

declare that it is better for the student to remain here and finish his whole course, and when the opportunity comes to go Home for post-graduate work.

70. That has been the experience so far as you know?—Yes. I have heard no one say he regretted taking his course here.

71. You said that you regard Professor Boys-Smith as having done excellent work as an organizer?—Yes.

72. I suppose you take into account the fact that, being the first professor, the whole of the initial arrangements in connection with the founding of the school fell upon her shoulders?—Yes. I might also say that during the past year Professor Boys-Smith has been in very indifferent health for a good portion of the session. That I know from communications from herself.

73. *Hon. Mr. Allen.*] I want to say this: that the report of the Rev. Mr. Cameron as put in, and the cross-examination as conducted by the members of the Committee, has really covered the ground very fully, and I do not want to ask any questions except on one point which Mr. Hanan was asking about, and that is with regard to Professor Boys-Smith and her work. I would like to ask the Rev. Mr. Cameron if he will quote what is laid down in the Calendar as the work of Professor Boys-Smith?—Yes. In respect to "household economics": "A short course of about twenty lectures, half of which may be taken in the student's first winter session, while the more advanced half should be postponed until the second winter session, in order to synchronize with the English course." Then, she has "household business affairs": "This course consists of about ten lectures, and forms part of the course in household economics, but should be taken in the student's first year. Instruction is given in methods of keeping household accounts, banking accounts, and other business matters connected with the management of the household."

74. Then, as to physiology?—"Physiology, with a short introductory course in biology: The course consists of about sixty lectures and 120 hours' practical work, and covers part of the same ground as the degree course, but the subjects will be treated in less detail, and the examination standard will be lower." Then she has—"Hygiene: General elementary study of the principles of warming, lighting, and ventilating dwellings, schools, and other buildings; water—its sources, storage, delivery, impurities, and purifications; soil and air as affecting health; exercise, rest, and sleep; the infective diseases; clothing; food and dietetics." Then there are short courses which involve still more work, including elementary physiology and hygiene, &c.

75. In addition to the work which is laid down for her, can you say what she is doing?—Miss Boys-Smith has had a great amount of extra work in connection with the organization of the school, and I think this work has been well done. I will tell you what she has been doing to some extent: instead of lecturing on some days she has prescribed parts of books to be read and papers to be written. I do not think she has been able to overtake all her work, but that has been due to some extent to her ill health. I can speak as to the work she is doing, because I have a daughter studying there, and I make no complaint.

76. I would like your opinion as to the work in addition to the lecture work—whether the organization of the new scheme does not require a great deal of time, labour, and thought?—Yes, I think it does require a great deal of time, labour, and thought.

77. Do you think Professor Boys-Smith has really fulfilled—so far, at any rate, as organization is concerned—the expectations that one could possibly have?—Yes, she has really impressed me. As an organizer I have been very favourably impressed with her indeed.

78. *The Chairman.*] In connection with that, are you as a parent thoroughly satisfied with the provisions made for your daughter's training in domestic science?—Yes; I hope the school may be improved as we go on. I believe a great deal can be done to improve it if we get the money we need. I think that in Miss Rawson the College has also a real gift.

79. In connection with the grants which have been received from outside sources this year, you might inform me whether I am correct in the following: Presbyterian Church Board, £1,800; Mr. Studholme, £300; Citizens Committee, £200; Law Society, £100; Society of Accountants, £100; City Council, £75; and Medical Association, £10?—Yes; but that does not represent all that the Medical Association gives. The honorary medical staff of the Hospital has for years—I do not know how many—given all the fees that come to them as instructors back to the Hospital for the benefit of the school. That is a very large annual gift from the medical staff.

80. *Mr. Sidey.*] Have not the dental staff done the same?—Yes. The dental staff last year received the fees, and they returned them to the Council to enable them to get an X-ray apparatus to equip the school. And we hope the Minister of Education will give us 24s. to the pound for it.

81. *The Chairman.*] I want to ask one other question, but this is outside the University. Can you give me an idea how much has been subscribed for Knox College?—For Knox College, about £36,000. Towards this we received some liberal donations from the north—thus £2,000 from Mr. Bullen, £2,000 from Palmerston North, and £1,500 from a gentleman in Canterbury. In addition to this large sum there is the gift from the Church of a site of 10 acres, just on the other side of the Botanical Gardens, for the College. Then the Church provides the salary of the master, who is also a professor in the Theological College; but you may safely take half his salary as for the mastership of the College—that is, £300 a year is given by the Church in the interests of University education.

82. *Mr. Sidey.*] This College is open to all students?—Yes, there are eighty-six students in residence, and over thirty of them are medical students.

83. There is no religious test whatever?—No.

84. How is it taken advantage of?—It is full, and we have had to refuse applications. There are eighty-six students now. And Selwyn College is also full. The same may be said of St. Margaret's Hostel for Women.

85. *The Chairman.*] You have at present a scheme to raise £6,000 for St. Margaret's?—Not all from subscriptions.