

MARCHMONT, BELLEVILLE, July 15th, 1878.

DEAR MRS. GOWAN,

I promised to write you on behalf of a young woman brought out by Miss McPherson 8 years ago and left in Montreal in service, then she came to this town, called to see me yesterday, and, under promise of marriage, has been deceived; she is still trying to get him to marry her, but, if not, I advised her to go to you. She is a fair needlewoman but a quick tempered, and fond of having her own way apart from any advice. How very trying this is! We need patience and grace and faith and hope for our work. Of late years our girls have done so much better that it is indeed a sorrow when one falls.

Yours in the Master's service,

ELLEN A. BILBOROUGH.

QUEBEC, 18th June.

MRS. GOWAN,

Dear Madam.—The bearer, lately from Ireland, is anxious to enter your Home; she will gladly accept the first situation that offers, and will, I trust, endeavor to give satisfaction; she will explain the cause of her leaving Quebec.

I am sorry to trouble you, but feel it may be the only way of giving her a fresh start.

Trusting you may not be inconvenienced,

I remain, yours sincerely,

M. D.

President W. C. A., Quebec.

QUEBEC, 12th Aug.

MRS. GOWAN,

Madam,—The bearer came to me from the country last Thursday. The enclosed letter from the Rev. Mr. Petry, of Danville, will tell her story. Can anything be done in Montreal? I regret to say that we have no Protestant Institution in Quebec to which we could send such a case. Mr. Hamilton advised my sending the girl to Montreal with a letter to you. In the meantime I have written to the Rev. Mr. B., asking him as to the truth of the case and also if the girl's parents or his parish can do anything toward paying some share in the expenses she must incur. Would you kindly let me know what becomes of the girl. Our people being nearly all away I have been unable even to get her a temporary place as servant till November. Hoping that you will excuse my thus troubling you,

I am, yours truly,

C. W. R.

Assistant Minister, Cathedral, Quebec.