

once. Miss Mark never reported to me to the contrary. I know something about your religion. I remember Mrs. Helen Campbell. I do not remember black eyes. I never saw a bruise on the back of Kinghorn's hand. I do not remember Mr. Moss refusing milk or beef-tea to dying patients. You had words with Miss Mark in my presence. Very strong language was used by you. You said she had been in the Asylum in attendance on lunatics, and was only fit to be in attendance on lunatics. She handed me her resignation in consequence of that. You appeared to be annoyed about something, and told her she had made a statement that you had nothing to do but black people's eyes.

*By Mr. Cotter:* It is not part of my duty to examine the beds or linen of the patients at any visit. I was satisfied with the demeanour and attention of Miss Mark. I do not think Miss Mark used objectionable language. I believe Mr. Moss said that Miss Mark had become a lunatic herself. I do not think that Dunn, within a week of his death, was fit to do either pumping or garden-work. I repeat my evidence, given at the inquiry in 1901, about Mrs. G. Campbell. I do not think it was proper treatment to put her in the refractory-ward from the 15th to the 28th November unless she was visited frequently. There was not a sufficient staff to do that. Inmates could have looked after her, say, every hour. If that could not have been done, she should not have been kept there. I think I saw her in the refractory-ward. I have no positive recollection of that. Assuming that she had been there for thirteen days without books or papers, and only visited at meal-times, that would not be proper treatment. I do not remember any dead body being allowed to remain all night in the ward.

*Re-examined by Mr. Moss:* I do not remember my attention having been drawn to the urine in the bed and in the chamber of O'Callaghan. Mrs. G. Campbell's eye might have been discoloured in a fit. There were mutual recriminations between you and Miss Mark on the occasion of the misunderstanding. The word "fits," in pencil, was written at the time of the inquiry before the Board.

W. E. GILLAM sworn, and examined by Mr. Moss.

I am vicar of St. Matthew's, Auckland, formerly vicar of Ellerslie, and honorary chaplain to the Church of England inmates of the Costley Home from 1894 to 1899. I have known you and Mrs. Moss since 1894. I formed a very high opinion of your and Mrs. Moss's characters and attendance to your duties at the Home. I never saw any evidence of unkindness on your part. I never heard of any complaints. The inmates always spoke of you kindly. The men in No. 6 Ward especially spoke gratefully of your kindness, especially those who were suffering from urinary troubles. There were some words between us once about my breaking the rules of the institution. Until one knows you, your manner is brusque. I never saw any evidence of vermin, either in the male or female side. I know that you did not hold the Articles of the Catholic faith, but I looked upon you as a religiously disposed man. Your opinions would not unfit you for your position at the Costley Home. As far as I know, you never interfered with the religious convictions of the inmates. I made inquiries on that subject. I asked the Board for the evidence on which you were discharged. The Board refused to give it to me at first. Afterwards, Mr. Cox and I were allowed to read the evidence in the Board-room. I know nothing justifying your dismissal. I was aware of difficulties you had as regards drunkenness in the Home.

JAMES STICHBURY sworn, and examined by Mr. Moss.

I have known you and Mrs. Moss since 1895. Up to the time I left the Chairmanship in 1899 your characters were all that could be desired. I changed my opinion when the inquiry was held. I was a member of the Board at the date of the inquiry. I noticed a great difference when I returned to the Board. The inquiry was held at my instigation. I made no charges against you. There were complaints that you were not treating the inmates properly. Complaints were made by Mackintosh and O'Callaghan and the employees. I know that O'Callaghan and Mackintosh were drunkards. The inquiry dealt with their statements. The members of the staff who complained were Mounsey, the gardener, and the laundresses. Complaints were made against the head laundress for drunkenness, and were looked over on your recommendation once or twice. You also complained against the gardener once or twice. I remember I told you both that one of you would have to go if you could not get along. I did not address myself to Mounsey specially. I was then Chairman of the Board. I think the witnesses were reliable. I know of no witnesses on your behalf who were refused a hearing. The reason you were not present at the inquiry was because the old people would be afraid to give evidence if you were. I do not remember about a petition from the old people being before the Board. I thought you were treated justly all through. You declined to resign. The Press had the documents for publication. The Board did not delete anything. I do not remember your asking for an inquiry into the affairs of the Home. I do not remember stating that most of the charges were admitted by you and Mrs. Moss. I did not notice I had been misrepresented at the first meeting of the Board after the inquiry. You admitted in your statement that the Home was dirty. There were certain trivial matters brought up at the inquiry—(1) the ducks and the milk; (2) that Mrs. Moss never did any work at the Maternity Home; (3) *re* the dead body. That matter was passed over. The inquiry had sufficient to go on without that. The serious charges were—(1) the ill usage of Kinghorn, (2) the ill usage of Mrs. Campbell, (3) the reports of the employees as to the dirtiness of the Home and inmates. The witnesses were Mrs. Gardner, head laundress; Mrs. Pell, a laundress; Mrs. Wood, a laundress; Mr. Mounsey, head gardener; McGuire, an inmate; Miss Mark; Miss Phillips. They complained that the Home was dirty, and that you were not so kind to the inmates as you should be. I knew you had had differences with Mrs. Gardner, but they had been smoothed over, and you had recommended she should be kept on. I knew you had been in conflict with Mr. Mounsey. You made no application to be called. The charge *re* Gertrude Campbell was a bad charge. I know the rules of the Home. I was continually haggling at the Government for not supplying a