

newspaper, I felt that you well knew the untruth of the charges made against me as to the "Home" work, and that you would support and justify me.

But there were two more personal charges, of a criminal nature, one of swindling, and one of theft, which entirely affected my private character, and I felt bound to have myself cleared of them.

Mr. Taylor wished me to leave them all for moral vindication, in the belief that no right minded person would believe them. But the husbands of my daughters, and the fathers of my grand-children felt that those two stains must be blotted out, and, as they insisted upon it, legal proceedings were taken.

The trial was undertaken at our own responsibility, and at my own cost, and, as you are aware, by the first of the two verdicts, viz; "Guilty of Libel," I was distinctly vindicated from the charge of swindling, and there was no attempt made by the proprietor of the "Star" or my enemies to establish the charge, so *that* was blotted out.

Though it was not my intention, the Home work was brought up, and all the inmates of the "Home" who could be got together, about twelve, said all they could against it, as to want of food, hard work, and quarrelling in the house.

Ladies testified that they had heard these complaints, but they were not asked if they had not also heard equal complaints about their own servants, or the servants of their neighbors.

I would not on any account have brought *one* of the scores of women who have been under my care in this "Home," and are now trying to do well, nor the affectionate letters which they have written to me. Not one of the twenty ladies and gentlemen who were ready to give evidence on my behalf were allowed to give it, and very unfortunately, and in a way that I cannot understand, my counsel, Mr. McMaster, was not allowed to address the jury.

I felt the address of Mr. Carter to be more hurtful and coarse than the evidence of depraved women, or of the several ladies who had never visited the "Home," and could only give hearsay evidence of complaints.

It was most cruel that I should be thus treated in open court, but they could not prove swindling, and they could not bring up charges of any aggravation against me in the management of the "Home." All of that management I leave to your vindication, but the charge of theft, viz: taking things belonging to the Home to my daughter's house, I must have removed. I beg of you, gentlemen, to aid me in this. It is known to you that I furnished my own rooms for myself and family when they were with me in this house, and when they removed, some of my own effects went with them, and some still remain here. Since then, my family have rather contributed to the Home, than taken anything, great or small, from it.

They, like other people, sometimes send work to be done here, for which they pay the full value, and all our transactions are such as may be seen and known by every one; not *smuggled*, as has been asserted in the pub-