

lished letter signed "Victim," in the "Star." Every week a linen basket passes between my daughter's house and the Home, and the charge for washing which, is regularly paid to the "Home," as appears in the Home books.

My own and my family's feelings were not much hurt by the statement of Mr. Levi that I tried to get a bribe, but they were deeply wounded by the coarse charges of extortion and seeking personal gain made by Mr. Carter, who worthily acted for the "Star." One advantage of that trial is, that it has brought to light my enemies and persecutors, who are just those whom I supposed.

I invite your fullest inspection of the Home books. You will see there entered, all fees for nurses, or returned fees from doctors, and when a maternity case overtakes me before the doctor arrives, the fee that has been paid has been put to the account of the Home. In several instances I have received sums from my own friends in Scotland, which are also entered in the Home Funds. I have not spared myself in any way. I have toiled and labored day and night for the small sum of \$200 a year, but if I did not know that there have been many here who have been given back to their families and society, I would not, I assure you, have continued it so long, and there is no hope for me in the future but seeking still to be used of God in the same way. About the remaining criminal charge, I give you my own declaration, and that of my daughter and my son all under oath that we have not robbed the Home of anything in any way, and I ask you, as a matter of kind and friendly justice, to endeavor to clear me of it by any kind of investigation that you choose.

Respectfully,

JESSIE S. GOWAN.

A declaration under oath following up this letter was handed in as made by Mrs. Gowan and the two members of her family, occupants of the House referred to, sworn before Mr. Howley, J.P., who added his opinion that such declaration was quite unnecessary from Mrs. Gowan. We think so too, and do not subject Mrs. Gowan and her family to its publication.

The foregoing letter is sufficiently answered by the proceedings of the annual meeting.

It is due to all parties concerned, and not out of place here to say, that Mrs. Gowan's case, in respect of all the public charges against her, was brought up for investigation by the assembly of Christians with whom she is in communion, as was the privilege and duty of that assembly, more especially as another in the same communion had uttered some of the charges. Five brethren fully investigated the case and reported to the others. Mrs. Gowan was fully exonerated, and continues in confidence and fellowship as before.

Mrs. Gowan individually, and as Matron of the Home, has thus been vindicated by the following:—