

F. R. Rogers

A Statement of Facts concerning the Charges against me at the Oakwood School, as I expect to meet them in the Judgment .

FIRST, Charge of theft. Article, Milk.

I did take milk, I did not look upon it as stealing, or so consider it until my brethren and co-workers held me up with a gun as a thief and robber.

I lived in the Home, I considered myself a part of the Institution and again I kept track of the milk and expected to pay for it at five cents a quart as I had been doing when my wife got the milk.

I acknowledged that because of circumstances I did not go to the others and ask for the milk but got it on the sly and when I was held up, I saw how it was looked upon,- I saw my wrong- I acknowledged it- confessed it. The brethren said they forgave me and I know that God did.

I have had no desire to beat the Institution but have donated cash to the work there.

SECOND, Charge of immorality, Report of two girls.

I acknowledge that I have laid my hand on their shoulder and hand while at arithmetic class, ^{before the whole school.} I state positively that this is the extent of my immorality with them. I further state that I had no intentions of evil in my heart or ever thought of doing them a wrong.

I have never sought to be with any girl or set of girls alone, nor ever met them in a room or halls or walks about the place. Never have I allowed myself to do this at Oakwood School. I realized how careful I must be on this line and the Lord has saved me from going further than stated.

I am sorry for such injudicious moves as I have made but have confessed them and believe God forgives me, has forgiven me.

THIRD,

Not publicly made but I understand told to members of the Board. That I influenced students from the school. This is entirely false. I have never once encouraged a soul to leave but on the contrary advised and did all I could to have none leave but stay.

True we took one girl with us who had been working for us two months caring for Mrs. Rogers and tending baby.

I secured permission to take her from the principal, Elder Baber and from the girl's guardian (her sister) and we will send her back to school in the fall whenever she wishes to go.

I know of no other charges. I stand ready to confess and put away all evil as fast as shown me.

I must be saved and will make thorough work.

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