

oversight and control of Mrs. Gowan's management have been exercised. We are not ignorant of her work in its details nor of the spirit in which it is conducted, and know that she is worthy of confidence and support. For my own part, as one ready always to hold others to their responsibilities, I propose to be held to mine; and, as one who, as to many useful and laudable efforts of others, stands out as a protestor and separatist, I am liable to all the severer criticism if there should be failure in any responsibility assumed. Sum up this score to the utmost. But all that can be set up in demand of me upon this score is fully met and answered in the integrity and substantial success of this reformatory work, in the unchanged basis and character upon which it was started and has continued for these eight years, under our honest and adequate supervision of a Matron of capacity, integrity and truth,—this we can well say in spite of any loud assertions to the contrary which may have been uttered.

That the Home has never been left without responsible oversight letters of arrangement providing such oversight which appear in the Appendix, will sufficiently show. Other letters which appear there will show there has ever been readiness to inquire into any substantial or duly presented complaint. One case of reported exaction and cruelty of the Matron I was able to find some one to represent, and called an inquiry at the Home, the report of which is in the Appendix.

In one sense we are thankful for the onset and do not desire to hold any grudge against those who made it, and while they cannot possibly escape its recoil upon themselves, we may possibly get more benefit at their hands than they proposed, seeing it is forced upon us to bring into prominence this work in order to counteract the misrepresentations which have been put forward concerning it.

The charges against the Matron, involved both in this attack and in the evidence at the trial, were of exaction, cruelty and untruth. It was roundly stated that Mr. Levy paid ten dollars as a fee, and that the girl Burnham's effects were extortionately held. Mr. Levy's own admission at the investigation was that he had paid nothing, and the girl's note was distinctly signed for thirty dollars, and her trunk pledged therefor, by another signature of her name, and there was also the endorsement of her employer for part of the amount, but nothing paid, either by her or him.

Mr. Trenholme, one of the Corporators and legal Advisor of the Home, advised this note was a valid document and would prevail in any Court. This form of note was adopted after legal