

can girl was enquired into by competent authority some ten days ago, the record of which case can be seen at my office, Union Buildings, by any member of the society or subscriber to the Home who may desire to read it. Printed reports are so seldom read that I am not sorry to have the occasion of presenting this statement, perhaps at tedious length, at a moment when it may be read, without I trust any disadvantage to the Home. I particularly ask any member of the Home Society, or any contributor or subscriber to the Home, whose mind may be unsatisfied, or who has anything to communicate of which he thinks I may be ignorant, and which he thinks ought to modify my views—to do me the personal favor to call upon me. The interests of the Home, the just vindication as I believe of an honest woman, and kindly consideration for myself in carrying on the work from which I well know benevolent and philanthropic fellow-citizens, most esteemed amongst us, have shrunk, are my excuse for asking this favor.

Let me now add, so far as the public concernment goes, that Mrs. Gowan though not excused, nor self-excusing either, in every word spoken or written, regretting particularly one word applied offensively in a recent letter, nor excusing the mode and temper of everything done under much provocation, is nevertheless in the main vindicated, and continues at her post with our confidence undiminished and her power uncurtailed.

For the title of President, which my associates in the work were so good as to confer upon me, as a title merely I (as they know) care but little, though for the occasion used, but I care much in this work for the responsibility and reality of control conferred upon me which were exercised some years ago for the exclusion, virtually, from the Home of the busy-body whom I believe to have been the instigator of the present attack upon the Home and its management, and used now, I trust allowably and rightfully for the vindication of both, which responsibility I neither shirk nor go out of my way to ask any one to be good enough, though I think there would be willing ones, to share.

THOS. M. TAYLOR, President.

*Montreal, Jan. 14, 1876.*

P. S.:—Any member of the Society or any contributor to the Home, is most welcome to its series of reports for the seven years. I omitted to say that Doctors Trenholme, Nelson, Reid, and Alloway, Dr. Edwards also, who have more or less attended at the Home, know how well dieted and cared for and comfortable its inmates are. There has never been any serious illness, no hurt, nor accident nor misadventure of any kind requiring their attention, and only one death in the seven years. Dr. Nelson, who has done much ill-paid service in the Home, attended the American girl, and knows the circumstances of her going out. But I am not adducing evidence, nor do I enter upon another topic—the pitiable jealousies of other institutions towards this one.

There is no intemperance, no noise, no violence in the house, but all the quietness of an ordinary family dwelling. At the assembly of the inmates on the Sunday afternoon there are cleanliness, comfort and decorum always