

TO MRS. JOHN PATTINGALE,

IN TEMPORARY CHARGE OF THE FEMALE HOME.

The Report of the Home, issued in May last, mentioned that your Mother (Mrs. Gowan) would be leaving the Home in September.

By my letter of this same date, you have been placed in charge, which is the arrangement referred to in the Report.

We have been willing all through the ten years to allow of confinements in the Home, and we believe it has been a part of the work in which there has been manifest blessing.

But with one less experienced than your Mother, we do not consent to this part of the work going on, and it is therefore, as you have been instructed, to cease.

There will therefore, you understand, be no more admissions of such inmates to remain for confinement. There will still be an open door for all who desire to depart from evil courses, and you will receive those of the class now alluded to, as the other and ordinary class of inmates have been, and are to be received, namely, without payment of board and fees, and send them out to some one of the Lying-in Hospitals. You will be careful to give notice and warning of this to every one that comes in, that all may know the conditions of coming in, and that, especially, those who are looking forward to confinement, may know that they are to go out of the Home for that purpose, without any exception whatever. You will consult one of the Doctors about this, so that every one may be sent away in sufficient time.

The Home, therefore, and yourself as now in charge of it, will be free from all care and responsibility of such cases.

We cannot but feel that the circumstances and end of many poor fallen and wretched ones will be the worse for this change. It is matter of thankfulness that (as we believe) about 190 of these sad cases of confinement, out of about 900 admissions, have occurred in the Home, without any death, excepting only one, and that that one we are sure was a subject of Divine grace. But we trust they will be elsewhere cared for in their sad and sinful need.

THE PRESIDENT.

*September 3rd, 1878.*

P.S.—Dr. REED has been requested to see that such cases as have been referred to are sent out in due time. And this is being printed so that a copy can be given to every person admitted to the Home.

This paper speaks for itself.

But this of course diminished the work of the Home, and took from it the main part of its reformatory power, for there can be no doubt that the lying-in cases afforded the Home most scope and exercise for its reformatory agency, and certainly in these cases has been found the best results of the Home's work. Without dealing with these cases it is indeed only half a work, and Mrs. Patingale