

made private complaints to Mr. Stichbury about you. I saw the evidence against you. I attended one meeting of the Board holding an inquiry into the charges. The Press and public were excluded. Some of your witnesses were there, and were ordered out of the room. They were told they would not be heard, and would not be required. The reporters were told that also. The meeting was held *in camera*. Some of the charges were abandoned. I think the charges were trumped up. You were dependent on the tank-water at the Home during the summer. That gave out, and it had to be carted two miles, at a cost of £1 per day. If you had had more water the Home could have been kept cleaner, also the inmates. The laundry was in a bad condition. You complained about it.

*By Mr. Cotter:* I ceased to be a member of the Board about November, 1900. I was there at the commencement of the inquiry. It was resolved that it should be held *in camera*, and that all witnesses except those under examination should be excluded. The meeting I allude to was a meeting after the inquiry had terminated. I copied the evidence for Mr. Moss, and showed it to him. The charge as far as Mrs. Gertrude Campbell is concerned is not a trumped up charge. I was not present at any of the meetings when the witnesses gave their evidence.

HENRY NELSON GARLAND sworn, and examined by Mr. Moss.

I have known you since 1889. I have always considered you to be honest and capable, and you are an abstemious man. We had several tiffs, but nothing of any consequence. Your clerical work was always correct. So far as your administration came under my knowledge, it was capable. I said to Mr. Taylor that I did not think the charges were sufficient to warrant your dismissal, taking into consideration your length of service; but I did not hear the inquiry. I was not present at it. I do not remember telephoning you the morning after the inquiry.

*By Mr. Cotter:* I was not present at the Home at the inquiry. I compiled the *précis* of the evidence to be sent to Mr. Moss. I prepared the *précis* of the evidence from the evidence given. I was instructed what to send. I was not directed to withhold anything. I was directed to send certain portions of the evidence which related to them. What I was to send was pointed out to me by the Committee. I think the *précis* sent is a fair statement of the charges made against Mr. and Mrs. Moss. Only one copy was sent, I think. Mrs. Moss was assistant to Mr. Moss. I received the reply from Mr. Moss. The reply was sent in before Mr. and Mrs. Moss were examined *vivâ voce*. I have no recollection of any complaint having been sent in by Mr. Moss, either as regards Miss Mark or Miss Phillips. I remember Miss Mark's appointment. She was appointed temporarily on trial. She was permanently appointed on the 4th December, 1899. The appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Moss is dated the 27th March, 1890, by letter.

ALEXANDER BRUCE sworn, and examined by Mr. Moss.

I have known you fourteen or fifteen years—four or five years before I came upon the Board. I had a very high opinion of you up to the time of your trial. I remember the cook, G. Downey. He was about three years in the Board's service under you. I remember his applying to be relieved from his duty. I, as Chairman of the Board, granted him liberty if he found a substitute, which he did. The substitute presented testimonials. I do not know the nature of the duties of the cook at the Home. It would take about, perhaps, eight or nine days to make a cook proficient in his duties. I do not remember your reporting the unfitness of Morris as a cook (the protest was produced). I have known you let away the cook for a week, and put one of the old men on. There are two cooks at the Home now. I am a member of the Board at the present time. I remember your reporting the unsatisfactory nature of the bread supplied by my son-in-law. Some was brought down to the Board. There were, I think, five present on the Committee. You objected to the light weight, and the Committee told you you could not get it when stale bread is delivered.

*By Mr. Cotter:* I was Chairman of the Board at the time of the inquiry. I had a very high opinion of Mr. and Mrs. Moss at the time of the inquiry—*i.e.*, when it commenced. I voted upon the evidence. There were rumours about cruelty at the Home. When the evidence was taken we submitted a *précis* of the evidence taken to Mr. and Mrs. Moss, for them to answer. On their answer we considered there was sufficient evidence to warrant their dismissal. After we received their answer, we had them before us and heard them *in extenso*. We heard both sides without one side being present when the other was examined. Our reason for doing that was because we believed the charges were of a flimsy nature, and, knowing that the old people were under them, we did not want to cause friction between the inmates and Mr. and Mrs. Moss in the event of nothing coming of the charges. We called no witnesses after examining Mr. and Mrs. Moss.

*By Mr. Moss:* I remember a complaint made by temperance people about the drunkenness in the Home about three months ago. I may have said that I saw no evidence of it. I remember your bringing under notice drunkenness in the Home in your time. I left the Chairmanship of the Board about three years ago. In my opinion, there was no other course open to the Board but to dismiss you. Nine out of ten of the Board voted for your dismissal.

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SATURDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

LAWRENCE MCGOVERN sworn, and examined by Mr. Hesketh.

I am a traveller. I was employed at the Costley Home. I left the Home on the 27th December, 1900. I was employed there for three months as assistant. My duties were to look after the sick people and cleaning. Mr. Moss was Manager. A lot of people were lousy. I was lousy myself from the inmates. The condition of the building was indifferent. It was not clean. The bedding