

TEACHER LEE HAS BEEN REINSTATED

Board of Management Says That He Was Not Sufficiently British

NOT PRO-GERMAN, HOWEVER

Trustee Hopkins Annoyed at Theft of His Ammunition

Mr. Harry E. Lee, the Annetto Street School teacher, charged by Dr. Hopkins with pro-German teachings and tried by the Board of Management, is exonerated of everything but youthful indiscretion.

The resolution which did the trick was introduced by Trustee Noble, and read as follows:

Committee's Findings.

1. That Mr. Lee is not a Teuton or German. His forefathers were U. E. Loyalists.

2. Mr. Lee, as directed by this Board and by the Department, gave "War Talks" to his pupils. In these talks Mr. Lee did not instill any pro-German or anti-British ideas into the minds of his pupils, in so far as the evidence shows.

3. Your committee is of opinion that Mr. Lee's ability as a teacher should come to the Management Committee through the proper channels.

4. That Mr. Lee did not teach loyalty in as direct or positive a manner as your committee would desire teachers to do, especially during the present war crisis.

5. That Mr. Lee be again placed in charge of his class.

6. That the thanks of the Management Committee are due to Trustee Hopkins for his prompt action in this matter.

Dr. Hopkins said after the meeting that the matter was at an end, but he did not take his beating cheerfully, and was especially annoyed at Dr. Noble, who took the matter right out of his hands, first, by introducing the evidence of the children, and second, by introducing the exculpatory resolution.

Socialistic Coloring.

Trustee McTaggart was the first to speak. He pointed out the Socialistic coloring of Mr. Lee's answers and the difficulty in getting him to make definite replies. He was not sure that anyone holding Socialistic ideas should teach children, especially in war times, but he was somewhat hazy on just what Socialism meant. His conclusion was that Mr. Lee should be given some fatherly advice.

Trustee Houston thought Mr. Lee hyper-conscientious, and claimed that his answers had been unsatisfactory because of his desire to be true to his "inner self." He admired this conscientiousness, which he found rare among teachers and others, and felt that Mr. Lee exhibited a fine humanitarianism that was worth cultivating.

Trustee Hunter dwelt on Mr. Lee's honesty and more than hinted that Mr. Robinette had prompted him when his answers were direct denials or affirmations of what he had previously qualified. The trustee made the remarkable statement that neither politics nor religion should be taught in the schools, but that the education of the children was the sole concern of the teachers.

Everyone agreed that Mr. Lee was "not sufficiently British" in his expressions of opinion. Dr. Noble stated that it spoke well of Mr. Lee that his pupils were all on his side.