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very sick." I said, "I beg your pardon, Mr. Friedman; I have not been able to walk over the campus. I have been sick in bed, and the doctor has been attending me." He said, "Well, I must take my leave. At that very time he said Mrs. Foster was on a month's sick leave. Miss Reichel was home, and was taken sick after she went home, and had two week's sick leave.

TESTIMONY OF MISS HATTIE M. MCDOWELL.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

Representative Carter. Miss McDowell, what is your position in the school?

Miss McDowell. Teacher.

Representative Carter. Will you please tell us what you know what is wrong with this school, if you have any information to give us?

Miss. McDowell. It seems to me we need a strong, upright, honest man for superintendent. That is the only thing I know of, the greatest need I know of.

Representative Carter. Does Mr. Friedman seem to take any interest in this school?

Miss McDowell. His greatest is in himself. At least, it seems to me, that every motive seems to be, "How will it affect the superintendent?" and ^{does} ~~does~~ benefit the superintendent rather than the general welfare of the school.

Representative Carter. He is a good advertiser, is he?

Miss McDowell. He certainly is.

Representative Carter. He takes quite a lot of interest in the band?

Miss McDowell. Certainly; they advertise the school.

Representative Carter. What do you think about the essentials? Does he pay any attention to the essential things?

Miss McDowell. It seems to me the most necessary things, the upbuilding of character and things that are for the benefit of the school and are most essential, are neglected.

Representative Carter. Do he and Mr. Whitwell get along well?

Miss McDowell. Very poorly.

Representative Carter. Who do you think is to blame for it?

Miss McDowell. Of course, I think Mr. Whitwell is an upright, honorable man. I have taught school, 14 years in the public schools and 19 in the Indian schools, and I never taught under a principal that I thought more interested, more helpful, who listened more patiently to what I have had to say. And I think that when he does not have the help and support of the superintendent it shows its effect throughout the school.

Representative Carter. What do you know about the complaint of the children concerning their food?

Miss McDowell. I know they have complained to me. Just two weeks ago — now, the boys come in before the girls. They lined up along the wall and said they were so hungry. It was just afternoon. I said, "Do you have good food, good bread?" And they said, "Yes, but the meat was spoiled today, and we don't have bread enough."

Representative Carter. Is the complaint general about the food? Do all the children indulge in that complaint?

Miss McDowell. Well, of course, sometimes we all grumble about the food. I do not know that it is general. Every time

I have been to inspect the food it has been good. I think generally the food has been good; the bread has been good. They claim they do not get enough of it, and hardworking girls and boys do need more.

Representative Carter. What do you know about the feeling between the superintendent and the boys? Is it good or bad?

Miss McDowell. As I say, it seems as if the superintendent lacks sympathy with both the employees and the children.

Representative Carter. Now, the thing I wanted to know was, Is the feeling good or bad between them?

Miss McDowell. I think they quite clearly know him, and do not distrust him.

Representative Carter. They do not respect him?

Miss McDowell. I do not think they do respect and trust him.

Representative Carter. Have you known of any evidence of this disrespect being shown in a general way?

Miss McDowell. I have heard of that, but as to seeing it — they do not applaud him when he gets up to make a remark in chapel, like he would expect them to if they thought ~~xxx~~ what he said was sincere and honest.

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TESTIMONY OF GEORGE ABRAMS.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. How long have you been here?

Mr. Abrams. Fifteen months.

The Chairman. You are the gardener, are you?

Mr. Abrams. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What salary do you get?

Mr. Abrams. \$720.