

the responsible managers of this Home were "hoodwinked" by its Matron, and gave currency to this word, it did not occur to them that they were making ready to our hand a word well fitted to express their own condition, for they must now see how they had been themselves "hoodwinked." It is really a good word, but so soiled by the lips of some who spoke it that we forbear to use it more even in returning it.

Far be it from us to assume to blame all the ladies of these three institutions. Some had, we have learned, sympathised with the attack on this Home. These we cannot compliment on their judgment, their justice or their taste. Others of these, we believe, saw through it all as empty of truth, trivial and uncalled for, only therefore to be condemned. Any who were neutrals amongst these associations cannot have our compliments or our thanks, however dignified their neutrality may have been; nor other neutrals, for surely neutrality towards the slanderer is the same in principle as neutrality to wards the highwayman or the burglar.

Either the Home had done outrageous wrong, or the Home was outrageously wronged. Not an item of evidence of the former has been adduced; abundant evidence of the latter has been adduced. If the former, let the Home be condemned; if the latter, let those be condemned who condemned it; but it is scarcely the occasion for neutrality. If the former had been the fact we would not expect quarter, and we would be castigated without measure. As it is the latter which was the fact we give no quarter, we deal out condemnation— but frankly and in just measure, we trust, upon all deserving of it, but with every desire, now that we thus further and finally expose it all, to forgive and to forget the wrong they have done to us. We resent but forgive it all.

We cherish no feelings of enmity against all or any of the three institutions we have unwillingly named, (if we had heard of others we would name them also), nor against those of any others that proved themselves in any way way unkindly to the Home. Some, we repeat it, regret