

not more frequently sent to the Protestant Infants' Home. Others, again, that the Home was not more open to women from the jail which hindered the Bible woman's work for that class. These ladies were connected with these three several Institutions and efforts, whose objects they were naturally desirous of promoting.

It was replied as to the *first* of these, that several times when the Lying-in-Hospital had been closed women had been obliged to come to the Home; that the greater privacy of the Home was desired by the younger women; that the influence of the Home over them was more complete by allowing their confinement within its walls; and that the choice of the women was to be allowed if they were able to pay for medical attendance, which they did in most cases; but that, nevertheless, as this was only an incidental part of the Home work, it would be quite the desire of the Home to send cases to the Lying-in-Hospital without applying any invariable rule either way.

As to the *second*, it was replied that if children of nominally Roman Catholic women as well as Protestants would be received at the Protestant Infants' Home it would probably be advantageous to both institutions. It would certainly be a relief and comfort to the Matron of this Home, and the ladies of the Protestant Infants' Home were asked if they would consent to receive *all children* that might be sent from the Female Home. This suggestion they promised to consider.

As to the *third*, it was replied that the Female Home was open in its true sense to all. There were instances of second, third, and fourth admissions: but that in some instances jail women, hardened and hurtful to the others, could not be admitted again. The interests and good discipline of the Home required this decision. If there are jail women of this known character, or others of them unwilling to come to the Home, the fault is their own; but if there are any considerable number of these who could be gathered into another Home, that would be a good reason for opening one in the

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