

consultation, and was printed in the 1875 Report. Of such promises to pay there are now a number upon the table, amounting to \$300, but really of very little value. Moreover letters in the Appendix show how, while holding to the Matron's right in the matter, yet *ex gratia*, an offer to divide the amount with Mr. Shelton was made. Yet be it borne in mind that, notwithstanding and after all this, the case of the girl Burnham was the staple one of the defence in the trial, and adduced to show justification for the libel which there was not any attempt to defend. We have found the charges and fees exacted by Mrs. Gowan to be usual and legitimate, and to be in all cases applied to the Home Funds. It is an allowed thing that in maternity cases there should be charges. And at this point particular attention is invited to the publication from the Reports of the eight years of the Income and Expenditure, as made up from the Matron's books, to be found in the Appendix. There has been no attempt to substantiate any charge of cruelty or of untruth, except as to the latter in the case of swindling the American Government, which was disproved. In the Matron's kindness of heart, honesty and truthfulness we have entire confidence.

The fourth charge—that of inducing Americans to the Home by means of Cards, has an unfavourable aspect, but is trivial. The Card was printed in the 1873 and the 1875 Reports of the Home, and in an Editorial article of the WITNESS, of 1873, over which we had no control. Mrs. Gowan stated, under oath, she knew of sending only five. The chief intention of it was use in Montreal; but in cases of correspondence it has been convenient to enclose it as explicit direction to the Home. Out of 578 adult inmates, there have been 43 entered as American born, but of these only 17 came directly from the States to the Home, and some of these came hither by advice of the Station policeman, who has given Cards in such cases. The Register has entries of the East Indies, Norway, and the Sea, as places of birth. American citizens of Montreal have contributed hundreds of dollars to this Home, and there would certainly be no exclusion of Americans, nor indeed of any country; but there should be no seeking from any quarter. The other two charges were entirely personal—one of swindling, and the other of theft. It was our desire that these two, with the other four, should be left to moral vindication, but Mrs. Gowan's sons-in-law and entire family insisted on action being taken to blot out these charges. That was their own affair and

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