

sorts of persons and characters to come up, and freedom to counsel also maintained, to make out a case against the Matron and the Home, there was a bar set up against any one of a score of persons present coming up to give evidence, and also against Counsel addressing the Jury, on behalf of the Matron or the Home. But in saying this much there is no desire to disallow the substantial vindication of both Matron and Home which the trial afforded.

The letters received at the Home during the year are of about the usual number and character. But, instead of giving extracts from any of these, it may suffice to say—they are from a clergyman's wife, the mistress of No. 762, showing warm interest in the girl and earnestly appealing to her to bring up her own child; from a city missionary in a distant town sending an inmate; from a leading doctor, urging the reception of an inmate; from a clergyman, as to the failure of an effort to induce a young woman to leave a house of ill-fame for the Home; from a doctor, endorsing Mrs. Gowan's views as to the treatment of neglected infants; grateful letter from inmate 715 to Mrs. Gowan, from her situation in another town; from inmate on her return to her father's house; from President of Y. W. C. A. in another city, commending a young woman to the care of the Home; from anxious father, as to his daughter; sundry letters as to servants and nurses and inmates, etc. etc.; from a lady from a distant place as to the spiritual condition of an inmate; from Police Magistrate of another city, as to an inmate; from a father, seeking his lost daughter; from Doctor sending an inmate who had been ill-advised in other directions; from lady president of an association who had received a letter from an inmate telling of her peace and comfort in the Home. These may serve to show the nature of the letters which are now upon the table.

The list of medical attendants at the Home is nominally the same as that of last year, though there has not on occasion so frequently to call them in. There have not been cases requiring consultation.