

of her duty there. She is named and referred to with kindness and appreciation in the present year's report of the Montreal General Hospital.

Letter from Ottawa, from Dr. McR., for information as to the organization and working of this Home, for suggestion and guidance as to a proposed Home for that city.

THE HOME, March, 1878.

"I am leaving the Home, and wish to thank you for your kindness and christian advice, during my twelve weeks stay here, and God helping me I will endeavour to lead a better and a more true life. I have a christian mother and older sister and I think their earnest prayers have been answered. I am leaving in perfect health and am very thankful. I hope and pray the lesson I have learned from my first fall will be a life's lesson."

Dr. Reed, Attending Physician, reports "one difficult and complicated case. The mother however recovered perfectly, but the child was still-born. This woman before leaving the Home sent the medical attendant, unsolicited, a letter of profuse thanks for skilful and kind attention."

Dr. Nelson, Attending Physician, and a member of the Society, in his report says, after reporting a complicated case :

"A patient of mine, now a respectable married woman, and mother of a family, was formerly an inmate of the Home, where she was confined by me about four years ago. * * * A case of this kind, where the direct results of the noble work of the Home are seen, must surely be encouraging to you as its President—particularly to our good friend Mrs. Gowan—and all the members of the Society. My patient must certainly have had confidence in us, or she would never have returned to my hands. Wishing the Home all the success it so fully deserves."

The foregoing may suffice to shew the nature of the work of the Home, which has, without trouble from without, and, as usual, without trouble from within, been permitted this year to carry on its difficult work with some measure of God's blessing. Mrs. Gowan is still encouraged therein, and continues the work in dependence upon that same blessing. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor expecting to be absent from town for part of the coming year, desire to say that Mr. and Mrs. Claxton and Mr. Charles Alexander will afford the Home any oversight, and Mrs. Gowan any assistance and counsel that may be needed.

We much regret to have need to add that Mrs. Gowan has told us, since the meeting, that, owing to the claims of a married daughter upon her, she may feel constrained to surrender her post in September next, and go to the United States to reside with that daughter. Should she be obliged to do so, however, she has suggested an arrangement, satisfactory to us, by which the resident management of the Home could be carried on till May next. And, if then, Mrs. Gowan should be unable to return, the duty of filling her place—a matter of no ordinary difficulty and responsibility—will be imposed on the managers of this Home.