

The register or records kept in the school will prove how false the first of these statements was and the second was not only false in fact but wilfully deceptive and misleading for the facts were he had not asked him on more than three occasions to do so and the design of telling is was to lead to the belief that it had occurred from day to day.

5. On the same occasion said Mr. McBride stated that the said pupil's marks for March 1884 were only one hundred and eighty-nine out of a certain total whereas they were two hundred and twenty-nine after deducting demerits.

This statement was made without qualification or explanation and was wilfully and deliberately false for he had refused to allow the Complainant to see the register after promising to do so, but had promised an abstract therefrom showing the boy's marks, was accused of not keeping his promise, tried to excuse his breach of faith, asserted he had gone over the register and then had the figures therefrom.

The Complainant claims, not only that the main statement here complained of was wilfully false but that the several facts leading up to the proof thereof disclose much untruth on the part of said Mr. McBride and want of integrity in him.

6. In April 1884 he issued a circular on behalf of the school wherein he spoke of himself thus: "During his college course he obtained first class honors in Classics and Mathematics at Toronto University."

The Complainant charges this to be a piece of chicanery the evident purpose of which was to mislead the public as to the scholarship of said Mr. McBride.

7. The Complainant having, through the press incidentally referred to this and charged said Mr. McBride as being guilty of such a piece of chicanery he replied to the charge and amongst other things said: "The passage quoted is absolutely true as is attested by the following letter from the Registrar of Toronto University whose duty it is to keep a record of every student's standing throughout his whole course":—

"I have much pleasure in testifying to the scholarship of Wm. McBride. Though excelling in his favorite department of Classics he stood very high in first-class honors in Mathematics and has not by any means neglected other branches.

ALFRED BAKER, B.A.,
Registrar of Toronto University."

The Complainant charges that this letter is in the face of his poor standing in Mathematics if meant to refer to his standing at Toronto University a most dishonest and improper document for the Registrar to have given and that the procuring of it and use of it as above was also improper and dishonest.

8. The Complainant charges that this Baker certificate of standing was used in his (Mr. McBride's) application for his present position and alleges that its use was not an honest act.

9. In the same circular Mr. McBride refers to Mr. Mayberry as "having obtained first-class honors in Classics Mathematics and English during his course at Toronto University."

This is the reverse of truth as the standing given by the Registrar said "Mayberry, B.A., is as follows: 'Took 1st and 2nd years together (Pass) at supplemental examinations 1880. In his third year he obtained an agrotat and in his 4th year he stood 1st in Class II in Classics.'"

10. On his Mr. McBride's University standing being questioned he stated through the press—"I took the full course prescribed and passed every examination in the usual way."

This is untrue the facts being that he failed at his fourth year's examination did not pass it in the usual way but got his degree by being granted an agrotat.

11. The school had a literary society referred to in the above mentioned circular and his (Mr. McBride's) conduct had so aroused the animosity of the scholars that he felt it might be well for his sake to suppress the society and his course of double dealing throughout in relation thereto was such as led many of his pupils to disbelieve him. For example he professed that the Board in discontinuing the meetings from being further held in the school was not acting in accordance with his wishes when, in fact they moved as he directed and in one of the steps to amending its constitution he called the meeting without notifying certain members whom he designed to exclude from the society and when he had called the meeting for four o'clock one day let school out half an hour before the time and called the meeting of the society together then thus depriving some of its members from having a chance of being heard.

12. After the Departmental Examinations of 1884 he furnished the newspapers with a list of pupils from the Stratford High School who had succeeded thereat and claimed that forty-two had passed and that they had obtained sixteen second-class certificates, twelve third-class certificates and fourteen intermediates.

Of this list five were not Stratford High School pupils during his time and the Complainant believes four never had been there at any time.

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