

doctors. In one instance the attending physician of the Infants' Home itself writes to our matron :

I want the woman to go to K—, where she will be comfortable, well paid. She dislikes going from Montreal, and the Home where she has been so comfortable under your eye. She says she will consult you and decide. I trust you will aid me in securing her, and thus lay under a heavy debt of obligation."

What, then is the Home to do?—just do as it has done, aim at nothing short of the restoration of the fallen ones who come under its care. And the instructions of her Directors to Mrs. Gowan, is to go on with her work, not following any set of rules, nor the perhaps ill considered counsel of inexperienced persons who may offer it; but realizing need of wisdom, ask Him who giveth liberally and upbraideth not, and doing practically to other Institutions and individuals as we would wish them to do to ourselves.

The fact however is, all good efforts have their weak and possibly evil side. The Home itself is not an unmixed good, nor the Lying-in hospital, nor the Infants Home, and still less the system of wet nursing, though they may be intended to do good. Indeed we do not know in what direction to look for perfection in even Christian benevolent work, and seeing that we have to work upon imperfect material, and are imperfect workers, we must needs be content with something short of perfection in results. But as rescue and reformation are the objects aimed at in the admission and treatment of the inmates of the Home, it is for this reason that abrupt and entire removal, by going to other Institutions, from the influences with which it is sought to surround the inmates of the Home, is not favored by its Directors.

The good feeling and kindliness of the inmates to each other is remarkable. No year before has had so much trial coming to the Home from without, nor any year before so much blessing vouchsafed to it within. Christians will know what is meant when we say that this year even more than former years, we believe, souls have been born again in the Home.

So that, in view of all, we can raise our Ebenezer and say "hitherto hath the Lord helped us."