

TESTIMONY OF MISS MARGARET M. SWEENEY.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

Representative Carter. What is your official position?

Miss Sweeney. Teacher.

Representative Carter. Miss Sweeney, could you tell us anything that you think would be for the good of this institution?

Miss Sweeney. I presume I cannot add very much more to what you have already heard.

Representative Carter. We would like to have any suggestions you might make.

Miss Sweeney. I think that if there were tact used in discipline ^{we} ~~it~~ would have a much better school. That is what is lacking.

Representative Carter. That you are short on discipline?

Miss Sweeney. The superintendent — in my opinion — he has no discipline. He evidently has not had very much experience in that line, because he does such funny things, you know, that are detrimental to the discipline of the school.

Representative Carter. Do you know anything of his attitude toward the students and their feeling toward him?

Miss Sweeney. Now, I have been here four years. I came here four years ago in November, and there were students here at the time I came that I had known before, and I was shocked at the feeling of those students toward Mr. Friedman at that time. It seemd they had an investigation the May before I came. I could not tell you the nature of the trouble then, but I was told by the pupils at that time that they very much — that the feeling of the pupils was that they were going to have an up-

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 rising among themselves and drive him off, any employee that
 was in sympathy with him.

Representative Carter. Do you know anything of their expressing their dislike in the way of hissing, etc.?

Miss Sweeney. You could ask that better from somebody who was here at the time, but I understood that the band refused to play for him. I could not give you any definite idea about what happened, because I only heard it second handed.

Representative Carter. Have you any direct information about the morals of the school and the pupils?

Miss Sweeney. You see, it requires a very strong man in the school, and I presume we get the worst class of pupils, a class of pupils that cannot be controlled in other schools. Now, during the time Miss Gaither was here, Miss Gaither had what we considered very great tact in controlling those girls, and she gained the love and esteem of the girls, but she had no support from the superintendent.

Representative Carter.

~~The Chairman.~~ Why did she leave?

Miss Sweeney. He was instrumental in getting her to leave.

Representative Carter. He had her transferred?

Miss Sweeney. So far as I can see, if he takes a personal dislike to you it makes no difference how good an employee you are or how well you are doing your duty toward the Government.

Representative Carter. What do you know about Mr. Stauffer? What is his influence?

Miss Sweeney. I do not consider Mr. Stauffer a very great addition to our faculty.

Representative Carter. Do you know of any specific things he has done?

Miss Sweeney. There was a lady, Mrs. James Thorpe, told

me a story, she was not going into details, more because she knew I had already heard it, but she went into details with the sisters, and the sisters told me, and she spoke of it again to me, and I did not ask her to go into details because I had already heard the story. It was a very immoral story, and it was in connection with the — he said, what I understand, that the sisters and priests were living an immoral life.

Representative Carter. Who said that?

Miss Sweeney. Mr. Stauffer. I understand she went to his room to take her lesson, and he talked in such a way to her that she got frightened, and she said that she sat there and took this language from the man simply because he was an employee and she was a pupil.

Representative Carter. Indecent language?

Miss Sweeney. Indecent language; and she said, "I felt like clawing his face."

Representative Carter. And he said that the priests and the sisters were living immorally?

Miss Sweeney. Yes, and he talked in such a broad way to her that she was horrified. She, of course, was brought up by the sisters, and she knew he was telling what was false. I think he has been instrumental in making considerable trouble here between Mr. Whitwell and Mr. Friedman.

Representative Carter. Have you ever had any trouble with Mr. Friedman yourself?

Miss Sweeney. I have never had any words with him, but he has treated me very badly since the first of September.

Representative Carter. In what way, Miss Sweeney?

Miss Sweeney. Now, to go back, I think that when I got

my promotion — this automatic promotion you know, and the fact I was a Catholic — he did not speak to me after I got it for some five or six weeks. Then when he got into trouble with Mr. Whitwell he was very anxious to get my friendship.

Representative Carter. When did he and Mr. Whitwell get into trouble?

Miss Sweeney. Sometime in October. Of course, he had been so disagreeable over the school work. It was an old grudge, it seems. And then, of course, Mr. Whitwell lost his temper, and he made a charge against him —

Representative Carter. What charge?

Miss Sweeney. Mr. Whitwell called him a "dirty skunk".

Representative Carter. Does Mr. Friedman attempt to discriminate against people on account of their religion?

Miss Sweeney. He did; I think he is very anxious — you see, Father Stock and Mr. Friedman had some trouble in regard to religious matters in regard to pupils going to confession. Father Stock took it to Washington. The Commissioner had ordered Mr. Friedman to send the children to church with their officers, and I think that made him very angry.

Representative Carter. Does that extend to the students too? Does he discriminate against the children too?

Miss Sweeney. Since the time of Colonel Pratt, when the children went to confession and communion every second Sunday, they went down in charge of their officers, but Mr. Friedman said that the girls could not go down unless they had a chaperone and he detailed me to chaperone the children at half past nine to the regular mass, where the boys went too. Of course, Father Stock could not get any lady to come up for them from the town

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.

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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?