

manage things generally as they see fit, with the bad results recently developed.

If the good name of the School District of Newcastle is to be maintained, the ratepayers must see to it that the men who represent them as Trustees are persons who will not take advantage of the powers conferred on them to work out their own ends and ultimately to bring the Public School system into general disrepute.

We attach copies of correspondence between the Trustees and Teachers.

Correspondence between Dr. A. C. Smith, one of the Board of Trustees, and Miss McLean, Teacher at the "Harkins School."

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NEWCASTLE, Oct. 15th, 1884.

DEAR MISS McLEAN: You will remember that at the time of your engagement you signed a contract for six months only. As you received no notice of a termination of the contract at the expiration of the aforesaid time, you have continued in your present position. You came to us a stranger, bringing no letters of recommendation from your former Trustees. The Board feel it to be their duty to make a careful examination of your school from time to time. I have no doubt these examinations will prove satisfactory to us, in which case we shall be happy to have you remain with us until the close of next term. If otherwise we have a legal right to terminate the contract at any date.

Yours truly,

[Signed] A. C. SMITH, School Trustee.

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A. C. Smith, M. D., C.M.

DEAR SIR: I did not reply to your note last evening, because I wished first to refer to my agreement. If you look at your duplicate you will find that the contract runs on from "School year to School year," and cannot therefore be broken "at any date" without the consent of both parties. I shall be happy to see "The Board" (?) or any member of it at any time they may call at my school, and I have no doubt the novelty of such a sight will have a good effect on the children. However, I cannot help thinking it strange it never before occurred to "The Board" (?) that I "came to them a stranger and brought no references."

[Signed]

ANNIE McLEAN.

Oct. 15th, 1884.

This letter goes to prove that the Trustees certainly did not make monthly visits to Miss McLean's school, as we find her referring to the threatened visitation of the "Board" as a nov-