

March 19th [1856]

Mr Allies.

My dear Sir

Mr Marshall only made his official visit on Saturday. I did not write to you regarding the papers nor return them immediately because I wished to see him regarding the trainees to be sent in –

Thank you very much for forwarding the grant the p... which I shall fill up a li... later. We have just filled the list for a renewal grant to the day School, & I wish to overlook some of the vols demanded [....] in that before deciding on [...?] upon any allowance being made... the number required in.... to those students whose names... the Training School. I... are not entered as Queen's Scholars.... suppose we may not count [...?] You will perceive that I have not entered the date of the quarter.

I suppose it should end at the usual first quarter.

They came to us the 7th of Feb. I am afraid we shall quite lose the pension of the four who came without any other examination than that of the fifth year.

With many thanks for your kind interest in these matters

I am

Yrs very sincerely in JC

C. Connelly

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[Copied from a Journal marked – Training School March 1856 – M. 18] [Page 35]

Convent H.C.J.

All Souls

St Leonards Jan 22 [1857]

My dear Sir [Mr Allies ?]

I offer you my sincere thanks for your disposition to help us.

In two ways, we much require the assistance of the Committee. 1st to enable us to get the warming, bathing & kitchen apparatus - & 2ndly the drawings models, & collections, and the Philosophical apparatus for our lectures.

I enclose the Estimate for the Bathing & kitchen &, which is the most necessary for the health & comfort of our Students, and we are unable to provide it ourselves, as the outlay upon the buildings far exceeds the sum we originally intended to devote to this purpose.

The heating apparatus is doubly necessary here, as the high price of fuel in this part of England entails an annual expenditure which we have not the means of supplying. – While at the same time the discomfort of large rooms, half heated by one fire place (which is at present endured)

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will certainly not assist the sharpness of the intellectual faculties of the young women most eager to meet all that Government requires of them during their two years at the Training School.

Perhaps we are asking more than you may anticipate, but your good judgement will know how to suggest the matter so as to meet the approval & concurrence of your Committee, and thus confer a benefit upon ourselves & on the young women you especially patronise & protect. I thank you sincerely for your good wishes and hope to thank you still more in the result of your charitable efforts to secure every advantage to our work, which thus will be still more permanently united to the works of the Committee.

The result of the Examination is much more favourable than we had anticipated as the majority of the Candidates obtained a first Class – and every one passed. Will you have the kindness to let me know whether we may make use of the leave to accept the six, not Pupil Teachers, from young women who have not passed an examination; yet who have kept poor Schools under Gov. Inspection without certificates? See the last paper you sent me, marked –

I sincerely hope this may be the case, as there are many who want to gain a Certificate & are not sufficiently acquainted with the forms to be gone through to avail

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themselves of the advantages offered.

I begin to suspect there are others besides myself who find the Minutes a
tease , and I ought to apologise for inflicting them upon you. Blackstone is light
reading compared to them.

I am my dear Sir

Yours truly in J.C.

C. Connelly

S.H.C.Jesus.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[Copied from a Journal marked - Training School March 1856- M.18] [Page 37]

Copy

“ Sursum Corda “

All Souls St Leonard

March 18th [1857]

My dear Sir [Mr Allies]

Col: Towneley came to S^t Leonards yesterday, and I have had the opportunity of fully explaining all that we wish him to do for us regarding the grant. Unfortunately he is not sure of attending the meeting of the Committee but if he cannot be there himself he has promised to get some friend to bring forward our requests, which I hope you will sustain with your utmost powers of eloquence A.M.D.G.

The facts he will touch upon will be these –

1st That the new buildings are put up entirely at our own expense [expense] costing £3000 which immediately diminishes our income annually £120

2ndly That the furniture & outlay this year will, besides the sum for the buildings cost from £300 to £400.

3rdly He will bring forward the result of the Examination stating that we had 2 – 1st class & 6 second class Students (The number at present is 21. students) all received the

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notification of a prize for drawing.

I think this is pretty much all – but if Mr Marshall's report has come out it might perhaps be quoted to our advantage.

Col: Towneley spoke of calling upon you tomorrow I gave your new address -

Will you have the kindness to send the Quarterly forms for the year?

I am

CC.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[Copied from a Journal marked – Training School March 1856 M.18] [Page 39]

J.M.J.

My dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter containing a Bill for £80.15. – I am sorry to say that I do not think Mary Pearson's reasons were such as would give satisfaction, but the Rev^d Mr Macmullen might perhaps be able to give some reasons for her absence that would screen the poor girl, who seems to have acted under his advice.

2. I enclose the consent of the Council Office regarding Lucy Ryan which seems to me to be all that can be required. If we are to have the Form No. 38. to fill up we shall be spared the unnecessary explanations & correspondence that have occurred this year.

3. I also enclose the consent of the Council Office to receive Margaret Hunt. It does not seem to me quite just that we should have had her support without any remuneration The poor girl came to us in ill health & is still with us – What are we to do with her? She is threatened with ankylosis, but she may quite recover, & moreover she is a girl of superior mind, & of a character unusually estimable. Pray do your best to help us in this difficulty, for I must keep her here.

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4. I cannot make out M^r Sandford's correction as to the vacancies being only 16 & not 60. Are we not allowed extra Students to the amount of 10 per –cent – upon the whole number we are able to accommodate? If there is any mistake on this point I must appeal in favour of those names entered in Italics in the list of Candidates – We were led to believe by the notice from the Council Office that we might accept 6 Candidates, but if the percentage is on 16 vacancies we can only accept 1½, & how is the half to be decimated?

Yes, it is quite true that we have eight first class in thirteen, but we had the chance of preparing them with one exception. Pray let me know the decisions regarding the extra number & whether we may receive as we supposed 6 Students, who have not been pupil Teachers, but have passed the Christmas Examination as Candidates, without apprehension as to their support. –

Believe me to remain

My dear Sir

Yours very truly in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

All Soul's

Jan 24th 1858

T.W.Allies Esq^r.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[From Journal of the Training School – 1857 - 1864] – M.9. [Page 137]

Answer to the above - [letter from the Council Office to T.W.Allies,
dated 16 March 1861]

The Training School

St Leonards on Sea

March 18th 1861.

My dear Mr. Allies

There has been a great mistake in the dates.
They stand as follows Agnes Hall January 18th 1860. Jane Landsdowne January
29th 1860. Catherine Long Feb 29th 1860. I am very sorry that the copy should
have been made so carelessly & that I should have overlooked the mistake, besides
the unnecessary trouble it gives at the Council Office! Catherine Long was here
conditionally & was admitted by the authorities of the Council Office in Feb. having
been detained by ill health.

I am

My dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully

In J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

The Convent

St Leonards on Sea

March 3rd 1862.

J M J

My dear Sir [Mr. Allies]

I have just enclosed you the papers shewing that Annie M^cCave's name was sent for the first time for the Examination before Xtmas 1861. She was not even present at Mr Stokes examination of Reading in June 1861. It is quite true that Annie M^c Cave came to us under her mothers name, and her reason for doing so was that I had refused to take any Student who had once failed. I told Mr Stokes this and also said that her own name was to go up to Government & that we had not sent in her name. It seems to me a very dishonest and wicked thing of Mr Stokes to represent me in this unfair way – or as intending to enter into any fraudulent act. It will be a very easy thing for me to withdraw my name from the Training School, which will no doubt satisfy Mr Stokes, but certainly not on the ground of any act of deception which I positively deny and which the lists sent to Government will prove. If she wrote any other than her own name on her papers it was unknown to me

I am

my dear Sir

Yours faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

Copy of a letter sent to Mr. Allies in answer to one regarding Annie M^c Cave.

The Convent

S^t Leonards – on Sea

March 3rd / 62

My dear Sir

Annie M^c Caves 1st Examination at this Training School was the one of Xmas 1861 . I enclose you a copy of the names presented for that examination dated November 6th & also the list of Candidates who attended the Second Examination. I think these papers will prove whether there was any fraudulent action or intention regarding the unfortunate Annie M^c Cave

I am

My dear Sir

Yours very faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

T W Allies Esq.

S.H.C.J ARCHIVES - ROME [Copied from Letter Book 1 Letter 104, Page 116.]

March 9th 1862

JMJ My dear Mr Allies –

I have now had time to consider more fully the circumstances of the Midsummer Ex. and I am convinced that Mr. S. has nothing to sustain him. It was before he had set foot within the Training School that the conversation took place in the parlour where I assured him that Annie McCave's name had not been presented and that when sent in officially that her own name was to be given, and not that of her Mother. As this fact is quite certain how could he have anything to detect, even had she been presented to him knowing the fact before he went to the school? As it is Sunday night I must not stop to write more, but shall have something to say tomorrow on his report which might help to show up his capability of injustice which I should like very much to do.

I am my dr Mr Allies

Yours very gratefully in JC

C.....C.....

P.S. Fr. Rowe could bear witness to what I said in the parlour if he will and that the conversation took place before Mr. S. began the Examination.

Notes for Mr Allies.

March 11th 1862

I think I remember distinctly saying to Mother Agnes about 3 weeks before the Midsummer examination that we must be careful not to make any mistake in using Annie's Mother's name officially and this was said in the Council room, so that I could not have consulted Mr Stokes in any other sense than as ^{to the propriety of using her} mother's name ⁱⁿ [sic] privately name.[sic] My only reason for using a private name was because I had refused to take any failures. By the very fact of her walking off with her work, it is quite certain that no one thought of presenting her for Examination. As well as I can remember the conversation with Mr Stokes at the Convent before the Training School was visited when Father Rowe was present, it ran thus:

Mr. S. (on the west side of the room) You have A.M^cCave here have'nt you? Ans. Yes.

Mr. S. I've just past her going up the road. She is here under another name is'nt she? A. Yes she is privately.

Mr.S. What is that for ? A. Because I refused to take any failures; they are always discouraging & prejudicial

Mr. S (looking amazed) I added: may not a woman use her mother's name ? – I have always heard so.

Mr. S. No – I have never heard so – what do you say F Rowe?

F R. Oh no; I think not. Ans. Very well - she has only used it privately & we shall take good care that she does not use it officially.

Mr. S. She's a student – isn't she ? Ans. She's a private Scholar, & her name has never been entered. “

The Conversation then turned to the Report wh, I said was very unfair & depreciating – in fact not true in regard to the practising School “ Shape fittings and furniture “ the shape being &c &c -----& &------. The subject warmed; Mr S and he went off to the Training School not in the most amiable humour I think F Rowe will remember the whole of this interview & it will be a gt consolation to me & to us if he will exercise his memory & say if it is not all correct & true. -

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD [From Journal of Training School, St.

Leonards on Sea. 1857-1864] [Page 229]

June 1st 1862

J.M.J.

My dear M^r. Allies

You will not remember how that little table I sent you yesterday has come up now – There are 2 pages in our book of correspondence with the Council Office which we overlooked with you in the parlour – It is headed “ Distribution of time “ & is partly in pencil & partly in ink and there are no names on it therefore we passed it over as something quite irrelevant to the subject – If you do not remember it now you will when you look at it. I mention these facts because it looks as if we might have passed over a little point that might and in fact does give us some e’claircissement on this most annoying subject.

The next point I am really anxious to know is whether the copy of the list of June 24th corresponds to the one sent in to the Council office – that is whether there was – 1 marked opposite to the Students who have been Pupil Teachers and 5 opposite to those who have not been . P.T. I want to know this for my own satisfaction and also for my own humiliation (if it does not correspond) for the list was most likely in my own writing. We have never been particularly careful as to the Private Students knowing that they might be kept or rejected at any time -

and the figures might have been 6 or 5 – but if there was, as our copy bears 1 and 5 it is quite certain that we intended A M^cCave to go in as a Pupil Teacher & not as a private Student

I hope with my whole heart we shall very soon have done with the case as I am almost overwhelmed with other work in the Schools & Buildings &c.

You will I am sure let me have the best news you can give as soon as possible, & I must give my whole attention to other matters & not think of this if possible.

I shall still be glad to know who was the happy individual who commanded M^r. Stokes kind attention and compact of not sending the girl in as a Student entitled to write the 1st year papers if she chose to do so – and I shall also be glad to know, for future decisions in similar cases, whether all who are students of one year & entitled to write the first year papers are obliged to attend the reading examination. This is of some consequence to us, as it will be of obligation to prepare them for it, whether they wish to be examined or not.

This friendly compact of June 26th does not quite accord with the disparaging letter he wrote to Canon W. does it? Nor with the leonic temper displayed on the occasion.

I am

My dear M^r Allies

Yrs Very faithfully in J.C.

C.C.

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The Convent

S^t Leonards-on-Sea

June 3rd . 1862

My dear Mr. Allies

Yes – all could have been avoided if only the girl had not been put in which was my own fault, in which my sole object was to give her two chances of success.

If M^r Stokes had acted like a friend or a gentleman, and not like a spy and an enemy the thing would never have happened, but he came as an enemy and acted out his enmity to the end, and I trust it will end by his never being allowed to come to us again. What an excuse and a falsehood to say that he had made a compact with us that the girl should not be presented!

It is very likely that we should have no knowledge of such a compact, or if he had been kind enough to wish us well that we should have forgotten it! I believe that this is as false as that the girl was presented by the name of her Mother, or that she was designated by another name than her own – as false as his report upon his pencil [sic] marks for reading – and his report upon the

“ shape, fittings and furniture “ (three falsehoods) and as false as the whole tone of his report upon the Training School of 1860.

I shall not think any more about the matter unless you require me to do so, but we shall all pray as you propose.

Yrs faithfully in J C.

C.....C.....

P.S. We should much rather submit to a protestant Inspector than endure a repeated visit from M^r Stokes.

June 24th 1862

My d^r M^r Allies

~~I remember being told some 10 y^{rs} ago, & on a much more trying occasion than the present one that " I must leave all indignation to God " Let us put it in practice now. I arranged sometime [sic]~~

Mr. It will give me much more pleasure to withdraw my name f^m the T.S. than to have kept it in, subject to the inspection of M^r S. Miss A.L. is willing to fill the Office of P. on condition that M^r S. is not allowed to act as Southern Inspector We know the old saying of who is in the north. Do try to prevent his having any more to do with us. It will be impossible to work with any fair chance of [sic] & indeed of 2 evils we sh^d prefer withdrawing the School from Gov^t aid to being in any way subject to his misrepresentations.

I am

My dear Mr Allies

always yours very gratefully.

C.C.

S.H.C.J ARCHIVES ROME [From Letter Book 1. Letter 121, pages 142-143]

[The whole scored through and marked NOT SENT.]

Copy

Letter to M^r Allies dated June 27. 1862

Not Sent

My d^r M^r Allies

I am amazed at the letter of M^r S, and find really a nice~~of falsehoods w^h~~
~~we can only hope were not intended~~ [heavily scored through and not easily
decipherable] We have already given you all ~~the circum~~s [sic] that we can
remember of the circumstances of his visit with the conversation that took place
before he went to the T.S &c &c.

You also know ~~for~~ [sic] how far F. Rowe's remembrance agreed with my
statement which could certainly not confirm M^r S's letter.

Now that you have had y^r conversation with the Bishop, you will know his
opinion & I will only add that it will give me much sincere satisfaction to know that my
name is withdrawn if only we can close the matter by excluding M^r S. This is all that
we can desire; the point of honour lies in the hands of God, and if it makes us more
humble and careful we shall gain in his sight more than we shall lose in the eyes of
our enemies.

I have taken a copy of y^r letter to the C [ouncil] Office, and also of the one
from M^r S, which I shall mark quite private for our own use only.

Ever y^{rs} faithfully & gratefully in JC.

C [ornelia] C [onnelly]

[*Mr Stokes]

[*Training School]

S.H.C.J ARCHIVES (ROME) [Copied from Letter Book 1 Letter 121, page 143]

[June 27th 1862]

My dear Mr Allies.

I have taken a copy of your letter to the Council Office. Many thanks for it.

With regard to Mr Stokes letter if even all that he says had passed were true, which we deny, nothing can excuse his not returning a true reply to the Council Office when they wrote for the reading mark, that the girl was not presented to him. If he had not been our enemy he would very promptly have found the truth

I am quite satisfied now that you have had your talk with the Bishop, and I shall have every satisfaction in withdrawing my name if only we are spared from any future visits from Mr Stokes. God grant that your letter may effect this.

C. C.

July 9th 1862

My dear Mr Allies

There is no doubt that we could stand the cross examination to prove that A McCave was never presented or designated to the P.C. under the name of A. Kavangh. 2ndly. There is no doubt that Mr Morell & Mr Lynch were most exact in keeping to the rules established by the PC which were read daily before the Exam. began; But Mr Morell & Mr L could best answer whether they admitted any return of papers that might in any individual case bring them under censure.

I do not believe from all I have heard that Mr S. himself is one half as exact in keeping to his rules, and one of our students says he left the school (Liverpool) last year for more than an hour & ½ while the students were writing their papers & we cd also prove that Mr S had left the papers with the pupil teacher as Mr Morell did. Still there is very little chance or hope of justice when he acts as a Government man. Even a criminal is saved acting as King's evidence.

You ask me what I feel about the case as it now stands and I answer for the Community, as I am nobody. The general wish of the Community is to withdraw from Government totally. We consider ourselves to have been most unjustly treated and no one who knows the case can have a doubt on the subject; and if there is any other

community that can hope for more justice & rather less injustice, we shall be very glad that they shd take it up. This is the sum of our feelings on the subjects while at the same time we are equally ready to leave the whole matter in the hands of the Bishop, or to follow out whatever you think best.

In many respects we shall heartily rejoice in getting rid of inspections with all their annoyances and excitements, and we shall very soon work up a middle school to equal the Training School in general usefulness. The point remaining is to secure our present students for the Xmas Ex. We must not let them suffer in any way, & rather than inflict any injustice on them, we shd run the risk of a visit from Mr S. though he said in Preston that he shd not come here this year. If this is true there will be no difficulty in taking the present students through Will you send this letter to Dr Grant with your letter to me. I shd like him to know exactly how the case stands together with our view of it.

I have presumed in all our discussions (as to withdrawing the school fm Gt aid) that we shall close the point honourably by so doing We never looked forward to anything lasting as to Gt aid, & we shall heartily sing a Te Deum when we have done with the excitement of Ex &c. And we never depended upon such aid for our own support.

We have no doubt recd much advantage in working up our Schools to a desirable point, & we have gained all we want so that there will be nothing to regret as far as we are concerned I am

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[Cornelia Connelly]

S.H.C.J ARCHIVES (ROME) [Copied from Letter Book 111 Letter 6, page 6]

July 12th 1870

Private & Confidential

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J.M.J.

My dear Mr Allies

I write a line to say that if it would be a service to the Catholic interests to re-open our Training Schools I am willing & able to enter into the good work at any time it is needed. When we gave it up & withdrew the Schools from connection with the Government I was convinced that the one Training School was sufficient. Again Again [sic] there are no large schools here to work upon for the experience of the Students. All I wish you to understand by this communication is that we are as ready as ever to give our buildings & our labour to the interests of Catholic Poor Schools & to put aside other interests.

I hope you are not suffering from the overpowering heat of the weather. Your darling Frances is well & in the midst of her Examination papers.

Ever yrs faithfully in J C

Cornelia Connelly

S.H.C.J ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Original]

[Letter Book No. 111. Page 3.]

Copy of a letter written by Our Mother to Mr Allies.

The Convent

St L-on-Sea

Oct 28th [1870]

My dear Mr Allies –

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 26 ins^t in the name of the Community, begging you in the name of the C to accept our sincere thanks for your very kind & complimentary expressions regarding the manner in which our Sisters have conducted the Spanish Place Schools. And in return I beg to say that we shall make it a pleasure to remove the difficulty originating in the kindness of Provost Hunt – And I will write to the Provost to this effect. At the same time we wish to congratulate you most heartily on the prospect of the Training School being established in London, as it will undoubtedly be a ~~great benefit~~ most useful [sic] to the Diocese in general. Had it been in our power to make you an offer of the same kind, we should have been most happy to have devoted ourselves to the work. The present arrangement is most fortunate & promising in every respect. &c &c –

I am very gratefully

Yours in JC.

Cornelia Connelly

Supr G.

S.H.C.J ARCHIVES ROME.

[Copied from Letter Book 1V Page 71]

The Convent.

St L –on –Sea.

March 25th [- /73]

Copy of a letter from Our Mother to Mr Allies.

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J.M.J.

Dear Mr Allies,

I write a line to you for my own satisfaction to know whether you think that the interests of the N. Dame Sisters Liverpool would be in any way compromised by another T.S. in London. I am under the impression that their additional buildings will be equally available for their other works & I have understood they are anxious that another Community should undertake this work – but if you think there is any doubt upon the point will you have the kindness to ascertain the truth from Sr M. St. P that we may know their real views? I have also understood that notwithstanding their new buildings they had refused a number of the successful candidates of this year. I was glad to hear good accounts of dr Mary & Frances a few days ago & hope you have good news of your sons. We have had very trying weather this winter but now it is most sunny & favourable to health, & I hope you are all able to enjoy it in London as we are doing here.

Wity many kind regards I remain

Yours faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

The Convent

June 2nd [/1873]

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J.M.J. (To Mr Allies)

My dear Mr Allies

I beg to acknowledge your very kind letter of the 30th informing me of the decision of the P.S.C. regarding the establishment of a second Female T.S. in the London Diocese & I must express the grateful thanks of our Community for the kind offer of the Committee to undertake the official position of Managers of the T.S. in regard to the Privy Council.

I am happy to say that the Community will hold itself responsible for the excess of expenditure which must necessarily occur beyond the usual Grants from the Government together with those allowed by the Poor School Committee.

I remain my dear Sir

Yours very faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly Sup.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES - MAYFIELD

[From Journal of Training School,
St. Leonards on Sea. 1857-1864]

[Page 213 – in C.C.'s hand]

R.C. Training School

S^t Leonards on Sea

April 2nd 1862

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter stating that the sum of £46 has been awarded on account of the salaries of Teachers for the year ended 31 Dec^r 1861.

The list of signatures shall be forwarded as soon as they are executed.

I am

Sir,

Yrs in J C.

Cornelia Connelly

To A. T. Cory Esq^r

R.C.Training School

S^t Leonards on Sea

Christmas Examination

Sir,

The list of candidates for Q.Scholarships was sent by the evening post of the 18th Inst –

Another list of the report on the Work was sent last evening together with 29 forms XX - 40 forms XX were sent for 60 Students & Candidates, so that the number was made up by written copies of the same.

I am

Sir

yrs faithfully

Cornelia Connelly.

A T Cory Esq^t

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Catholic Poor S. Committee

April 24th 1862

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 23rd I am requested to state that Annie M^cCave was returned by the College Authorities in the Dec list as you remark but under her own name & not under her Mother's name and likewise in a list dated Nov 6th 1861. This was the first time that Annie M^cCave was presented or designated to the Privy Council Authorities.

In June 1861 a conversation had taken place between the Inspector & the Principal respecting her as to the point whether she might or might not bear her Mother's name. The Inspector expressed an opinion against her taking her Mother's name. The Rev^d J B Rowe who was present at the conversation expressed an opinion to the same effect. The Principal ~~stated her determination to acquiesce in their judgement and her intention whenever Annie M^cCave should be presented for examination,~~ [sic] that she should be presented under her own name. She did so present her in November & December following.

The Committee therefore do not see how the Principal is liable to the imputation made against her.

(Copy to be signed by Mr Allies)

Letter 37 – page 41

Copy of a letter written by Our Mother to the Honble C Langdale

(dated)

April 11th [1864]

My dear Sir

Pray accept the sincere thanks of our Community for your kind letter which has given us great satisfaction. In return I must beg you to offer our best acknowledgements to the P.S.C. + for the generous assistance they have given us for so many years in maintaining the School & for their much valued testimony of our humble efforts as a teaching Order. We trust by the blessing of God to continue the work zealously in training our children to a practical knowledge of the true Faith & we confidently hope that our dear Lord will give us his all powerful assistance.

With many grateful expressions from the Community & myself I am

My dear Sir

Yours very faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

[+Poor Schools Committee – L.W]

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[Mar. 25th 1862]

My dear Sir [Mr. Lingen]

Miss Atkinson and Miss Mullen were partially employed as mistresses in the Training School from the 1st of January 1861, but they entered upon their duties as certified mistresses in the beginning of April 1861. We did not intend to claim the augmentation grant on their behalf before this date, and my not making a note to this effect on the certificate forwarded was an inadvertence

I am

My dear Sir

& &c. –

[Cornelia Connelly]

All Souls

Feb. 13 [1856]

My dear Mr Marshall

I have to thank you for your kind letter ^{received} this morning.

I will give the names to M^r Butt and ask him to write immediately to the Privy Council. As I agreed with M^r Allies that the correspondence should be through the P.T.Com. it would perhaps be more in order for him to enclose his letter to M^r Allies.

I shall be very glad to see you as soon as possible. The sooner you come the better shall we be satisfied: - but I do not think your report could be quite so favourable now as it would be a fortnight hence, because of the wooden divisions in the Dormitories being not yet finished. For everything else it would be advantageous to come immediately.

We shall be able to receive 34 students. ~~immediately~~ [sic] We are ready now.

Will you send me, or will you ask Mr Allies to send, the papers for the school grant of books. I think it is just 7 years since we had the grant for our Schools & we wish to have another.

** I hear Mr Stokes goes weekly to the Liverpool Training Schools. I really think you had better come here for the summer, & not be too sanguine of our success, because we ought

not to be satisfied with success only, but to aim at going a little beyond what is strictly of obligation. This is only in accordance with our religious life.

I am always dr Mr Marshall

Yrs faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

[** This paragraph has been crossed out]

S.H.C.J ARCHIVES ROME

[Copied from Duplicated Original]

Mr Marshall

31 Weymouth St

Portland Place

London

[Feb 13.1856]

Dear Mr Marshall

I have to thank you for your kind letter, received this morning.

I will give the names of the Students to Mr Butt, and ask him to write to the Council Office this Evening.

Perhaps the letter should go through Mr Allies, as he is the correspondent. We shall be very glad to see you here as soon as convenient to yourself. Our Dormitories are not yet divided by the wooden partitions between the beds, but the Carpenter has been at work upon them since my return from London & they will be up in about a week.

How are we to obtain the grant of books for the Students? Only seven have come, therefore we ought to wait I suppose. Would it not be better for Mr Butt not to send the names until all are here? Are not mistresses of 17 & 18 below the age to be admitted, by Government, to a certificate? I suppose the names of the Queen's Scholars only are to be sent in. I shall test your patience sadly with all these little questions.

I hear Mr Stokes is going every week to the Lpl. Training School – you must not be outdone – St Leonards is the place

for your Summer residence & you could one [sic] of the houses opposite to us for a very low rent. No one will take them because of the tall board we have put up as a screen for ourselves. Do think of this and of the advantage for little Edith in being with darling little girls nearly of her own age.

No time for more –

Ever yours truly in J.C.

C. Connelly

P.S. I was almost forgetting to say that we can receive 34 Students – but not conveniently more than 30, until the new buildings are finished.

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St Leonards

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S.H.C.J ARCHIVES (ROME)

[From copy-press duplicate of original]

Mr Marshall

31 Weymouth St

Portland Place

London

My dear Mr Marshall

I hope you will not be dissatisfied when I say that I do not want the certificated lecturer – I really do not want her – Do not be anxious about our success – if at Midsummer you wish me to have a professor I will certainly follow your advice – At present the Students are not equal to the advantages they already have.

I shall be very glad to see you and to have your opinion upon their present course of lectures & studies.

Will you bring your beautiful lecture with you that I may copy it out for the use of our Sisters ?

Will you also ask for a grant of books for us ?

We shall hope to see you at the beginning of the week, as Mth Theresa tells me you are coming very soon. I am sure you will feel better satisfied and have every confidence when your visit has been made.

I am

dr Mr Marshall

Yours very truly in J.C.

C.Connelly

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[Copied from a Journal marked – Training School March 1856 – M.18]

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Copy of notes for Mr Marshalls Report

Sent Jan. 17. 1858.

My dear Mr Marshall

I enclose the notes which you desired regarding your report on the Training School.

In the lectures generally we have worked upon the primary point rather than in a diffuse matter – Method & the means to carry out the end to be attained, cause & effect, the cultivation of the understanding & the judgement rather than the memory, have been the pivot upon which the Instructions have turned during the past two years. I do not mean to say that the memory has not not [sic] been cultivated, but simply that it has held a subservient position to the understanding & the judgement.

We hope with the advantage of two years experience to improve in the Methods & Means of practical School Management, & also in the Reading and writing of our Students.

This year we were disappointed in finding that the Syllabus set forth for the Male students, was not followed in the papers sent to the females, which we expected at least on those subjects belonging to females. Our Students

had prepared Shakespear's [sic] Lear, instead of which they had a passage from Cowper whose writings are offensive to truth & therefore discarded by us.

We earnestly beg to know whether the Syllabus sent to us this year for the Male Students is to be followed for the females, or whether we may expect a similar guide for them.

We are convinced that it is a great mistake to suppose we may aim at more than can be accomplished (without injury)

The more definite the course to be prescribed, however largely extended, the more certain must be the result.

Believe me to be

always My d^r Sir

Yrs truly in J.C.

C.C.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

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S^t Leonards on Sea

March 10th.

J.M.J.

My dear M^r Marshall

I think you will not be surprised when I tell you that Elizabeth Connolly is not a subject suited to our Training School.

Her conduct here has not been such as to impeach her character, but simply to prove her inability – to adapt herself to our training. She has been accustomed to command & to teach during the last seven years, and thus has acquired dogmatical manners & habits which are difficult subjects to encounter when ripened to a certain age.

I am anxious not to injure the girl, and we should be very sorry to subject her to any disgrace that might tend to injure; but we cannot keep her.

She is aware of our decision – I wish her simply to disappear from our list of Queen's Scholars before we have received any pension on her acc^t. from Gov^t. to take a school & to present herself for future examination as a Mistress. I think she would be desperate at being expelled, and perhaps grateful if placed in a school with the hope of

a future examination.

Her mother lives in London, and if you know of any School in or near London, that she could take, pray help us to dispose of her with as little annoyance as possible.

With kind remembrances to dear M^{rs} Marshall, Johnny & Edith.

I am

Yours very truly in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[From JOURNAL OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL ST LEONARDS ON SEA –
1857 – 1864 – M.9].

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R.C. Training School

S^t Leonards on Sea

March 15th 1861

Sir

In reply to your letter rec^d this morning I beg to inform you, that the
Midsummer vacation begins on the 1st of July and ends on the 1st of August.

I am, Sir,

Yrs very faithfully

In J C.

Cornelia Connelly.

Norman M^c Leod Esq^r –

(Department of Science & Art)

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St Leonards on Sea

March 6th 1858

J.M.J.

My dear Sir (Mr. Sandford)

I have reflected upon the enclosed proposal regarding Margaret Hunt & beg to say, that we do not wish to risk the two years therein afforded; but if the Board of Education will allow us the Pension due for the last year we are willing to provide for her this year at the College, and allow her to present herself as a Candidate at the next Examination.

I am morally certain that she would not get a first Class certificate, even though her health might allow her to follow all the Studies. She is an excellent teacher, but a very poor writer.

I am my dear Sir

Yours very truly in J C.

C.Connelly.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 7th inst. & in reply to state, that Elizabeth Connolly left the Training S: because we advised her to take this step, believing it to be necessary under * the peculiar circumstances of her case. ~~She was not expelled, nor have we any complaints to allege against her;~~ [sic] If it be just that we should forfeit the claim made on her account we are ready to do so. She left us on the 23rd of March.

I am

Sir

yrs sin [cerely] in JC.

Cornelia Connelly.

F.R.Sandford Esq^u

Council Office

[* a line is crossed out and indecipherable]

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[From JOURNAL OF TRAINING SCHOOL

ST LEONARDS ON SEA 1857- 1864 – M.9]

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Copy.

R.C.Training School

S^t Leonards on Sea.

[1859]

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst, stating that the sum of £325 has been awarded to our College on account of the 28 Students classed for Certificates of merit, for which I return our sincere thanks.

I am

Sir

Yrs faithfully

in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

To F.A.Sanford Esq.

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[From Journal of the Training School – 1857 -1864 – M.9]

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Copy of letter to Mr Stokes

The Convent

St Leonards on Sea

June 8th [1863]

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J M J

My dear Sir,

I think you have not observed the second half leaf of the sheet filed with the printed one, on which you have [sic] will see that we have given you the name of each teacher, with the hour & the lesson of each day in the week, as you have described –

If you wish any thing different I shall be happy to rearrange the form –

I am

My d^r Sir

Yours truly in Xt [J.C. written over]

Cornelia Connelly

S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD

[From the Journal of the Training School St Leonards on Sea, 1857 – 1864- M.9]

[Page 135 – in C.C.'s hand]

R.C.Training School

S^t Leonard's on Sea

March 16th 1861

Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, & to inform you that we shall be happy to admit the Pupil Teacher – Ryan, on the terms mentioned in your former letter –

I am, Sir,

Yours very faithfully

in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

To

J Sykes Esq^r.

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S.H.C.J. ARCHIVES MAYFIELD [copied from Training School Journal M 9]

(Copy) Sent Dec 18th 1858

R.C.Training School

S^t Leonards on Sea

Dec 18th 1858

Examination of Dec 14th

I hereby certify, that Isabella Parkinson & Susan Riley
Students of the second year, & Josephine Boulger,
Catherine Kirby, Mary Ann Lee and Mary Malone
students of the first year, who have each attempted the
Music papers, can sing

Cornelia Connelly

I Cornelia Connelly, Principal of the St Leonards on Sea R.C.Training School, hereby certify that the above named Maria E Buckle Ellen Newsham Eliz. Atkinson Priscilla Mullen have been employed as teachers in the St Leonards on Sea R.C.Training School, throughout the usual periods of study, between 1st of January and 31st December 1861; and that I have been satisfied with their moral character and attention to duty during that time. I therefore recommend them to the Lords of the Education Committee of the Privy Council, for a Grant in Augmentation of Salary, pursuant to articles.

(Signed) Cornelia Connelly.

Principal.

(Note) Copied from the one sent to Government January 25th 1862.