

STATEMENTS.

Page 18.—“Girl in Miss Rye’s ‘Home’ kept in solitary confinement 11 days, and fed on bread and water.”

Page 19.—“Owing to the very rapid dispersion of these young emigrants, Miss Rye can know very little of their character or disposition, or peculiar aptitude,” &c.

Page 20.—“Miss Rye trusts to the accident of being able to find persons in different districts who will relieve her from the responsibility of finding suitable homes and of looking after the children when they are placed in them.”

Page 20.—“Child brought back because ‘too small;’ sent to another place ‘next day;’ brought back because ‘the man was drunk;’ ‘because he was with rough men and learning to swear.’ Several cases of children being removed because Miss Rye was not satisfied with the place.”

Page 21.—“I have found dissatisfied servants looking forward anxiously to being, as their phrase is, ‘my own mistress.’”

Page 25.—“So completely does Miss Rye trust to the care and supervision of friends that she was not able to give me the address of this girl or the particulars of the case.”

Page 26.—“G. McM. He was not there,” &c.

Page 27.—“E. B. Is lost sight of.”

Page 27.—“C. C. Left her second place a year ago; present address not known.”

Page 27.—“J. C. Left situation.”

Page 27.—“M. H. Present address not known.”

Page 27.—“C. L. Address not known.”

Page 27.—“A. L. Address not known.”

Page 27.—“A. C. Address lost,” &c.

Page 27.—“M. C. Changed places several times; address not known.”

Page 27.—“E. C. Changed places many times; doubtful if still in her last situation.”

ANSWERS.

Name again not given. It is impossible for me to be certain what girl is referred to. I think it was in 1872 that I did place a girl, for the most infamous crime a human being can be guilty of by herself, for some time; it was impossible for her to be allowed to mix with any other children, but I do not remember for how long; and I did give her bread and water, but certainly not for 11 days. The girl made a full confession to me personally of her guilt.

As a rule we have always kept our children three weeks or a month in the “Home” before dispersion, a course much disapproved of by our Canadian friends, many of whom have been waiting months, and in some cases years, for the children.

Having been fortunate enough to attract to this scheme the co-operation of some of the finest men and women in Canada, I consider I have by so doing secured that “intimate knowledge of locality,” &c., pointed out by Mr. Doyle, as one of the desiderata laid down by the Board in 1870, for the guidance of Boarding-out Committees. See Miscellaneous Particulars, No. 6.

I have had children brought back because they have been said to be “too small,” which is another way in Canada of saying “disobedient and unmanageable.” I have never placed out returned children the “next day;” nor had one brought back because the “man drank;” or “because the child was with rough men and learning to swear.” I have removed a few children because I was not satisfied with their homes, which I hope shows that when I have made a mistake I rectify it as soon as the mistake is discovered.

Is this state of things confined to one side of the Atlantic?

For this very reason, that Mrs. Robson was at the actual time of Mr. Doyle’s visit to Canada in correspondence with myself about this sad case, and we had positively not determined what should be done when Mr. Doyle was talking to me about it.

This boy’s history (George M’Masters) and his sisters given in my Synopsis, Nos. 130, 131.

Elizabeth Boncer, who has already done duty in Mr. Doyle’s Report. See Synopsis, No. 65.

? Caroline Cousens. See Synopsis, No. 739.

Jane Canner. See Synopsis, No. 128. Girl now 20 years old.

? Margaret Heywood. See Synopsis, No. 421.

? Christina Lucas. See Synopsis, No. 16. Girl now 18 years old.

? Arthur Lucas. See Synopsis, No. 434. Lad 20 years old.

Ann Cole. See Synopsis, No. 309. Girl 20 years old.

? Mary Ann Craddock. See Synopsis, No. 708.

Elizabeth Cook. See Synopsis, No. 46. Girl now 19 years old.