

of visitation of the Home, which has been of so much benefit to the inmates and of encouragement to the Matron; and it may here be added that Mrs. Gowan, as Matron, and Miss Gowan as assistant, have continued to carry on their difficult and important work to our entire satisfaction. The conduct of the inmates has again to be spoken of as good and satisfactory; indeed the order and quiet that prevail is remarkable. The health, also, of the inmates has been good; no disease of any kind has broken out. A few cases of worn out constitutions have been sent to the General Hospital, and those needing its benefits have, for the most part, been sent to the University Lying-in Hospital, and of the latter 3 have died: As last year, so again now it is to be regretted, both on account of the Home and of the girls themselves, that, owing to the demand for female servants, the time of stay in the Home is in many cases very much too brief:

From the Matron's Journal the following extracts are taken:—

No. 234.—A very smart little girl, who was seduced while at school in Massachusetts. Her sister, a dressmaker, paid her way here to hide her shame at home. She has been restored to her friends, and is doing well.

No. 237.—Sent here from the Infants' Home, on account of her having an impediment in her speech. She was in great grief at having to part with her child, who died a few days after she left it in the nursery. I wrote to her father, who gladly came for her. He was overjoyed to get her again, as she was his only child, and he told me her mother died when she was born. She was a very pretty girl. I had a letter from her expressing gratitude to the Home.

No. 238.—A very gay, restless, fashionable bad girl, who drove to the door in a hack, and very affectingly asked me "if I could make anything good of *her*, as she had heard we made *fast* girls good." She was asked to remain and God would make her all she wanted to be.—She left, promising to call again, which she did, and stopped *one week*, but longed for the old life of gaiety again. She has since been imprisoned for breaking the windows of the St. Lawrence and Medical Halls. She was a tall, handsome, reckless girl, but was very gentle and respectful to me.

No. 239.—A very fine looking girl who had led a bad life for seven years. She was sent here by a young man of highly respectable family, and who purposed to marry her. Poor, foolish boy!—He gave me his solemn promise that he would not do so for two years, and leave her in our Home. He did so, and she would always write to him for money, although she needed none here, but she said she liked to "take all she could get out of him." I advised him to stop the supply, and he would see if her love was for him or his money.—He took my advice and was grateful for it. As she had no desire to *reform*, she went back to her old evil ways.