

"Mrs. Gowan—Madam,—A letter of enquiry as to the Infant of a girl who has been in your Home came to hand yesterday. In reply I have to inform you that infants are not received at the home in this city, as boarders and very rarely for any cause."

(This in answer to my letter, as I was anxious the girl should take her child home with her to the States. J. S. G.)

From No. 700.

"Dear Madam,—If I may be allowed the liberty of asking once more your advice, I shall be most grateful. I dare say you are still working very hard. I hope not too hard for your strength."

From No. 595.

W——, June 28, 1875.

DEAR MRS. GOWAN,

I hope "Agnes" has been kind enough to send you the \$23 due to me, for I do not feel able to lose so much. I will send you money to pay for the little one as soon as I can earn enough. How I wish I had been able to have stayed with it, *but I could not*. I did not leave it there because I did not care, by any means. God knows that I loved it as well as any mother loved her own; so long as it lives I will do all I can for it. There is hardly a minute but what I think of it.

I do not want it said by any one that I did not care for my child; I feel I do not deserve that. Wherein I have sinned I feel God has forgiven and I can only place the little one in His hands, praying Him to care for it, and direct those that have the care of it.—I feel thankful for the kindness shown me while at your "Home." I do not know what would have become of me had I not found that place. If I live and prosper I shall come and pay it a visit of respect. I cannot write as I would like to do, but excuse all mistakes. Give my love to Sarah and all the girls and accept a large share for yourself. Don't fail to write to me soon. I shall expect an answer this week. D. sends her love to you."

SPECIAL REPORT.

On the occurrence within this eighth year of this Seigneurs Street Home of a gross public attack in a City Newspaper, by editorials and anonymous correspondents, a card was issued over my own signature, which afforded some history of the Home, of Mrs. Gowan's appointment, by a competent body of gentlemen, to the post of Matron, and of the occasion and circumstances of my own Presidency. It was perhaps individual and indignant enough, for there was not any disposition to throw upon other gentlemen connected with the Home such responsibility as it was fair should be borne for the most part by myself, nor any disposition, knowing the integrity of the general management, and believing in the Matron's right use of the considerable power committed to her, to excuse false accusations or trivial complaints. That card will be found in the Appendix. The following was also published:

I would add to my card of Saturday so much as to say that while I believe the recently published charges against Mrs. Gowan and the Home