

*By Mr. Le Sueur, Commissioner :*

Q.—It was in answer to Miss Eliza Living that you mentioned a portion of the contents of the paper? A.—In justice to Miss Eliza Living, I must say the question was not put, as I understood it, for the purpose of gaining the information; she simply asked if I had seen the papers.

Q.—Was it not very improbable that you should have seen the papers? What could have induced her to suppose you had seen them, or ask you if you had? A.—Candidates, and especially in cities, are not posted as to the routine of the proceedings.

*By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman :*

Q.—Are you not aware that there is a printed placard containing the Regulations up in the room, that she must have seen, that would have informed her? Have you not seen these? A.—I am aware of what you say, but she might not have had the information.

Q.—Was this lady up before to be examined? A.—I know that she had a certificate, but am not aware how it was obtained, or where she was examined.

Q.—You have intimated that the candidates did not know these Regulations—that they were not aware of the Rules. I want to recall to your mind the fact that these placards are posted up in the room. Are you aware of it yourself? A.—I am aware, and people who have passed their examinations before should know it.

Q.—Must not every candidate see them? A.—I think many of our teachers have not read them.

Q.—It would seem very extraordinary that the notice should be posted up, and they being interested would not see them? A.—It would be extraordinary. I do not think, however, that this young lady wrote at that particular examination.

*By Mr. McDowall, Complainant :*

Q.—You had an examination paper in your hand? A.—I cannot swear I had it in my hand, but I read a part of it in Mr. Borthwick's hand.

*By Mr. Le Sueur, Commissioner :*

Q.—You conversed with Mr. Parlow about the character of the paper? A.—Yes.

Q.—What communication had you with him? A.—It was simply with reference to the character of the paper—whether it was easy, and how much could be made out of it.

Q.—Not with reference to the fact of its being shown to you at that time? A.—I think we might have spoken about that, but I do not remember.

Q.—Did you think it was right you should have seen it? A.—I knew it to be a departure from the rules.

Q.—Would you be able to recognise that paper now, after having seen the questions upon it? (Document produced.) Do you recognise that? A.—The only point I recollect upon that paper is the third.

Q.—That question was upon the paper, and you recognise it? A.—I do.

Q.—Did you notice the other two points on the paper—Composition and English Literature? A.—I cannot say positively that I recognise any other than the third, the "Sphere of Woman."

*By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman :*

Q.—What portions of that paper did you communicate to Miss Living? A.—I cannot swear to any points. I read so many of these papers, and it is such a long time ago, that I have forgotten. I state to you on my oath that I cannot answer that question.

Q.—Except with regard to the Sphere of Woman? A.—I cannot swear to that, but it strikes me as having been one.

*By Mr. McDowall, Complainant :*

Q.—There were two subjects on the paper—English Literature and English Composition? A.—I have a recollection of mentioning in my conversation, English Literature and English Composition.

Q.—Did you see two papers? A.—I only saw one.

Q.—It must have struck you there were two subjects upon the paper? A.—That would follow. I do not remember anything about the form of the paper, but to the best of my recollection there were two subjects on it.

Q.—Look over these (handing witness the examination paper), and see whether you mentioned any of these subjects to Miss Eliza Living? A.—I do not remember.

Q.—Did you mention the "Sphere of Woman"? A.—I think so.

On the second charge, the examination of this witness was continued by Mr. McDowall, Complainant :

Q.—Are you aware of any such thing as mentioned in the second charge, commencing with the year 1871, and ending with the year 1875? A.—I have no knowledge of the subject.

Q.—Nor any knowledge of anything being done with such an object in view? A.—None.

Q.—Have you any knowledge that within the period mentioned, any examination papers were given to any candidates before the

ime specified by the Regulation when those papers should be in the hands of candidates? A.—I have no recollection of anything of that kind occurring, unless it may have been in connection with the paper referred to. An optional paper might have been opened, the candidates having signified their intention of not writing upon it.

*By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman :*

Q.—What do you understand by an optional paper? A.—There is generally one given on Agricultural Chemistry, which is not taken by candidates in cities. I think some such thing took place here.

Q.—What time did this take place? A.—I cannot swear.

Q.—Why did you say it might have? A.—I have an indistinct recollection of seeing an optional paper before the time, and making some remarks upon it. I came to understand there were no candidates writing upon it.

Q.—Did you see that paper in your own hands? A.—I could not say.

Q.—Were you a candidate for examination at that time? A.—I cannot swear. The time I passed my second-class examination, I took the optional paper.

Q.—Was this before or after that examination? A.—I cannot swear. I have no recollection, but it may have been after.

Q.—You must found your idea upon something? A.—So far as my own knowledge goes, I am not aware of papers having been given to candidates, as charged.

Q.—I ask you with regard to a paper or any paper? A.—I have no knowledge of a paper or any paper unless the optional one.

Q.—Have you any knowledge of an optional paper being so given? A.—I cannot swear, but I think upon one occasion an optional paper was opened—whether before or after the examination I cannot say.

Q.—Were there any candidates before the County Board then? A.—I do not remember.

*Dr. Hodgins*—Because you see it would be very indiscreet to circulate that paper in a case of that kind.

*Witness*—I did not say that it was circulated.

*By Mr. Le Sueur, Commissioner :*

Q.—You seem to be quite sure, if it were opened, there were no optional candidates. How do you know the one thing and not the other? A.—I think it was reasonable to suppose so.

Q.—Do you feel sure there were none? A.—I would be going beyond my knowledge if I stated so. I said positively I knew of no papers being shown to any person before the examination?

Q.—Therefore it was unnecessary to say there were no candidates on the subjects of the paper opened? A.—I have no recollection of any papers being opened before the time, and no specific recollection of an optional paper.

Q.—But you have a very specific recollection there were no candidates for that paper? A.—It is my recollection there were not.

Q.—How do you know the paper was optional? A.—I do not think I should answer that question.

*By Mr. McDowall, Complainant :*

Q.—During the July examination of 1875, were you in the building within which the examinations were being held? A.—I was.

Q.—For first-class or second class? A.—As a member of the County Board.

Q.—Were you in the hall during the time. A.—I was, frequently.

Q.—When you were in the hall, did you notice anything irregular taking place? A.—I do not remember.

Q.—Did you not see any candidates with examination papers not in their hands? A.—I did, but I supposed they were papers they had written from.

Q.—Were they looking at them? A.—Yes, and discussing them as to what they had done. That was all.

Q.—Did you ever see candidates with papers in their hands immediately before they were called into the room to write upon these papers? A.—I have no recollection.

Q.—Say five or ten minutes before they were called in? A.—I have no positive knowledge of their having papers in their hands before writing.

Q.—Have you any recollection of having seen Mr. McArdle in the hall? Did you see him with a book in his hand? A.—Yes, frequently.

Q.—Did you see what book it was? A.—I did not.

Q.—Did he appear to be studying there? A.—No.

Q.—Did you ever go up and look at the book he was reading? A.—I did not.

Q.—You don't know the contents? A.—I do not.

Q.—Did you ever hear him make any remarks that would lead you to understand what these contents were? A.—Not during the examination.