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State of Pennsylvania)
County of Cumberland) ss.

Mr. John Whitwell, being duly sworn by Inspector E. B.

Linnen, answers questions as follows:

Q. Mr. Whitwell, do you recall that sometime during June, 1913, you were called over to Miss Ridenour, the disciplinarian's office in the girls' dormitory building at Carlisle, when a girl by the name of Julia Hardin was being whipped?

A. I do.

Q. Who called you over?

A. Mrs. LaFlesche, through Mr. Friedman. Mrs. LaFlesche asked me to go over. I refused, and she took me to Mr. Friedman, and he requested me to go over.

Q. Now state as nearly as you possibly can, just what occurred in the room after you got there on that occasion.

A. I found the girl sitting on the floor sobbing and crying. Mr. Stauffer was standing near, very much excited. So was Miss Ridenour. I had learned on the way over, from Mrs. LaFlesche, something of the trouble. I walked up to Julia and said something like this: "Julia, you know I wouldn't advise you to do anything against your best interests if I knew it. Now you have got yourself into this trouble and it is up to you to get yourself out of it. I couldn't tell you what is right or wrong, any better than what you yourself now know it, and I am not going to waste time talking to you, but I advise you to do as you are told, whatever that is."

I turned to the matron and asked what they wanted her to do. The matron said she would have to go to the lock-up. I said, "Julia, will you go to the lock-up?" She said, "I will go for you, Mr. Whitwell." I knew the girl meant what she said. I turned to the matron and said she was ready to go, but the matron did not seem to realize it. I said again that she was ready to go and told Julia to rise and go with her. She went and that ended my connection with the case.

That evening Mr. Stauffer came to our house and explained his connection with the case. I told him that he would likely be blamed for using corporal punishment on the girl. He said that he had first gone to Mr. Friedman, and that while Mr. Friedman didn't give him direct permission, he took it for granted that he was willing that the girl should be punished. He also added that the girl was ready to give in when I came over. I said so far as I was concerned, I felt I had not done anything worth mentioning.

Q. You have now read a typewritten statement, which I inform you is the statement of Mr. Claude M. Stauffer, and with relation to that part which pertains to yourself, I desire to question you as follows:

He states that you pulled the girl up from the floor. Is that true?

A. No, I am quite sure I never even touched the girl. I had made up my mind before going over if I couldn't persuade her I wouldn't use corporal punishment, especially as I wasn't disciplinarian.

Q. He further states that you told her she would have to make up her mind to go, that she didn't have half enough, and threatened to give her more yourself.

A. That is false.

Q. He further states that you ordered her put in the detention room over night so that she couldn't be persuaded by the other girls to change her mind. Is that true?

A. No, sir. I asked the matron what they wanted her to do. I agreed with the matron when she said she should go to the lock-up.

Q. Your idea simply was that she was to obey the instructions and not receive any punishment?

A. That was all. I didn't know the details of the trouble, and couldn't tell what should be done.

Q. Did you approve, then, of corporal punishment on a young lady like that.

A. I did not, under the circumstances.

Q. Did you see the board that they were whipping this girl with?

A. No, sir. That was all over when I arrived.

Q. Then the statements that Mr. Stauffer makes with relation to your pulling this girl up from the floor, and saying she didn't have half enough of a whipping, and threatened to give her more yourself, and ordered her detention in the lock-up over night is Untrue?

A. Untrue, and from reports made to me by the girls who were interested, it shows that they appreciated my efforts without using corporal punishment.

John Whitwell

Subscribed and sworn before me at Carlisle, Pa., this sixth day of February, A. D. 1914.

E. B. Limmen

U. S. Inspector.