

quartermaster tells me to I give it to them.

Thereupon at 6:30 P.M. a recess was taken.

AFTER RECESS.

The Commission reassembled at 8:15 o'clock P.M., at the New Wellington Hotel, Carlisle, Pa.

TESTIMONY OF MISS VIRGINIA PENROSE.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. You reside in Carlisle?

Miss Penrose. Yes.

The Chairman. Are you acquainted with Superintendent Friedman?

Miss Penrose. I am.

The Chairman. Are you familiar with conditions existing at the Carlisle school?

Miss Penrose. I am.

The Chairman. Do you know the present conditions in the school with reference to discipline? Are you in the habit of visiting the school?

Miss Penrose. Oh, yes. I go out quite often. We have guests staying with us, and it is one of the things we have that we take them out to see. I was out there only last fall. I went through the kitchens. My guests and I went out there, and we went through the kitchens just before they served dinner, and my aunt made the remark how fortunate those men were to have such good food.

The Chairman. Were you in the dining room at the time the meals were being served?

Miss Penrose. We went through the kitchen before, and

then when the meal was being served we were in the dining room, and my aunt made the remark how fortunate those men were.

The Chairman. Do you know whether or not the complaint is made that the food is insufficient in quantity?

Miss Penrose. I have not heard it. I have only heard it from the "fanatics" I call them.

Senator Lane. How long since?

Miss Penrose. Only recently; only since this last trouble.

Senator Lane. Do you eat oatmeal gruel for breakfast?

Miss Penrose. Every morning.

Senator Lane. Then let me ask you something. The oatmeal ration there is 5 pounds of oatmeal for 100 people.

Miss Penrose. Is it gruel?

Senator Lane. No; it is put with enough water to make a porridge for 100 people. Would that strike you really, as a housekeeper, as being enough?

Miss Penrose. Well, I hardly know. I think if they made it very soft, I think it would be.

Senator Lane. You think that would be enough?

Miss Penrose. Of course, I only supply for a few people—just two or three.

Senator Lane. Now, then, a half pound of 20 cent tea—you don't buy that kind, do you?

Miss Penrose. We buy 50 cent tea.

Senator Lane. 20 cent tea, Oolong, black, for 100 people—

Miss Penrose. Well, I don't know. I have an aunt who is very rich, in Philadelphia, and she buys what they call "charity" tea from Christison in New York for 25 cents a pound. She uses that.

Senator Lane. Would that strike you as being good rich tea?

Miss Penrose. I should not think it would be, no. Of course, I could not tell, because I do not drink any tea. I could tell you more about coffee perhaps.

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Senator Lane. ^{That} Just attracted my attention, and when you spoke about the meal being well prepared —

Miss Penrose. I saw what they had for dinner that day. They had very good meat, and potatoes —

The Chairman. Do you know how often they have potatoes?

Miss Penrose. No.

The Chairman. Do you know how often they have meat?

Miss Penrose. I thought they had meat every day.

Senator Lane.

~~The Chairman.~~ They cooked up today 415 pounds of meat for 615 people. Now, I used to be superintendent of a hospital. I cooked for 600 people — just the same number. I cooked 600 pounds and they used meat for two meals.

Miss Penrose. Are not things a good deal more expensive?

Senator Lane. Yes, they are; but that does not satisfy your appetite.

The Chairman. You were stating a while ago, before the Commission met, that you would give something about the circumstances that led up to the disturbances. If you know what they are, I would be glad to have you state.

Miss Penrose. The statement was what I had gathered of these women that I think are fanatics, and they started up because they are against the Roman Catholics.

The Chairman. You think all the trouble in the school is due to religious dispute?

Miss Penrose. I think it is. I wish to say another thing. When they found Mr. Friedman went to the Episcopal church last year, I think it made it more so.

The Chairman. Do you know how many of the children are Catholics? As a matter of fact, the number of Catholic pupils in the school appears to be only about one-fourth of the pupils.

Miss Penrose. I feel myself that it would be a great deal better for them to go to the Catholic church — the Indians.

That is what I told ^{Richards} Miss ~~Rogers~~ when she asked me last year.

1152 She said, "Do you go out to the Indian school and take any interest in the boys and get them to go to your church?" I said, "No." I said, "What are you doing with them at your house?" "What right have you?" She said, "Well, I am going to keep him from going to the Catholic church." I said, "Well, if he wants to go to the Catholic church, let him go there."

The Chairman. You think it would be well for him to go to church somewhere?

Miss Penrose. They would do anything against the Catholic church.

The Chairman. Who is that?

Miss Penrose. Miss Jean Richards.

The Chairman. Who is she?

Miss Penrose. She lives here in town. She lives on West Pomford Street. I used to see quite a little of them; I used to go down there, and the older sister, Miss Ann Richards I was very fond of, but I got into such a violent discussion I made up my mind I would never go into the house again, if I could help it.

The Chairman. Are you personally familiar with conditions

at the school? What opportunity have you had of knowing?

Miss Penrose. Well, I have been out there. I have been a visitor.

The Chairman. How long ago was the last time?

Miss Penrose. To go through the school?

The Chairman. Yes; to make observations?

Miss Penrose. I was out there last October. I went through the school, as I said, taking my friends out there.

The Chairman. Have you ever examined the beds?

Miss Penrose. No, because I never went into those quarters, except just simply to pass through different departments.

The Chairman. Do you know what the state of feeling is between the pupils generally and the superintendent?

Miss Penrose. No, I do not. I have only heard recently of this feeling, since the Indians have been persuaded by certain parties in town to sign a petition against Mr. Friedman.

The Chairman. What people are you speaking of?

Miss Penrose. These fanatics, the Richards and all those fanatics.

The Chairman. I cannot be expected to know all the fanatics, you know.

Senator Lane. And you think they interfere?

Miss Penrose. I think they have interfered decidedly.

Senator Lane. And they are not Catholics?

Miss Penrose. No; they are Presbyterians, the bluest kind.

Senator Lane. We had not heard of this.

Miss Penrose. Doctor Walker went down to this auxiliary last winter that I went to in Mechanicsburg. He said he felt

really that the superintendent favored the Catholic churches.

Senator Lane. The Catholic children out there complain that they are not getting the privileges of their church.

Miss Penrose. That is what Doctor Walker said. He said he thought they entirely sympathized with the Catholics, and allowed the Catholics —

The Chairman. They complain the other way.

Miss Penrose. He states the girls feel as though they are cut out. The girls are not allowed to go to the early morning mass, because they are not allowed to have a chaperone, and they could not get a volunteer to take the girls in to church in the early morning.

Senator Lane. Something of that sort. Now, there is out there, I will say to you, a great deal of dissatisfaction among the students as against the management of the institution. How it arose we do not know.

Miss Penrose. I think it is incited by these people in town.

Representative Stephens. Have you seen any drunkenness among the pupils?

Miss Penrose. I have never seen one.

Senator Lane. Now, last night there were seven boys in the guard house locked-up for drunkenness.

Miss Penrose. It is probably very hard to control.

Representative Stephens. You do not know anything about the moral conditions?

Miss Penrose. No, I do not.

The Chairman. Do you know anything about the academic or vocational work that is done?

Miss Penrose. I have been through the school just to see the school. I have only been through the school to see the children doing their work, like dress-making, and things like that. They seem to be doing well. That is all I can tell you.

The Chairman. Are the people in the town attached to the Carlisle school generally?

Miss Penrose. Yes, I think they are attached to it. They are rather proud of it; they take their friends out to see it.

The Chairman. Thank you very much. We are very glad to have had your statement.

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TESTIMONY OF MRS. EMMA H. FOSTER.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. You are one of the teachers at the Carlisle Institute?

Mrs. Foster. I am.

The Chairman. How long have you been employed there?

Mrs. Foster. 11 years next September.

The Chairman. Are you familiar with conditions at the school, and with the progress that is being made in the work generally?

Mrs. Foster. Why, I think so.

The Chairman. What is your assignment?

Mrs. Foster. I have the senior class.

The Chairman. You are teacher of the senior class?

Mrs. Foster. Yes.

The Chairman. What salary do you get?

Mrs. Foster. I get \$810. I get \$810 for teaching in the academic department, and since last September I have had charge of the Y. W. C. A. work, and I am paid \$15. a month for that.