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UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND,
JOHANNESBURG

ANSWERS TO MR. PATON'S QUESTIONS.

- (1) Mr. Hofmeyr's salary on appointment as Principal was £1,350 p.a. In 1928 I was appointed at £1,250.
- (2) Mr. Hofmeyr's salary as Professor on appointment was £850.
- (3) I am ascertaining the date of Dr. Corstorphine's death, and will let you know later. *28.2.1984* *at my behest 10.12.56 +*
- (4) As far as I am aware, Dr. Stibbe was no special expert on buildings but the University would naturally have some members of Senate on the Building Committee and Professors are always very fully consulted on the design of their own departmental accommodation.
- (5) The original Principal's house was designed to have two storeys. However, the cost was found to be excessive and only one was built. It contained: study, lounge, dining room, 2 bedrooms and offices. Sir William Thompson added a stoep, and the present Principal added a small flat for his housekeeper in 1928 consisting of two rooms and bathroom, now the spare bedrooms of the house. During the last war one of the bedrooms was enlarged.
- (6) I am not aware what happened to the University Committee between 1924 and 1928 but it had by that time ceased making any appeal for funds although certain regular subscriptions came in.

After 1928 when I was appointed we held fairly regular meetings once a year but they were merely for fixing the grant from the Committee to the University. In 1940 the Committee was wound up. The late Dr. Alex Aiken wished to hand over all available funds to the University, but on my very strong representation he agreed to hand the funds over to Trustees who are the Chairman of Council, the Chairman of the University Finance Committee and the Principal, all for the time being. By this means it is possible to accumulate a small nest egg for the University since when times are good some of the indebtedness of the University to the Committee can be repaid. It was doubtful whether this would have been possible if all the funds had been handed over to the University.

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