

"THE HOME."

480 SEIGNEURS STREET,

Montreal, May 7th, 1873.

A brief review of the history of this Home is now proposed to show the nature and results of the work which has been carried on within its walls. It was opened on the second of May, 1868,—for two years previous to which date there had been no open door for fallen women, except to the institutions of the Roman Catholic community. For three years the individual who had collected the money and purchased the building carried on the work on his own responsibility, with the assistance to some extent of several ladies who were asked to be an advisory committee, and who have acted more or less as such. But very few indeed of these have continued regular visitation of the Home, which is open not only to them but at any time to any ladies who may call; and there has been no attempt personally to fill their places by others. It having been understood at the outset in the engagement of Mrs. Gowan that the internal administration of the Home should be very much committed to her; and experience and results having fully justified this confidence, it is due to her now to say that the very strong recommendations given in her favor have not been misapplied. Her daughter has proved a capable and devoted assistant in the work, which neither of them continues for the remuneration received—of which they are, in a good measure, independent, but out of deep sense of the importance of the work and of a felt call to it. The more they both are known the more they are valued. In as strong language therefore as it is proper to use it is desired to express satisfaction with the Matron, and to express also the hope that she may long be enabled and disposed to occupy her present post.

It became the desire of the individual referred to to be relieved from the charge and responsibility resting on him, and to give it over to others; accordingly two years ago the subscribers were organized as a society, pursuant to the seventy-first chapter of the