

matters, when by so doing I can annoy the Mayor. To this, I answer that I have never refused, either to sit as associate Judge, assist in the balloting of the Juries, or to draw affidavits, in my capacity as Justice of the Peace; and I have also acted (reluctantly because there are older J. Ps. in town) upon several occasions on summary trials and criminal examinations. The first case on which I sat in this County, was with the Mayor, at his most urgent request. I also acted in the case of Mr. — obtaining money under false pretences from the Dorcas Society and others, which trial was noticed in the *Courier*, at the time.

The true facts of the present case are as follows:—

On the day previous to the trial, the defendant, Miss Jennings, (personally but little known to me) the head female teacher of the Brantford High School, (a young lady generally known and most deservedly esteemed, and who holds a Provincial Certificate of Qualification,) called at my office in company with a female teacher of the same school, and related to me, in a candid manner, her simple and truly affecting tale, in substance as follows:

She stated that it had always been her desire not to inflict corporal punishment, to avoid which certain other methods of punishment had been introduced into the school; and that whipping was only resorted to when scholars would not submit to the punishment which had been substituted for whipping.

For offenders absenting themselves from school without leave, the punishment is to sit on a box with the word "truant" written thereon, and turned towards the class. On the day previous, Jane McKay, a daughter of Ex-Councillor Duncan McKay, a girl thirteen years of age, for having several times absented herself from school, had been ordered to submit to the usual punishment for that offence of sitting upon this box. Miss Jane would not go, although repeatedly urged and threatened. She was then placed upon the box, but obstinately refused to sit thereon; she was then strapped* and told to go, but she still refused, was again strapped and then complied. Miss J. was affected to tears at being obliged to inflict this punishment, and addressed her scholars, stating to them how very much it had pained her to inflict so severe a punishment before she could make Jane comply; that she never before had any occasion to do so,—that she wished to rule by love, wished all of them to love her and she would love them in return, &c. Several of the scholars shed tears at seeing her so much affected.

As soon as Jane had submitted to her punishment, Miss J. talked to her in the most affectionate manner; telling her how much it had pained her to have been obliged to strap her—that she would much rather have suffered the punishment herself—and that she would not have done it, had she been enabled to enforce obedience in any other

* The strap used on this occasion was shown me by Miss J. It was proved in Court to be the one used. I have it now in my possession. It is a piece of russett harness leather; about 1/4 of an inch in thickness; 13 1/2 inches long; less than half an inch in width at the widest end, less than 1/4 of an inch at the other end, and its weight less than half an ounce.

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