

and make it a regular work. So I think that was really his motive, for it was taking revenge in a way upon Father Stock.

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## TESTIMONY OF MISS ANNA H. RIDENOUR.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. You are the matron at Carlisle school?

Miss Ridenour. I am the matron.

The Chairman. How long have you been here?

Miss Ridenour. One year and a few days.

The Chairman. How long have you been in the Indian Service, Miss Ridenour?

Miss Ridenour. About 16 years.

The Chairman. Where did you serve before coming here?

Miss Ridenour. Mescalero, N. Mex., Hoopa, Cal., and Phoenix, Ariz.

The Chairman. How did you find the conditions among the pupils under your jurisdiction with reference to discipline when you first came here?

Miss Ridenour. Pretty bad.

The Chairman. How would you describe it?

Miss Ridenour. Impudent, saucy —

The Chairman. Was there much immorality among them?

Miss Ridenour. Yes, sir; there was some. I could not tell you how much. Right at first I did not find this out.

1101 I was here a short time before I discovered the first cases.

The Chairman. What is the condition now with reference to the same subject? Has it improved any?

Miss Ridenour. It seems to me that it is better.

The Chairman. Have you had much difficulty in handling the girls?

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Miss Ridenour. I have had some.

The Chairman. Have you had many conflicts with them?

Miss Ridenour. Several.

The Chairman. What is your relationship with them in a general way? Is it cordial or rather strained?

Miss Ridenour. It has been very strained of late.

The Chairman. How long has it been since that began?

Miss Ridenour. Sometime before Christmas I think it started up. Just since New Years it has been the worst. The first outbreak was on New Year's day.

The Chairman. Describe that outbreak.

Miss Ridenour. It was not just an outbreak. Really they disobeyed me and went over my head.

The Chairman. Appealed to the superintendent over you?

Miss Ridenour. Yes, appealed to the superintendent without permission, and I would have given them that permission.

The Chairman. Was that about the skating expedition?

Miss Ridenour. I was trying to get permission at the time over the 'phone, to find out if he would allow us to go, but I happened to see them sneaking out to go, and I did not know where they went. I followed them to the door to see, while I was waiting for Mr. Friedman to come to the telephone.

The Chairman. Did you have a controversy with them?

Miss Ridenour. I just called them in and talked to them about it and asked them why they did it.

The Chairman. You reproved them?

Miss Ridenour. I reproved them; yes, sir.

The Chairman. Did the superintendent sustain you? He sent them back to you, did he not?

Miss Ridenour. That was not taken up with the superintendent at all.

The Chairman. They never did get their appeal before him?

Miss Ridenour. He told the girls he would see me about it. That is, he sent word to them by his wife. She went to the door.

The Chairman. How many girls have you under your jurisdiction?

Miss Ridenour. 235 right here on the grounds. I have 87 in the country that I have a good deal of work to do for.

The Chairman. Do you reside in the same building where they do?

Miss Ridenour. I do.

The Chairman. What is their general conduct in their rooms with reference to being orderly or disorderly?

Miss Ridenour. In the way of keeping their rooms?

The Chairman. I mean in the way of being quiet and reserved.

Miss Ridenour. As a rule, they are very good.

The Chairman. Now, how do they keep their rooms?

Miss Ridenour. If we keep after them, they keep them pretty good.

The Chairman. You have some trouble?

Miss Ridenour. Certainly; we have to be after them.

The Chairman. Do you remember the case of Julia Hardin?

Miss Ridenour. The girl who was whipped by Mr. Stauffer? Yes, sir.

The Chairman. I wish you would tell about that.

Miss Ridenour. Begin at the beginning and tell the whole thing?



The Chairman. Yes, briefly.

Miss Ridenour. Julia signed to go to the country for the first party last spring. Everything went along all right until the day everything was prepared to go, and when the time came to pack trunks and get ready those for whom places had been assigned — I think we packed the trunks the day before. When I sent for her to come and pack her trunk, she refused to come. In the first place, I announced in the morning that the girls  
1103 who were to go were not to go to school. When it came time for her to pack her trunk I sent to the schoolhouse for her, and she did not come. I had to send Miss Austin for her. It was getting late and all, and she would not hurry at all. She just lagged along and said she was not going, and we could not make her, so I appealed to Mrs. LaFlesche, the outing manager, and she said that Julia must go.

Then we took it up to find out what her excuse was. She wanted to wait for the next party, and I believe she said she did not have a trunk, that she wanted to get the money that she expected for a new trunk, as her trunk was not good. Then we excused her, and I rushed around and got another girl ready on short notice to go in her place.

So it went on until the next time came. When the next party came —

The Chairman. How long was that after the first occasion?

Miss Ridenour. I think there was about four or six weeks between. When it came time to pack trunks again, I announced to her that they had secured a place for her and that she would have to go the next day. She told me she was not going. I did not pay much attention to it; I just supposed it was some of

1104 her folly, and that she would go.

She went off to school again, and we had to send for her. We had to go for her three or four times that day, one or the other of us, and it was almost train time — that is, just time to get her packed to go when the rest were to go. I did everything to try to persuade her that I could, and that to show to her that the only thing to do was to get ready and go, and she still refused.

I went up to Mr. Friedman and told him I could not do anything with Julia, that she refused to go and said she would not go for anybody. Mr. Friedman sent Mrs. La Flesche down, and she would not do anything for her. Mr. Friedman said she must go. I went up to her room and took her up there — I had almost to push her to her room. I told her she must go anyhow and keep her promise this time, and she would not do it.

Representative Carter. Did she have a trunk then?

Miss Ridenour. No, she had drawn her money and spent ~~it~~ it for other things.

I went down and called Mr. Friedman again, and Mr. Friedman sent Mr. Stauffer, I think, and he said he happened to come into the office at that time, so he called him. Mr. Stauffer came down, and I took him up to her room, and he talked to her, and we both talked to her and tried to persuade her, and she just talked back to us and told us there was nobody would make her do what she did not want to do.

Mr. Stauffer went back and went to Mr. Friedman again, and she ran off outside and told the girls how she had talked to us — right in front of the building here — and declared she would not go. But I went after her and got her back in

the office, and I was talking to her when Mr. Stauffer came back. He took the case then and began to talk to her, and asked her if she would go, and she said she would not. He told her what she would have to do, and she got smart and impertinent, and said saucy things back, and he slapped her face. I think he slapped her a couple of times, and she doubled  
 1105 up and dropped down on the floor. I think he tried to get her up — we both tried to get her up, and we failed, and he pulled her over and spanked her.

The Chairman. What did he use? A board?

Miss Ridenour. I went and got a piece of kindling.

The Chairman. How many times did he strike her?

Miss Ridenour. I do not know, but it was not half enough.

The Chairman. You think she did not get enough punishment?

Miss Ridenour. Mrs. La Flesche, she came in, and Mr. Stauffer told her how the thing was, and she said that was what she deserved. She said too that she had not got half enough.

The Chairman. Really, don't you feel in a case like that ~~xxxx~~ she is about 18 years old, I believe — don't you think such a case had better be handled in a different way than by having a man take a young lady and spank her with a board? Do ~~it~~ you think it helped the discipline of the school?

Miss Ridenour. I certainly think it did.

The Chairman. Was that your intention in having it done?

Miss Ridenour. To do the right thing for the school, and the girl.

Mrs. La Flesche came in, and she talked to her again, and she would not get up. Then Mr. Whitwell came in, and he talked



to her, and she would not get up for a long time. He told her she would have to go and sign the check, and if she did not we would have to send her to a reform school. So she finally got up and signed the check.

The Chairman. What is the rule about those outing parties?

Miss Ridenour. It is their own free will to go if they want to, but after they sign and all arrangements are made they are compelled to go.

The Chairman. They are given the option?

Miss Ridenour. They are given due consideration, and they are given one chance to go back on their word, if they want to, and the next time they are made to go through.

Representative Carter. She signed up a second time, did she?

Miss Ridenour. This was the same time; she promised to go the next time.

In the meantime Mr. Whitwell said she should be locked up. We did that, so that the girls would not get to her and persuade her to do something else. Mr. Whitwell went with me and took her up to the little lock-up we had, and locked her up in there. One of the matrons went in the little clothing room, which is right off that room, and she called to the matron and asked if she would send for Mr. Stauffer.

Mr. Stauffer came right back, and he and I went right back up to the little lock-up, and she apologized to both of us, and said she would go on and be no more trouble at all. Then, rather than leave her in the lock-up over night, we both told her we had forgiven her — she asked us if we would, and if it

would make any difference to any one else, and we told her we knew it would not. I took her in my room and kept her in my room, because I did not want her out where the girls were, for fear the girls would get hold of her and persuade her to go back.

In the meantime the boy she had been infatuated with during this time, he found out she was in my room. He went up to the window and had — she told the whole story. I trusted her and let her stay in my room, and then she saw the boy — by the way, he has caused more trouble than anything else.

The Chairman. Who is he?

Miss Ridenour. Tony Largeknees.

The Chairman. How did she get along?

Miss Ridenour. When she first went out she got along splendidly. She got very good reports. She wrote me a letter thanking me for what we had done for her, and said she was glad we had done it, and it had done her lots of good. And when she came back she walked into the office and said she was glad Mr. Stauffer and I made her go, and she has been one of the best girls, up to about New Year's, that we have ever had.

The Chairman. Did you ever have any trouble with her other than that time?

Miss Ridenour. I came in January, and that was soon after I came. Before that she was — I always thought she was — one of the leaders in throwing things. That is what they did when I first came here.

The Chairman. They do not do that now?

Miss Ridenour. No, sir; they have been very good.



The Chairman. Was her conduct reported to the people she went to?

Miss Ridenour. Yes, sir. She was taken out to the country all the way by Mrs. La Flesche, so they would know what they had to deal with. I suppose she took her to Philadelphia —

The Chairman. Were they instructed to curtail her privileges on account of her conduct before she left the school?

Miss Ridenour. I could not tell you that.

The Chairman. You do not know anything about what information was communicated?

Miss. Ridenour. No. But I know some of the letters that were written back. She wrote to this boy some postal cards with all sorts of stuff on them —

The Chairman. Anything improper on them?

Miss Ridenour. She wrote to this Tony what she would do, that she would run away and stay out all night — put it on a postal card and sent it through the Post office. The boy was under punishment at that time, and Mr. McKean noticed this card.

The Chairman. You are satisfied there was no foundation for her statements that she had been so imprudent in her conduct?

Miss Ridenour. They made a thorough investigation, and I think they found out. The people said that she and another girl ran away to a dance. Both the country mothers said she had never been out of the house to their knowledge, they could not find out anything. Nothing was ever said to the girl about it at all.

The Chairman. Do you know the feeling between Mr. Friedman

and the pupils generally? Do you whether the relation between them is strained or cordial?

Miss Ridenour. Well, at present it is strained, and at one time before it was. We opened up school with a very good feeling in September. Everything just seemed to be going on splendidly until the last four or six weeks.

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The Chairman. To what do you attribute the disaffection your  
among the pupils?

Miss Ridenour. Well, I am not real positive, but I have felt that there were employees that have influenced the children. I have felt that there was outside influence some where.

The Chairman. Have you any information as to that, or any proof of it?

Miss Ridenour. I do not know that I have.

The Chairman. Is there much drinking among the boys, Miss Ridenour?

Miss Ridenour. I cannot say. They have had a good many cases of drunkenness here, I think.

The Chairman. Of course, you have no special jurisdiction over things of that sort?

Miss Ridenour. Only keeping them away from the girls.

The Chairman. Do you have much trouble keeping the boys away from the girls?

Miss Ridenour. I have had lots of trouble.

The Chairman. What precautions do you take, and what plans do you pursue to prevent immoral relations between them?

Miss Ridenour. Well, I do not allow them to go anywhere unchaperoned if I can help it. I keep as close a watch upon

them in every respect as I can?

The Chairman. I think it is in evidence that you reprove them whenever you can.

Miss Ridenour. I think if you ask them they will know why. They have done a great many things. The girls themselves opened the door. The last case we had, one of the girls said in a letter that the girl did it, and it was not the boys. They had to take a hasp off the door, and they had to get a key some way. This was after this trouble seemed to take hold of them. I attributed it mostly to this quarantine business. We were quarantined on account of measles. We were quarantined here for two months, and we have not been allowed to go down town. We had to close the socials, and the boys and girls said it was a pretext just to keep them from having socials. That is the way they would talk, and I think that is the way that door was opened.

The Chairman. On that occasion was there evidence of improper relationship between them, or was that just an effort to associate together?

Miss Ridenour. I do not know. The girls said — the four that we caught in this affair claimed that they were in a spirit of fun, and the boys said they came there for that purpose.

The Chairman. How were the boys punished?

Miss Ridenour. They were locked up for a few days. I locked up the girls here for a week, and they were told they were to be deprived of all privilege of socials, going to town and drawing money until after commencement. I have carried that out so far, but one of the boys has been to three receptions. That is what the boys are angry at me about, because



they think I am punishing the girls, and the boys have been so rebellious against me.

The Chairman. I have not found any evidence of that.

Miss Ridenour. I cannot go across the campus here that they do not all shout, "Put her out."

The Chairman. Have you heard them make similar displays toward the superintendent? Have you heard them call him "Jew", etc.?

Miss Ridenour. I have noticed the boys doing it. But they do it to me every time I go on the campus, if there are a few of them together, or even one. One was passing the dining room the other evening, and he shouted at me, "Let them out," meaning, I suppose, that I was keeping the girls too close.

The Chairman. For my part, Miss Ridenour, I feel you have had some very hard work, and you have been very unfortunate in this strained relation that has arisen. I would like to ask, if you care to suggest it, just what you think are the remedies for those conditions. I do not mean to urge it, because you are not charged with that responsibility. If you have anything you want to suggest I would like to have you do it.

Miss Ridenour. I feel positive that there is somebody influencing the children, both against me and Mr. Friedman. If you cannot find that out and remove it I do not think there is any remedy. That is what I feel.

Representative Carter. You think it is not confined to the children?

Miss Ridenour. I am almost positive it is not. Whenever I have trouble with the children they go across to a certain teacher's room —

Representative Carter. Would you mind telling us which one?

Miss Ridenour. Miss Sweeney is one of them, and the Catholic children are the ones she gets over there. And it appears that if I correct a girl for something the next thing I know she is slipping out and going over there, and she is not supposed to go without permission. When I found out the things that were going on, I got after them about it. They think I am harsh.

The Chairman. Do you think it would be possible to establish more amicable relations with them by relaxing that harshness, if you will call it that?

Miss Ridenour. My harshness? My discipline.

The Chairman. Your method of discipline.

Miss Ridenour. Yes, if I just let them go —

The Chairman. You think the primary consideration is that they want more privileges?

Miss Ridenour. They would just as soon I would go down to my room and stay all day and let them run the office. They have told me that Miss Gaither did that. They would come in — five, six, eight, or ten — and sit on my desk, and I had to order them out. I told them the office was a place of business, and they could not come in there and talk about one thing and another. Whatever I have done I have tried to do for their interest. Of course, sometimes I have been angry, and I have had occasion to be. If anybody else can go in there and do it, I would like to see them.

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Representative Stephens. Do any of the girls come to you and consult with you in a motherly way?

Miss Ridenour. Some of them.

Representative Stephens. How many?

Miss Ridenour. I could not say.

Representative Stephens. As a rule they refuse to come to you unless they have to? Is that correct?

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Miss Ridenour. I do not think so. There are some that do not come around.

Representative Stephens. Do you believe it would be possible for Mr. Friedman, in the condition you know the school to be in now, to reinstate himself in the good graces of these children?

Miss Ridenour. I do not see why not. I positively feel it would be the downfall of this school if Mr. Friedman is removed now. I do not see why he could not. He has done everything that he could for those children so far as I can see.

Representative Stephens. You say there is an estrangement now?

Miss Ridenour. It seems to be. They are calling him names.

Representative Stephens. The relations will have to be changed from what they are now before the school will be put upon a proper footing? Is that true?

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Miss Ridenour. I suppose so. I have seen several little things that have caused me to think, but I could not positively prove it myself. I have heard one girl say that she was called into Mr. Whitwell's office —

Representative Carter. Mr. Whitwell has always assisted you in correcting the girls?

Miss Ridenour. I do not know that I ever called x upon him.



Representative Carter. Didn't you call upon him in the Julia Hardin case?

Miss Ridenour. Mr. Friedman called on him.

Representative Carter. He assisted you then, didn't he?

Miss Ridenour. He came over, yes.

Representative Carter. The conduct of the girls toward you has been very bad, you say?

Miss Ridenour. Yes, sir; at times.

Representative Carter. Did that begin as soon as you came here?

Miss Ridenour. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Can you give us any idea about what the cause of that was? Do you know why they seemed immediately to take a dislike to you?

Miss Ridenour. No, I do not.

Representative Carter. I would like to know something about this trouble that you said started in January.

Miss Ridenour. Well, they just got unruly, and disobeyed.

Representative Carter. Do you know any cause for that?

Miss Ridenour. I attributed it to the quarantine. That is what I thought all the time it was, because they said we were using that as a pretext to keep the boys and girls from getting together.

Representative Carter. How long has Julia Hardin been in school?

Miss Ridenour. I could not tell you.

Representative Carter. Was she here when you came?

Miss Ridenour. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. What is her school rating? Do you know?

Miss Ridenour. I could not tell you.

Representative Carter. Do you know what her ratings were for deportment?

Miss Ridenour. No.

Representative Carter. Have you ever had any trouble with here except this one time?

Miss Ridenour. Not any special trouble. When I first came here I thought she was one of them --- I have more trouble with the girls in the business department than any other girls.

Representative Carter. What do you attribute that to?

Miss Ridenour. Liberties they take.

Representative Carter. You do not think there was anyone in the business department trying to prejudice you?

Miss Ridenour. Oh, no; I think they were given liberties over there.

Representative Carter. How many girls have been locked-up since you have been here?

Miss Ridenour. I could not tell you. A good many have.

Representative Carter. Where do you lock them up?

Miss Ridenour. In some rooms in the building.

Representative Carter. Is this the only girl you have had occasion to inflict corporal punishment on?

Miss Ridenour. No, sir.

Representative Carter. You have had to punish others?

Miss Ridenour. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. How many?

Miss Ridenour. I do not know. I have slapped several of their mouths for impudence, and I have spanked two, or strapped them.

Representative Carter. This is the only time that anyone has been called in to assist?

Miss Ridenour. That is the only time. I called Mr. Denny in one morning, but there was nothing done. He just talked to the girl.

The Chairman. Who was that girl you heard say Mr. Whitwell called her in her office and told her what to say over here?

Miss Ridenour. It was not the girl that was called in; it was one of the other girls that was. Maud French, I think, was the girl.

The Chairman. Where was she when you heard her make that remark?

Miss Ridenour. It was in the hall at the quarters.

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#### TESTIMONY OF DOCTOR WALTER RENDTORFF.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. How long have you been here, Doctor?

Dr. Rendtorff. I came on the first day of January.

The Chairman. Where did you come from here?

Dr. Rendtorff. Anadarko, Okla.

The Chairman. You are the physician at the school?

Dr. Rendtorff. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What is the general condition of health in the school?

Dr. Rendtorff. Generally pretty fair.

The Chairman. How were you received when you came by the superintendent and others?