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MISS COOK

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an outline of the board's conduct. "I recommended Miss Cook's appointment at the beginning," Mr. Ford explained. "When the board decided she was a failure as principal, I asked them to give her a second chance and I pleaded with the girl herself for hours to try to co-operate in a new school. We didn't even reduce her salary. We offered her another principalship, but she said she 'wouldn't even set foot in the school,'" Mr. Ford ended.

Mrs. Ivison asked, "Doesn't everybody say unwise things when they are under stress? Words spoken under stress ought to be forgotten."

Mr. Ford: "Would you be so enthusiastic to have Miss Cook back, if you knew she had given false evidence before the referees?"

Mrs. Ivison: "What would you think if you knew that the ten assistant teachers had given false evidence?"

Mr. Beveridge: "Suppose we get 60 per cent of the voters to sign that petition, would that alter your attitude?"

Mr. Allardyce: "It would not, because the voters are not in possession of all the facts. We have already considered the matter from every single angle and done our human best to be just."

Samuel Colville, a petitioner, suggested, "Suppose we get up a petition for the resignation of the whole board?"

Mr. Allardyce, by way of answer, handed him a copy of the School act. He then moved, seconded by Trustee Fraser, that "no action be taken by this board in favor of the reinstatement of Miss Cook," and the motion was carried unanimously.

Miss Ida M. Cook, when informed of the decision, said she had no comment to make.