

Mr. Champion

But it is the young man who is just starting work who takes less wages ?- Yes.

Now, when that boy gets married, does he go on working for these low wages ?- They do not even get married.

What do you mean, then? Do they just take a wife ?- Yes, they just take a wife; it is very difficult for them to pay lobolo nowadays.

But when they take a wife for themselves, they have ~~just~~ still got to maintain her while she is living with them ?- That is a point I would not like to go very fully into; I find, as a matter of fact, that the wives do support the men rather than the men support their wives in town here.

Is that general ?- In many cases, if a Native boy has a wife here, he is supported by his wife.

How does she earn money ?- I have said to many Commissions she has better chances of getting money from liquor selling and other means and washing, and the scrubbing of floors

She does not get much from washing ?- Well, I find they have more money on account of washing; perhaps it is a 'bonsella'; it is a fact that the working woman has more money than the working man.

CHAIRMAN: You mean, in addition to the money she gets from the washing, she gets little extras from her missus ?- Yes, that is what I say, Mr. Chairman.

Do you think this boy who takes £2 a month goes on working for £2 a month when he has a woman living with him ?- Some of them decide not to go on. You will find, Mr. Chairman, that if you were to refer to the licensing officer here in Johannesburg, many boys have got pedlar's licenses to sell goods taken from the wholesale shops, -- but those boys do not sell any goods.

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What do they do ?- They stay about in town here as gentlemen of leisure.

DR. FOURIE: When you said it was very difficult to pay lobolo here in town, would they pay money then; do they not pay money instead of cattle ?- No, sir. I find my experience is that most of the Native boys who get married here get assistance from their own wives.

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