

their names should have been more prominently brought out in the former report. But there was no need for this, seeing they had come to be so well known. The "busybody" (to use no unkind word) in respect of the Home whom the Home for the Friendless, the Ladies Bible Association, in their jail work, and the Protestant Infants' Home had exalted to be their chief, and who used her position so strangely and unaccountably to us to exercise enmity against the Home out of enmity towards its Matron, has now passed away from those positions and this place. It would ill become us to be now more personal or more severe in our language than we were before, and the former report having fully vindicated the Matron and the Home in respect of all the charges brought forward, and as some of the parties are sincerely sorry for their part therein, there is not any need now to do more than offer such further observations as the case and circumstances obviously suggest, in what we may fairly claim to be the public interest, and in the interest of institutions honestly managed (though subject to misjudgments and mistakes sometimes) by creditable and responsible persons.

We can now well claim to be excused if we suggest to persons—whether newspaper people, so called learned counsel or ladies of associations—that they need to be careful not to allow themselves to be "hoodwinked," and to be very careful that the persons upon whose authority they discredit other people are themselves worthy of credit. It is no concern of ours that the Ladies of the Bible Association, of the Protestant Infants' Home, or the Home for the Friendless should have accorded to so comparative a stranger the position of their representative, which she so distinctly claimed to be (as to all their work) at the trial. This involved them much more, we believe, than they intended in unpleasantness with a sister institution—not unworthy of more kindly regard—whose great offending was that it declined to give place and power to the same person; but when some, at all events, of the ladies of these institutions were told that