

Q. That is the Toronto General Hospital?—A. The Toronto General Hospital. So evidently the educational propaganda that has been carried on for a number of years has had a wonderful effect.

Q. That is what you hold accountable for the decline?—A. I think so.

Q. The work of education, and the clinics?—A. Yes.

*By Hon. Mr. Daniel:*

Q. You made no distinction as between urban and rural patients?—A. No, but it was pretty much the same.

Q. The same among the rural patients?—A. The rural people that came into the hospital.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Are you of opinion, doctor, that women as well as men should be obliged to secure medical certificates before marriage, if we decide that the men should have them?—A. I think it would be better not to do so.

*By Hon. Mr. Daniel:*

Q. On what grounds?—A. Well, if I had a daughter of marriageable age, I would dislike very much to have her go and have a complete examination whereby one could definitely state.

Q. It is on grounds of that kind?—A. On grounds of modesty. It would be necessary to take a swab from the cervix if such a law were carried.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Now, Dr. Starr, to make the Bill reasonably effective, would it be necessary to require a Wasserman test in the case of every individual seeking a marriage license?—A. Absolutely.

Q. Is that test absolutely sure?—A. Occasionally, I think, it is not effective, but they tell me in the laboratory that about 96 per cent of the tests are reliable.

*By Hon. Mr. Daniel:*

Q. In that case, so far as the blood test is concerned, you would have no objection to the woman getting it?—A. Not at all. You would be surprised how many of the students at the University, the lady students in particular, come and want a blood test taken. Not long since I had a girl representing a group of twelve come to my office and ask how it could be done, and I sent her to the laboratory along with eleven other girls just to make sure that they were all right, for their own satisfaction. There is an interesting thing in connection with the care of students in the University. During the past winter, out of approximately 5,000 students, of which 3,000 are male students, there have been only 5 cases of gonorrhœa. Those students are examined when they come to college, and again at Christmas, and again in the spring, and the man who has charge of that only last Sunday gave me this information.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. You are referring to the University?—A. The University of Toronto.

*By Hon. Mr. Daniel:*

Q. Do you examine all the students?—A. Yes.

Q. How long has that been in vogue?—A. Since the war.

Q. Have you found only three?—A. Five.

Q. In what length of time?—A. Beginning when the students came in the end of September, and up to Easter.