

that I live, and, I may add, for that I suffer. I may here say that I received an additional assurance to-day from that lady, reminding me that I had never written to her in any way about the case.

With regard to my private affairs, which have also been assailed, I may say that my late husband being in the United States at the outbreak of the war, became a volunteer for two years, with several other friends, in May, 1861, and lost his life in 1862; but no pension was applied for by me until 1867, or received until 1868. The distinguished legal gentleman who had the entire management of that application will be the best authority for the vindication of my honor as to that. His reply to my letter is shortly expected, and will be published when it arrives. But I cannot longer delay the denial of the charges against me, and this particular charge will be attended to by others for me.

With regard to Bible-woman work, I never applied for it. It was offered to me, and, perhaps, would have been accepted, if Capt. Malan, writing for General Russell, had not called me to this work, that is to take charge of this Home.

As to this Home, I take no undue liberty when I say, that His Honor the Recorder, His Honor the Police Magistrate and the Chief of Police, as public officers, know something about this Home as doing a good moral work. Detective Murphy, Cullen and Lafon know it also as a useful refuge for unfortunates; Sergeant Nelson could speak well of it also, and the policemen on duty at the Depot.

There seem to be no more charges to bring up; and I respectfully challenge the substantiation of the aggravated charges brought against me. Many ladies who have brought and sent unfortunate girls here, and who have visited the Home, know well enough my character, and the working of the Home itself, to be without reproach.

There are respectable men in Montreal who would have been black-mailed and trouble brought into families but for what I know to be my truly honorable dealing with all under my care, and I do not know of a more charitable way of managing these cases than I have been doing. Neighbors have often spoken of the quietness of the Home.

I believe the Home will be benefited rather than injured by the calumnies brought against me.

Yours respectfully,
JESSIE S. GOWAN.

Female Home, 480 Seigneurs st., Jan. 18th, 1876.

FEMALE HOME.

(To the Editor of the Witness.)

SIR,—I must ask to correct a word in my letter of yesterday. It should read: "This loss, which no pension can make up to me, should keep me clear of hard feelings and ingratitude from any of them." I want to make it clearer also, that Captain Malan's letter called me to take charge of *this Home*.