

My opinion, oft expressed and repeated, is that she errs, if at all, in the direction of treating them with too much leniency. The work undertaken by her is arduous and difficult, and I am surprised that she is still able so well to accomplish it.

If the patient referred to as being covered with stripes was one E—— E——, attended by me in July last, I need only say that anyone seeing her and Mrs. G. together must have a powerful imagination to consider it possible. This young woman was quite satisfied and pleased with the Home and her treatment in it previous to her confinement, but when that was accomplished she was impatient to go. She left of her own accord, and, in proof of her entire liberty of action, contrary to my advice. I heard of no maltreatment during her stay, and am certain none was practised. It should be remembered by those who condemn the charging in maternity cases in this institution, that at the Montreal General Hospital patients, when suffering from the result of immorality, must pay, and *in advance*. And, further, let those who object to the admittance of such cases consider how can the work of the Female Home be carried on without confinements sometimes occurring in the house.

I regret much that some anonymous scribbler has sought to ridicule the President on account of his religious views. He has perseveringly carried on a good work, during the last seven or eight years, spending a portion of every Lord's Day, when in town, instructing the inmates from the Word of God. It must be the result of ignorance or malice, to charge him with the folly of occupying time in promulgating sectarian or denominational ideas.

In conclusion, if it is nothing new for some persons to return only base ingratitude and misrepresentations for benefits received, I also know of many who have been in the Female Home and remember the care and attention they received there with thankfulness. While making a professional visit last week, I noticed a young woman who had been under my care some time ago; on enquiring, I ascertained that she remained from week to week, having formed an attachment to the Home and its Matron, tho' described as a cruel "fiend," &c.

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