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'Of course, I am in sympathy with the general aims of Socialism. Who would not be?' And yet there are members of the Toronto School Board who sternly ask the teachers if they have ever read a Socialist book, with the implication that if they have it will be the worse for them, and they may lose their livelihood if they cannot answer in the negative. I wonder if they expect them to speak the truth? I have very good friends who hold that the only justification for lying is when people ask you questions they have no business to ask. Walter Scott denied for many years that he was the author of the Waverley Novels.

"I heard a Toronto teacher asked whether he had any interest in progressive politics. 'First of all,' he said, 'I should like to know if you are an inspector of the Toronto School Board.'

"I should like to say, finally, that I think this prosecution was conducted in a most undignified manner, and that the real charge against the teacher is that she showed signs of independent thinking and of personality that could not be smudged out by inspectorial authority. Some of us remember how Harry Lee was almost driven out of the schools for thinking a little for himself. A tablet was erected to his memory when he had given his life for his country in the school from which he had almost been ejected."

Miss Held speaks freely and cheerfully about the investigation, but in connection with the statement of the chairman that her resignation could do her "no good and no harm," she pointed out that the investigation had cost her her position and means of livelihood and detached her from a profession for which she had spent many years of training, and to which she was strongly attached. She had, however, been studying for some time at a business college and was well advanced in typewriting and shorthand, and was busy preparing herself for another mode of life. Asked as to whether she would go back to teaching if the opportunity was offered to her, all she would say was "Not under the same inspectorate."

Miss Held was asked if she cared to make any statement on the question of her loyalty to Britain. She said: "Any charge of disloyalty against me has not a shadow of foundation. The whole tone and type of my mind is now and always has been utterly opposed to the spirit for which German militarism stands. I think that the invasion of Belgium by the Germans was one of the most flagrant crimes of history."

"My admiration for the soldiers who have sacrificed home and friends and even life itself for an ideal of liberty and democracy is unbounded. I have

tried to make my loyalty practical, too, and I would help to the utmost of my ability every soldier and every soldier's wife and children connected with this war, and, because I think they have given so much I would support all who help them in any way whatever.

**Life Soaked in British Ideals.**

"My whole life has been soaked in British thought and British ideals. I know nothing about Germany except what I have read in the papers. There has never been any German atmosphere about my home. I was born in England and if anybody had called me German in England I should have been indignant. I am British and never thought that I could be connected with Germany in any way. I have never in any of my teaching shown the smallest pro-German leaning. When I had finished the lesson on Tom Moore's poem Inspector Armstrong said it was a good lesson. That was last March.

"There are some teachers at Carlton school who are intellectually alive and they have discussed at times over the lunch table different aspects of politics and economics and even religion, as I think they had a perfect right to do, but to my knowledge there was never any pro-German or disloyal statements made. There were discussions on profiteering and such topics as there were at many other tables. Should they sit like statues and do nothing but eat for fear they should be reported? No one thought of such a possibility.

**Conversations of Last Spring.**

"Moreover, the discussions referred to took place last spring and it is a little rough to have to answer charges made concerning conversations made nearly a year ago and made in the freedom of the lunch hour. How many people would stand the test of perfect wisdom under such circumstances? The remark about the second verse of the National Anthem was made in private conversation at a convention and when I was unexpectedly charged with it as a grave crime by a body of inquisitors I naturally stiffened in my opinion. You can't be meek all the time. One member said it was as good to him as a good dinner. I did not feel like that and I knew it was a matter on which difference of opinion was quite common. We must do some thinking for ourselves. We cannot be quiet all the time. A teacher should have some little latitude for the exercise of intelligence."

Miss Held said she was sorry to leave her profession. She had a great love for it and had put her best energy and intelligence into it.

Miss Held was asked if she had any comment to make upon the statements made by the members of the committee to the press. She pointed to a paragraph that appeared in The Star yesterday and said she did not agree

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with it. It read:

Q. Did a teacher withdraw any of the allegations she made against Miss Held? A. No, we withdrew them for her. The phrase had been used: "That's the country you're fighting for." The committee decided that this might be taken in a favorable or unfavorable light, according to the context, and withdrew it.

Miss Held said that the teacher who laid the charge certainly withdrew it and took from Thursday to Monday to do it. "In the first case she charged me with making the statement and remembered the circumstances perfectly. In the second case she said it was not made by me but by somebody else, but that she did not remember the circumstances."

Miss Held paid tribute to Dr. Steele, the chairman, and said that he had tried to conduct a fair investigation and had saved her from much that was needlessly annoying. She pointed out that reference was made in the interviews in The Star to certain lines in the second verse of the National Anthem to which she was alleged to have made special objection. She was not aware she had ever singled out any special lines. She had spoken of the second verse as indicated, but

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