

Q.—Do you state distinctly those were the answers in the Natural Philosophy paper on the board, or is it merely your impression from what you have heard? A.—I remember the answers in Natural Philosophy being on the board.

Q.—Do you recollect what the answers were? A.—No.

Q.—I think you said they were in figures? A.—Yes.

Q.—You don't recollect what the answers were? A.—No.

Q.—At all events, whatever was done was in presence of all the candidates, and all had equal advantages? A.—Yes.

Q.—I understand you to say when the time was extended they were all there except one or two? A.—Yes.

Q.—There was no favouritism shown to one as against another? A.—No.

Q.—In the Arithmetic question, had you to hand in your calculation as it was made? A.—Yes. It would not have been the least use to put in the answers without the work.

Q.—It would not enable you to work it out? A.—No.

By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman:

Q.—I understand you to say you got the answer, but not the calculation. A.—Yes.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—You know that even children in school when they have access to answers will work up something, whether correct or not. (Objected to by Mr. Gibb.)

Q.—You say no one got any advantage from the paper more than another? A.—No.

Q.—You don't know that it would be of advantage to candidates in Lanark or Grey? A.—I do not know.

A. C. STEACY.

Signed in the presence of

P. LE SUEUR,
Commissioner.

6th December, 1875.

Miss Kate Pilson, sworn by Mr. Slack, and examined by Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—You were a candidate for a second-class certificate in July, 1874? A.—Yes.

Q.—Are you aware that the answers to the questions on Philosophy were written upon the black-board during the examination upon that occasion? A.—I am.

Q.—By whom? A.—By Mr. Borthwick.

Q.—Did you see them written by his own hand? A.—I do not remember seeing him write them.

Q.—Do you know that they were written by him? A.—I know the handwriting.

Q.—Could you tell what time you observed the writing upon the board? Were you half through with your examination in the particular branch on which you were then engaged, or how far advanced were you? A.—I really could not say.

By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman:

Q.—Was the writing upon the board before the examination closed? A.—Yes, it was.

Q.—Do you know who wrote it? A.—I know the handwriting.

Q.—Upon what subject was it? A.—Upon Natural Philosophy.

Q.—Was the writing answers to questions then being put to the candidates? A.—Yes.

Q.—You saw no one write them? A.—I may have seen them written.

Q.—In whose handwriting were they? A.—In Mr. Borthwick's.

Q.—Were any of the other examiners then present in the room? A.—I do not think so.

Q.—Were any of them in during the time the writing was there? A.—I do not remember.

By Mr. Slack, Commissioner:

Q.—How do you know the writing on the board was answers to the questions? A.—Because I got the same answers on my own paper in working out the questions.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—Are you aware that small slips of paper were handed round during the progress of the examination on Arithmetic? A.—I know that I got one.

Q.—Who gave it to you? A.—Mr. Borthwick.

Q.—Have you got the paper he handed you? A.—No, I have not. The paper was given to me, and then taken away.

Q.—What did you do with the writing on the paper? Did you make any use of it? A.—I copied off the answers.

Q.—You do not know what became of the paper you copied them upon? A.—I do not.

By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman:

Q.—I understand you to say you copied down the answers, and the paper was then taken from you? A.—Yes.

By Mr. Slack, Commissioner:

Q.—Did you compare the answers you got yourself with those handed you on the slip of paper? A.—I did.

Q.—And did you come out well in Arithmetic? A.—Not very well.

Q.—What was your proportion of marks? A.—I took one hundred.

Q.—What was the full value of the paper? A.—Two hundred and twenty-five.

Q.—You did not make one-half? A.—I came short of that twelve and a-half marks.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—Do you remember of the time being extended on the same day? A.—I did not know anything about that. My papers were given in at noon, and I went to another room.

Q.—Did all the candidates leave the room when you left? A.—Some of them did. I left five minutes before the time.

Q.—Did you return to the room? A.—I did not.

By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman:

Q.—Your papers were handed in before you left? A.—They were.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—How many ladies were there taking luncheon along with you up-stairs? A.—Two.

Q.—You do not know what the others were doing? A.—I do not.

Q.—I suppose if they were not engaged, they would have gone up-stairs with you? A.—I do not know that they would. I do not think so.

By Dr. Hodgins, Chairman:

Q.—Did you leave a number in the room writing? A.—Yes, I left before the time allotted for writing had expired.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—Do you remember what time you returned in the afternoon? A.—I do not.

Q.—Do you remember, during that examination, being present when some young lady expressed a desire to know what would be in the Physiology paper for next day? A.—I was not present.

By Mr. Gibb (Counsel for Mr. Borthwick):

Q.—Those answers you saw upon the board, you say you knew they were answers to the questions in Natural Philosophy? A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you recollect the question? A.—There was more than one.

Q.—Do you recollect any of them? A.—I remember one, the answer to which was given in writing.

Q.—You did not avail yourself of the answers given on the board, did you? A.—I availed myself of them to that extent, that I compared them with the answers I got on my own paper.

Q.—Were you correct in all your answers in Natural Philosophy? A.—No, not in all of them.

Q.—You worked them out yourself? A.—Oh, yes.

Q.—You had no assistance from those answers that appeared on the board? A.—If my solutions did not agree with those answers, I would work them until they did.

Q.—Were they merely the answers? A.—Merely the answers.

Q.—Did you, as a matter of fact, work any of them over again? A.—Yes, one of them that was wrong.

Q.—Did you get the answers to the problems in Arithmetic, too? A.—Yes, I did.

Q.—Simply the answers? A.—Yes, simply.

Q.—Did you, in that case, go over your work again? A.—There were some of them I went over again.

Q.—Were you correct in all of them? A.—I was not correct in all that I worked.

Q.—Was the only use you made of what you saw upon the paper handed to you to see that you were correct? A.—Yes.

By Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—How did you know that they were the correct answers? A.—They were not all correct. One was wrong.

Q.—How, then, do you know that was wrong? A.—It was a question in Specific Gravity. The quantity given in the paper was 100; my answer was 10; and I knew that it could not have been much more than 10.

Q.—Did you suggest that the answer was not correct? A.—Not that I remember.

KATE PILSON.

Signed in presence of

P. LE SUEUR,
Commissioner.

Miss Eliza Living, sworn by Mr. Slack, and examined by Mr. McDowall, Complainant:

Q.—Were you an applicant for a second class certificate in the July examination, 1874? A.—Yes.