

have been here, and they collect the students that are sent here?

218 Mrs. Denny. Yes, and then, I think the agents — I know that agents and other employees have brought several parties here.

Representative Stephens. Are they brought here against their will?

Mrs. Denny. I do not think so. I do not think any pupils are received before ~~wax~~ they sign what they call an application blank.

Representative Stephens. Do you know anything about the girl that was beaten by Band master Stauffer?

Mrs. Denny. I heard about that last spring.

Representative Stephens. You did not see it?

Mrs. Denny. I did not see it, no, sir; I do not know much about the circumstances.

TESTIMONY OF MRS. BERTHA D. CANFIELD.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

Mrs. Canfield. I have been at Carlisle fourteen years and in the Indian service twenty years. My experience entitles me to stand in protection of these children.

Mr. Friedman has given his first attention to the outside appearance of the school, but there is nothing in buildings when the moral standing of the school is neglected.

He has used the good name General Pratt made for the school to advertise himself. I feel that he is wholly unfit for superintendent, that he has neglected his duty to the pupils in talking to them and advising them.

General Pratt never failed in talking to them each day

and telling them what to do, helping them in ways that were uplifting in character.

The moral side of the school has never before been as low in the history of the school as under Mr. Friedman.

He failed to assist and cooperate with Miss Gaither in most serious cases of discipline with the girls.

He ordered Miss Gaither to go with the girls to the gymnasium. She protested, saying there was no one on duty at girls' quarters, that it was unsafe to leave the punished girls there alone. But at his request she was obliged to go — the result was that some boys got into girls' quarters and spent the evening with the girls.

Agnes Jacobs whose immoral character was well known was one of these girls. After all this Agnes Jacobs was allowed to sing in public entertainments before the pupils and was taken to public places with the band, to Harrisburg to sing before the governor, and other public places singing "Redwing" and dressing in Indian costume. This was done against the wish of the matron, Miss Gaither had requested before this that Agnes Jacobs be sent home. If the matron's wish had been complied with in the beginning it would have been better for Agnes and her associates.

At the pageant at Philadelphia a year ago last fall a number of these girls were taken for public display with a large number of boys. There was an excellent chaperone with them but it was not safe for the girls to be out of her sight. The first downfall of one of our best girls occurred there. After her return to the school Amos Komah, one of the boys who was with her at the pageant went to her room and spent the night.

This was reported the next day to Miss Gaither. Helen was to go to Philadelphia again to sing but Miss Gaither said she should not go with her permission. Mr. Friedman was very angry, just furions that she had made the report until ~~xxx~~ after she had been to Philadelphia and returned. Both Amos Komah and Helen Johnson were sent home, each to their own home without being compelled to marry.

Myrtle Sutton, a returned student, came back to take telegraphy, but was not allowed to enter this department. They would have admitted her as a pupil, she refused to be admitted as a pupil in the regular school course, she would not sign for anything else except for telegraphy. She went to town to the hotel. The people at the hotel asked the school to see that she was removed from there. The disciplinarian was requested to take her to Harrisburg. This he did. Mr. Friedman refused to purchase a ticket to take her farther than Harrisburg. The girl said she had no money to buy a ticket to take her to her home. The disciplinarian gave her what change he had in his pocket ~~which was~~ forty cents and told to ~~xxx~~ look up the Salvation Army headquarters for protection. So she was left unaided and unprotected in Harrisburg.

The superintendent has gone to the extreme in cooperating with Miss Ridenour, the present matron. Sixteen or more girls have been expelled within the past year. Some of these girls who have been sent home have been unjustly treated. Genevieve Bebeau who had a good record in the country and here was a good little girl. So far as I know her only misbehavior was that she was impudent to the matron in defending her sister. Mrs. Posey who saw the treatment of the child when she was expelled

said she would never forgive them for such treatment to the child.

Sylvia Moon, one of the girls who had graduated, was here taking the commercial course. She has made a good record and many friends. She was taken out of line, expelled from school, sent home immediately without chance for defense. The school should help and build up character rather than condemn these girls.

If the superintendent had done his duty it would not have been necessary to have expelled these girls.

Mr. Friedman gave Miss Gaither to understand that she had nothing to do with the discipline of the girls at the hospital although at that time the discipline there was very lax.

Louise Katchicum was here at the school taking training as nurse. After she graduated in the academic course and returned home she made known her condition and that Joseph Loudbear, one of the boys at school was the father of the child. The school did not compel Joseph to marry her although his conduct and record here had been such that no one doubted that what she said was true; instead he was recommended to be sent as an employee to some western school and he did not marry her until some christian people followed the case.

Margaret Burgess, one of our favorite Alaskan girls fell the victim of a football boy; Sampson Bird met her in town on girls' day. The amusements such as dancing and receptions have been detrimental to the school as they have been carried to the extreme.

It is useless to maintain a school like this without having a strong moral christian man at the head as superinten-

dent. Mr. Friedman has never had the confidence or respect of the pupils. He does not work in sympathy with employees. When I have gone to him about matters concerning myself and the school he has told me to get out that he would sign my transfer. He would talk in a loud tone, growl, and be heard by the orderlies all over the house, try to frighten and bluff us by such manners.

He posed as a friend to the Indians. At the time my third assistant, Mrs. Parker, resigned, October, 1913, I wrote to Mr. Friedman asking if I might put Ada Curtis in charge of the mending room under my supervision, that she was an all-day worker in the sewing room and had been an employee in the West and was a nice deserving girl and needed the money. I was informed by the office that pupils were not put in charge of work. I was ordered to put Miss Searight in charge of the mending leaving her class which was more important work without a teacher. This showed his lack of interest in the pupil.

Without consulting me he sent Miss Ridenour, a stranger, to town to get a woman to act as assistant. He also sent her to town to buy twenty yards of material for dresses when we had material in stock.

Drunkenness. — I have seen many boys brought home from town just as drunk as they could be. Under this administration there has been more intemperance than ever before.

I make these statements with the thought in mind that they may help to make conditions better for the school.

The Chairman. It seems that there has been recently quite a number of cases of young lady pupils in the school who have been unfortunate in the worst way possible. What do you at-

tribute these incidents to, and what do you think is the remedy for it?

Mrs. Canfield. I think the first thing we need is a father over the school, or somebody whom the children will trust and respect.

The Chairman. What is the relation of the pupils in the school to the superintendent?

Mrs. Canfield. As I have stated, they never have had the proper respect for him, and no love for him whatever.

The Chairman. How does he treat them? What occasions that, in your judgment?

Mrs. Canfield. Well, he never has talked to them, never has been a father over them as he should have been, and he has evaded the responsibility.

The Chairman. Do you think it is due to natural temperament or indifference and lack of interest?

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Mrs. Canfield. I think it is just lack of interest. It has impressed me so that it is.

The Chairman. How do Miss Ridenour and the young lady pupils of the school get along?

Mrs. Canfield. Not at all well. The girls are very unhappy under her. I think Miss Ridenour is a good worker, but she seems to be unfortunate as a mother over them.

The Chairman. There is a general state of hostility, is there?

Representative Stephens. What do you mean by "unfortunate"?

Mrs. Canfield. She does not seem to have tact with them. I think she has been accustomed to a very different class of girls from what she has here.

The Chairman. How about her temper and disposition?

Mrs. Canfield. She seems not to have very good control of her temper.

Representative Stephens. Does she have the confidence of the girls in any respect?

Mrs. Canfield. No, not at all. I am sorry to say she has not.

Representative Stephens. They do not consult with her about any of their troubles?

Mrs. Canfield. The girls say, that when they go to consult with her she does not see them; she is not willing to consult with them.

The Chairman. You say there are sixteen girls expelled in less than —

Mrs. Canfield. That is just the ones that I have track of.

The Chairman. There may be more?

Mrs. Canfield. I do not know how many more. There may have been some sent home from the country.

The Chairman. What are the reasons principally for these expulsions?

Mrs. Canfield. They are mostly for immorality except three or four — Sylvia Moon and Genevieve Bebeau.

The Chairman. What are the relations of the employees towards Mr. Friedman?

Mrs. Canfield. I think they generally feel that he is not capable.

The Chairman. Then there is no cordiality of feeling between the pupils and the superintendent or the employees and

the superintendent?

Mrs. Canfield. No.

The Chairman. The relations are strained both as to the pupils and the employees?

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Mrs. Canfield. Yes, except just a few employees.

The Chairman. Is the discipline in the school improving or growing worse?

Mrs. Canfield. Well, it is not any better. Things have been rather obstreperous the last few weeks.

The Chairman. Explain a little bit more in detail what you mean. Are the pupils resentful and rebellious or mutinous?

Mrs. Canfield. Yes, they seem to be rebellious, a good many of them. Boys have been drinking.

The Chairman. Do you know of loyal friends of the superintendent among the young men? Do you know who they are?

Mrs. Canfield. The pupils?

The Chairman. Yes.

Mrs. Canfield. No; I understood that William Garlow was. I do not know that he is a loyal friend, but I understand that he was ready to betray his fellows.

The Chairman. Now, you have supervision of the sewing department?

Mrs. Canfield. Yes.

The Chairman. How many persons are engaged in that department?

Mrs. Canfield. I have three assistants.

The Chairman. They detail girls to take instruction in that work?

Mrs. Canfield. Yes.

The Chairman. How many girls are usually detailed?

Mrs. Canfield. I have, I think, 42 in one division now, and 46 in another; 46 in the morning and 42 in the evening.

The Chairman. Do they make pretty good progress in that work?

Mrs. Canfield. Some of them do pretty well. Of course, they are children, most of them.

The Chairman. What about the clothing that is supplied to children here? Is it sufficient and comfortable?

Mrs. Canfield. Yes, I think so. I think that the clothing is satisfactory as far as I know. There is great ^{of} distraction in clothing here.

Mr. Whitwell
Naturally I suppose?

Mrs. Canfield. Yes.

The Chairman. Is the clothing of the small boys sent to you to be repaired?

Mrs. Canfield. Everything except thier trousers and coats They are not sent to us. They used to be, however, and I do not know why they stopped sending them.

The Chairman. You never had any information about it?

Mrs. Canfield. No.

TESTIMONY OF MR. JOHN WHITWELL.

The witness was duly sworn by the chairman.

The Chairman. You are the princip^{al} teacher at Carlisle Institute?

Mr. Whitwell. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How many pupils are there in this school? What is the average daily attendance now?

Mr. Whitwell. We have 816 on the roll. I have not got