. Do the feet of a dying man usually get cold?—Yes, usually first.

81. After Pollard died did the relatives say anything about the way he was treated, either thanking you or finding fault with you?—No.

82. Do you remember a man named Fordham?—Yes.

83. He came into the hospital about the same time as Pollard?—Yes.

84. And died, I think, on the same day?—Yes.

85. Do you remember what condition he was in when he came?—He did not seem very bad when he came in.

86. Was he kept in the same ward as Pollard?—Yes.

87. Had he a temperature?—Yes; but he never ran as high as Pollard did.

88. Did he suddenly get very bad or gradually get worse?—Just gradually got worse.

89. How long do you reckon he was dangerously ill in your hospital before he died?—I do not know when he came.

90. He did not die suddenly: he must have been dangerously ill for some days?—Perhaps two days before he died. The doctor said he could be removed to Wellington Hospital, but he refused to go.

91. Was he very ill then?—Yes, he was ill enough to be moved. We only sent bad cases to the Wellington Hospital.

92. I cannot understand why the offer was made to Fordham and not to Pollard?—It would not have done to take Pollard out of the warm room; his temperature was too high and never came down.

93. Did both those men get pneumonia?—Yes, I think both had pneumonia. I am not quite sure.

94. Do you remember anything being said about communicating with Fordham's relatives?—No.

95. *The Chairman.*] They were communicated with?—Yes; they came there.

96. And they wrote a letter of thanks?—Yes; they have written twice to Sister Keith thanking her for her kindness.

97. *Mr. Salmond.*] No suggestion was ever made of want of treatment?—No.

98. Do you remember the case of a man named Colley: he was in your hospital and was removed to the Wellington Hospital, and died the next day?—Yes.

99. Do you remember how long he was in the Berhampore Hospital before being removed to Wellington Hospital?—I do not know, but the morning of the day he went to Wellington Hospital he was playing cards with the men in the marquee.

100. And was sleeping in the marquee?—Yes, and up and walking about.

101. Convalescent from measles?—Yes.

102. Do you remember his suddenly taking ill?—Yes, about midday.

103. What happened to him then?—He seemed to take a bit of a rigor.

104. Had his temperature risen?—Yes.

105. Was it taken?—Yes; but I do not know what it was.

106. *The Chairman.*] You have not got any records?—No.

107. They were left behind in the building?—Yes, unless they were destroyed.

108. And Colley was taken to the Wellington Hospital the same afternoon?—Yes.

109. What time?—I do not know. It was about 12 o'clock when he took ill, and we brought him into the ward and put him into bed, and it was some time before tea he went to the Wellington Hospital.

110. *Mr. Salmond.*] Do you know what was the matter with Colley?—I did not know then.

111. Do you know now?—I only heard from what was in the papers.

112. You saw him there: would a man take suddenly ill like that and die from pneumonia next day?—We could not tell whether he had pneumonia with just a rise of temperature.

113. A man is perfectly well at 12 o'clock one day and dead at 12 o'clock the next day: is that like a case of pneumonia?—It is not usual.

114. Do you think that hospital was a suitable place for nursing those patients you had?—For convalescents it was quite all right. It was taken for convalescents. We never had sick patients there. They seemed glad to be there.

115. Did they ever grumble about anything?—No, never complained. They were very well satisfied, and had good food and plenty of it.

116. Was there proper equipment?—Yes. If we wanted anything we only had to ring up for it and get whatever we wanted.

117. And all proper sanitary appliances?—Yes.

118. Was it overcrowded?—We had them sleeping in marquees.

119. *The Chairman.*] But it was not throughout like that?—Sometimes we had the convalescent ones out in the marquees.

120. *Mr. Ferguson.*] Were the marquees overcrowded?—Seventeen in a marquee.

121. *Mr. Salmond.*] Is that too many?—I do not know. There was plenty of room; they were big marquees.

122. *The Chairman.*] It varied: there were not seventeen every night?—No.

123. *Mr. Salmond.*] Were any patients kept in places you regarded as unsuitable—for example, harness-rooms, or other rooms such as stables?—No.

124. When the patients came in had they been properly treated: did they come in clean and in proper condition?—Yes, fairly clean, I suppose.