

By Dr. Hodgins:

Q.—As far as your evidence goes, it makes the thing worse than it was before, because if the paper was open and was re-sealed, it could only have been done for the purpose of deceiving the teachers.

By Rev. Mr. Fergusson:

Q.—Are you sure that the seal was broken, or that the flap was first open? A.—I do not know that either was the case.

By Mr. Bigg:

Q.—I suppose you are not even positive that the paper handed you in the school-house came out of the bundle? A.—I cannot be positive. Of course I thought so.

JAMES MALLEN.

Signed in presence of

W. R. BIGG,
Commissioner.

William Elliott, sworn:—

Examined by Mr. Tyrrell:

Q.—You are a teacher in the High School? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Do you recollect the examination of teachers in 1874, at Winchester Springs? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Were you a candidate at that examination? A.—I was.

Q.—Do you recollect who were examiners? A.—I do. Mr. Fergusson, Inspector; Mr. Whitney, and Dr. Hickey.

Q.—Don't you recollect that Mr. Elliott was also one? A.—I do not recollect.

By Dr. Hodgins:

Q.—Is this Mr. Elliott you mention any relation of yours? A.—No, sir; no connection whatever.

By Mr. Tyrrell:

Q.—Do you remember being present when the package containing the questions was opened? A.—No, sir, I do not.

Q.—The package containing the Arithmetic questions? A.—I do not.

By Dr. Hodgins:

Q.—You were a candidate, you say? A.—Yes, but I do not remember the opening of the packages.

By Mr. Tyrrell:

Q.—Where were you examined? A.—In the school-house.

Q.—Who were in Conner's Hall? A.—Part of the third-class teachers were there.

Q.—You do not remember the fact of this particular paper being opened? A.—I do not.

Q.—What day was appointed for the Arithmetic paper? A.—I think it was Tuesday, but I do not remember positively.

Q.—Do you remember seeing any of the questions in Arithmetic before the examination? A.—I do not.

By Dr. Hodgins:

Q.—Do you know that they were seen by some of the candidates? A.—I was informed by hearsay that one paper was out, but I have no personal knowledge of the matter.

Q.—From whom did you hear it? A.—I think I heard it from James L. Holmes, one of the candidates; I was informed by Mr. Holmes, told him that one of the papers had been seen.

By Mr. Tyrrell:

Q.—Where does Mr. Holmes live? A.—In Winchester.

Q.—Was Mr. Holmes a candidate himself? A.—No.

By Dr. Hodgins:

Q.—You were examined in this Arithmetic paper? A.—I was examined in the second-class.

Q.—Were all the papers for the second-class opened in your presence? A.—I think so, but I am not positively certain.

Q.—Why not? A.—Because I did not pay particular attention to the matter. I remember that seals were broken on the first morning of the examination, but as to what papers the envelopes contained I do not remember.

Q.—How did your examination papers come into your hands? A.—As far as I remember—

Q.—You must give us the positive facts of the case, and you must surely know them, seeing you were one of the candidates. You must know how the papers came into your possession? A.—One of the examiners passed along and gave us the papers as we were at our desks.

Q.—Out of what did he take the papers? A.—He had them in an envelope, and gave us them from that.

Q.—You say you were not certain about the opening of the envelope? A.—I am not certain how the papers were first taken out of them.

Q.—Did you see the first envelope opened? A.—I certainly did.

By Mr. Bigg:

Q.—You are not aware of any of the second-class papers being opened before the proper time? A.—I have no knowledge of any.

By Rev. Mr. Fergusson:

Q.—You lodged with me at the time of the examination? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And generally walked up with me to where the examinations were being conducted? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—I think you carried up some of the packages in your hand for me. A.—I believe I did.

By Dr. Hodgins:

Q.—Did you or did you not? A.—I cannot say positively.

By Rev. Mr. Fergusson:

Q.—Did you see me exercise great care in looking after the papers? A.—Yes, I did.

By Dr. Hodgins:

Q.—How do you know that he exercised great care? A.—Because he always placed them in a receptacle and locked them up.

By Mr. Bigg:

Q.—Which do you refer to—the examination papers or the answers? A.—Both.

By Dr. Hodgins:

Q.—Do you know that these papers Mr. Fergusson was so careful about were sealed packets? A.—I do.

Q.—Will you describe them, then? A.—In the centre there was a large seal in wax. I think there were two others, but I do not recollect them so distinctly.

Q.—But you saw that one? A.—Yes.

Q.—Where did you see him put the papers? A.—In a trunk.

Q.—Do you know whether, each successive morning, Mr. Fergusson opened this trunk and took them out? A.—I may have gone with him every morning, but I am positive that every time I did go with him he took the papers out of that trunk.

Q.—And locked the trunk? A.—Yes.

By Rev. Mr. Fergusson:

Q.—And you saw me display all care to secure them from the intrusion of other hands? A.—I did.

Q.—You speak of having heard that a paper was in the hands of some candidate. When did you hear of it? A.—The day succeeding that upon which we were examined in Arithmetic.

By Dr. Hodgins:

Q.—You heard it from Mr. Holmes? A.—I am positive, or almost so, that it was from Mr. Holmes I heard it.

Q.—How did the conversation arise? A.—He was a friend of mine, and mentioned it to me in the conversation.

Q.—Can you recollect any of the conversation? A.—As far as I recollect, he stated that this candidate had seen a paper.

Q.—Who was the candidate? A.—I cannot remember.

By Mr. Bigg:

Q.—Were the third-class papers locked in Mr. Fergusson's drawer as well as the second? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Do you remember what was upon the envelopes enclosing these papers? A.—I do not remember distinctly, but I think the subjects were written upon them.

WILLIAM ELLIOTT.

Signed in presence of

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Stray Studies from England and Italy. By John R. Green. Reprinted from *Macmillan's Magazine* and the *Saturday Review*.

Thomas Gray's Select Poems. Edited, with notes, by Wm. J. Rolfe, M.A. Illustrated with numerous engravings.

Homeric Synchronism: An Enquiry into the Time and Place of Homer. By the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P. Reprinted, with additions, from the *Contemporary Review*.

Daniel Deronda. Vol. I. By George Elliot—Mrs. Lewis (Georgina M. Craik).

The Mikado's Empire. Book I.—History of Japan, from 660 B.C. to 1872 A.D. Book II.—Personal Experiences, Observations and Studies in Japan, 1870-1874. By Wm. Elliot Griffiths, A.M., late of the Imperial University of Tokeo, Japan. With numerous (108) illustrations.

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