

It is only necessary to add that a brief special Report, not yet written, will follow this, supplementary to the special Report of last year as to the newspaper attack on the Home.

SPECIAL REPORT.

Of the Report of last year and Appendix thereto, relative to a then recent public newspaper attack on Mrs. Gowan's management, involving the general management of the Home, 1000 copies were issued. There had been call and challenge to any persons to prove all or any of the charges made against the Home. But there was not any proof nor any shadow of proof adduced, nor attempted to be adduced, to establish any one of the charges. Nor could there be, as we well knew beforehand, for the charges were all either falsehoods, or perversions and exaggerations of most ordinary circumstances. Calumniators were thus silenced and allowed their ease to go by default. Moreover, the action for libel which Mrs. Gowan instituted afforded its defenders full opportunity to bring up all sorts of persons and every sort of thing against the Home, and yet they were unable to prove any one of their charges. But this did not satisfy ourselves. We exposed a full history of the Home and its management in all its details, and by specific and categorical answer to the seven several charges that had been put forward against the Home, threw back upon its calumniators their exaggerations and perversions and their falsehoods. Thus were the Home and its Matron vindicated. Care was taken to address copies of that report to all members of the Society and to all persons who had in any way ever contributed to the Home. There are still copies remaining at the Home, where they can be obtained by any person who chooses to ask for them.

Under circumstances which the following notes will explain, copies of the report were sent to the three newspapers