

4th. That, in view of all the circumstances of the case, her trunk ought to be given up to her.

5th. That Mrs. Gowan's writings to her and speaking of her had been unkind and severe. To these Allegations Mr. Taylor replied :—

1st. That the cards in question had been printed and circulated by his orders ;—that said card appears printed in one of the printed annual reports of the Home ; that for the mass of the Inmates of the Home, who were poor and friendless, it was free, but that where a payment could be obtained to aid in the support of an inmate it was exacted, especially in confinement cases, such being a wholesome check on the repetition of evil, and also a necessity of the circumstances of the Home itself. This had been announced, would be repeated in practice, and would be still more announced while nevertheless the cards would still be used.

That moreover in this particular instance the Doctor who sent the girl from Springfield had been informed that the girl would have to pay board and confinement charges. A letter from the Doctor to Mrs. Gowan, exhibited, shows this, but that fact may not have been known to him in time to be communicated to the girl before she started. Common sense, however and the practice of lying-in Institutions everywhere would indicate that some payment would be expected, if there was any ability whatever to afford it.

2nd. That Mrs. Gowan had distinctly told the girl she would be subject to charges, and this at the time of her coming. The letter to the Doctor is consistent with this, and the girl has distinctly and plainly, in good handwriting, signed the paper for thirty dollars, and left her trunk by another distinct signature of her name.

3rd. The list of clothing Mrs. Gowan handed in as having been taken away by the girl, and which list is not denied, shows she was not insufficiently clad.

4th. Mr. Taylor had been particularly informed of this case, and approved of the detention of the trunk till the debt was paid. He was the more particular to insist upon this, and to refuse to interfere with Mrs. Gowan's proper action, when he found that the Home for the Friendless and Mr. Shelton were the instigators of the demand for it. Mr. Taylor considers the Home for the Friendless or Mr. Shelton as able to pay the amount as the Female Home is to lose it, and he stood on the justice of the case, and was glad to make it a test case and a case of inquiry.

5th. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor regret any invidious or unkind or ill-tempered word which may be in Mrs. Gowan's letters, but they cannot wonder at these, though they are sure Mrs. Gowan regrets them herself, since they know the untrue and disgraceful aspersions which have been cast upon her, by wanton traducers of the Home and herself,—such persons little know the amount of patient, self-denying, thankless, christian work which she performs in the Home, and, knowing this, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor who would never otherwise trouble themselves to attend a meeting of inquiry here, nor condescend to have one, do so gladly for due vindication of Mrs.