

and sought to adduce testimony of Dr. H. of Springfield in support of their pretensions. That gentleman wrote to Mrs. Gowan under date of Dec. 21, 1876:

"I have received the report of the Female Home Society, and notice the continuation of the B. case. Now there is no question about that girl's character, for she came and importuned me to destroy her child, or tell her who would do it for her, and to dissuade her from such a course I portrayed to her the danger to her life and health, to say nothing of the crime of murder, and then read to her your letter, which contained the terms per week and the doctor's fees, and said to her that if she had the means to go there and meet the expenses, that, though I knew nothing of the Home except what the letter contained, I should judge that it was a good place for her; and I have had no reason to think otherwise since."

Those in Montreal who made so much of this poor unfortunate young woman, after she left the Home, have had no reason to be proud of their protégé, or of her character as exemplified under their training and care. They made themselves ridiculous on her behalf. Our judgment of her was sound, our action just, and our position unassailable. We spare them and her any notice of the sad after-part of her career. The brother of another inmate, whose case was much meddled with by the "busybody" who seemed to consider it her mission to injure the Home, and which case was one of those publicly adduced, wrote to Mrs. Gowan under date of August, 1876: "It would have been a good thing for my sister if she had never seen her, and I think my sister now knows it."

There are letters before us from inmates, one who had been here over 6 months, other seven longer or shorter periods, a special letter of gratitude from a father to Mrs. Gowan, and others of encouragement to the Matron in her painful and difficult and sometimes discouraging work, affording that sort of testimony which we believe is most pleasing to her.

It may have been thought that since the action of Mrs. Gowan against the *Star* had well brought to the front the names and persons of the active abettors of the newspaper,