

to have come from one source—the several articles and letters of one inspiration, if not of one pen—yet having been publicly made, opportunity should be afforded for their substantiation—if that be possible—or their refutation. The newspaper that published them might have afforded generosity and justice enough to have invited Mrs. Gowan to its own tribunal, itself being judge, before it pronounced her condemnation. But that having been denied to her, I would say that if any respectable and responsible persons or person will personally, or over their own signature, distinctly adduce any charge or charges whatsoever, whether new or old, against Mrs. Gowan or the Home, others shall be invited—competent and disinterested persons—to judge and pronounce upon them. In justice to Mrs. Gowan and her family and the Home, I desire her vindication to be as satisfactory to the public mind as it is to my own mind; for I can well believe that persons who have not already had some of these charges before them, and ignorant of whence and how they have been already brought up and dealt with, can scarcely be expected to enter into my feelings of contempt for them. Saying this much more, thus distinctly, irresponsible communications against Mrs. Gowan's administration of the Home will not further be noticed.

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Since that time I have been silent, though there followed two letters of Mrs. Gowan's, one of Dr. Nelson's and one of Dr. Reed's, all of which will also be found in the Appendix. Neither my own cards nor the Matron's letters were copied into the newspaper in question, though it is fair to say this was not asked, supposing that unasked a sense of justice would have rendered it. But that justice had been wanting in the first instance when attack was made on the Home, without reference first to those responsible for its management, and was now again shown to be wanting by the non-insertion of what they had to say in defence. But it seems now proper at this annual meeting of the Home Society to notice in its Report, with as much good temper as we may be able to command, that now notable attack.

We are spared any surmises as to whence the attack really came, that having appeared with sufficient distinctness of persons and names by the trial for libel on one of two indictments laid, which Mrs. Gowan and her family thought proper to institute. But any surmises which may have been before indulged have been verified.

There would now seem no doubt that the attack has grown out of personal quarrel with the Matron of one whose position in other Institutions and circles has given odds against the Matron which it required all her strength of character and