

The first two years ended, the first report was issued. It contained full acknowledgment of the moneys given to me and details of the work, and it was signed by myself as being so much an individual work and upon individual responsibility. It contained also the following words:—

"With this conviction, if desired by the subscribers assembled to-day, another year's effort will be given to it in the same way as before. But discharge from it of the undersigned would be very comfortable relief from a considerable responsibility, and from a work in some sense really disagreeable. So that if a committee should be named to-day to take it over from him he will be most thankful. It would still have any sympathy and aid which he could afford, though he would be unwilling to be one of a committee, (merely) so satisfied is he that this work can best be carried on under the undivided ultimate responsibility of one person."

But the subscribers did not relieve me, and so, as formerly, closed the third year. But then, by my own desire and action, at the beginning of the fourth year, a few gentlemen were constituted the Female Home Society, and out of their number a Committee, myself President, with acknowledged and accepted responsibility and control of the work; and so it has continued to this time. There have not been any others in authority, except that at times of my absence from town, Mr. John McLennan, Mr. Alexander or Mr. Claxton have kindly, so far as other engagements would allow, taken my place, these gentlemen having at my solicitation been of the Committee I have referred to, and being those who of all others have taken most interest in the work. The report of 1875 closed with the following words:—

"It is only necessary to say in conclusion that, amidst encouragements and discouragements, the Home is enabled to carry on its useful work, with marked tokens of God's blessing, in recognition of which it is that its managers and matron continue it as a work of faith and labor of love; and further, to add that Mr. and Mrs. Claxton and Mr. Alexander kindly take any oversight of the Home that may be needed, and afford Mrs. Gowan counsel in any emergency, during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for some months of the coming summer."

And that same report contains the card of the Home, two printed forms adopted for sending out with infants to another institution, and a form of acknowledgment of debt to be signed by inmates on leaving the Home. So, therefore, all these papers have been used by Mrs. Gowan under my authority. The notable "Card" was published in the report of 1873 also. It has been intentionally and usefully put into the hands of police officers and others, and be it known, far and wide, as to this card, if it has been used beyond its intention, that the Home is free for all who have nothing to pay, who need its benefits and conduct themselves with propriety while enjoying these, but that in maternity cases which is not the main object, but incidental only of this work, they are required to pay if they can, and for obvious reasons it is exacted. With myself, therefore—Mrs. Taylor associated with me—and Mrs. Gowan as matron under our control, the

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