

women, able-bodied many of them, who could turn the Matron out of doors, or who themselves could leave the Home any day by the door by which they entered, as only last month one left without payment of a penny for her 6 weeks' residence—just as any one may leave his boarding house or hotel if not satisfied with his dinner or his treatment or his bed. One wonders that people could not see how simply voluntary (except in a few instances wherein the Recorder has committed young women for moral restraint) the stay in the Home is, and how free all are to go away. It shows the weakness as well as wickedness of the attack.

If Mrs. Gowan, a woman upwards of 60 years of age, educated and intelligent, (with her four grown-up children around her, intensely and painfully exercised as they are by this wicked attack on their mother, all full of affection and respect), who had in early life ten years' experience as a teacher, accredited by twenty-one distinct testimonials of twenty-nine ladies and gentlemen of Haddington and Edinburgh—in after life engaged as a volunteer in work for the rescue of women—proved and tried by eight years' service in this Home, able to show numbers of written expressions of gratitude of fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, and employers also, as well as inmates themselves, for the kindness and care she has shown them and for the benefits and blessings to them of the Home, and enjoying the confidence and respect of those who really know her, is not qualified for this post, pray who is? We venture to say that in this Home, with an average of say fifteen ill-assorted inmates, there has not been anything approaching five times the complaints and difficulties of the average household of three servants. Is this not a fair test?

During some thirty-five years of business occupation in Montreal, and some acquaintance with its Institutions, I well know that no such attack was ever made on one of them; yet any one of them may be subject to like treatment to-morrow. A Committee of influential ladies and gentleman was to meet, then had met (we were told) to investigate into the management of the Home—a Committee of ladies had also met—a number of gentlemen were to have judicial inquiry—the police, the grand jury, the government were to be invoked—Mrs. Gowan was to be turned out and the Home to be closed.' Pray what gentlemen and ladies were there?

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