

ever. The solution of the whole matter is simple and easy; the three envelopes belong to the examination of different years, and this could be easily verified by turning to the record, were the envelopes referred to not missing.

I pronounce the second charge of changing the averages untrue in every particular, and this could be substantiated beyond all cavil or doubt, were the envelopes on which the charge is based, produced.

I am also charged with concealment of envelopes, particularly in the case of Station G; it is insinuated that I held the original envelope until I had had an opportunity of seeing Rev. Mr. Daly, and procuring from him one showing different results, which I substituted for the original one, this I positively deny, and for corroboration refer to the statement of Rev. Mr. Daly, that he never signed duplicates or substituted envelopes. I never applied to him for duplicates. It some time happens that one envelope of a set goes astray, and gets mixed up with some other set, in which case the whole set from which one is missing is laid aside, until the missing one is found.

This is probably the explanation of the case referred to. In all those cases I must have, indeed, I am charged with having, acted in complicity with the Rev. Mr. Daly; if, I am guilty he is participes criminis; but he has purged himself of all wrong doing or complicity with me in wrong doing, and his testimony ought surely to turn the scale even should my testimony be deemed as no more than balancing that of Mr. Archibald. The excuse attempted by Mr. Archibald for charging the Rev. Mr. Daly as an accomplice in delinquencies on my part in tampering with the envelopes, is that he was the only one of the examiners who did not keep a record, and therefore I could work through him with little fear of detection; but apart from the gross insult, such an insinuation is to the Rev. gentlemen who has filled the office of examiner ever since the inauguration of the present system, and whose character for honesty and integrity has been unchallenged until thus aspersed, I have reason to know that Mr. Archibald is incorrect in the statement that the Rev. Mr. Daly is the only examiner who does not keep a record; moreover I believe that all the envelopes said to be charged as altered and tampered with by Mr. Daly's connivance, referred to Protestant candidates, so that he would appear to have little inducement for the perpetration of a connivance with the alleged fraud even should the reputation of a life time be held no guarantee that his official duties would honestly and faithfully be performed. Again, I have been charged with having altered the average of spelling so as to enable parties to obtain a license whose spelling was not up to the required standard. The spelling is a regulation of the Council of Public Instruction, and they can at pleasure lower or raise the standard. By a regulation of Council, no one was entitled to have a first-class license no matter how highly qualified in other respects who had more than six words badly spelt. This on occasions was felt to be a great hardship, and complaints were made of the severity