

The Meeting then closed and this record thereof Mr. Taylor passed through the Letter-book of the Home where it can be seen by any member of the Home Society.

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I consider the foregoing to be a fair statement of the conversations and transactions at the meeting referred to

(Signed,)

WILLIAM A. DART.

U. S. Consul General, B. N. A. P.

SPRINGFIELD, Nov. 26, 1875.

DEAR MADAM,

Your letter is received, I regret the situation of the unfortunate and also that of the Doctor, and your Institution, but I know nothing of the girl, and all I had to do with her going there was to read to her your letter, and give her the card of direction, telling her that if she could pay the expenses it was a good place for her. I did not see her over five minutes, and had never seen her before. Where she came from I do not know, and I do not think I enquired of her.

Respectfully, I am yours,

(Signed,)

JOHN HOOKER.

Mrs. Gowan.

Montreal, January 10, 1876.

My Dear Sir,—I yesterday spoke to Mrs. Gowan about her having gone to your office to influence you against aiding the girl Burnham. She replies she went with no such purpose, that she went about her pension, and that your deputy spoke to her about the girl. This seems to alter the aspect of the case, as if with no design of speaking of the girl—she had no reason to know the girl had applied to you—and if merely giving information when asked, which she could scarcely with courtesy and propriety withhold, her doing so is excusable, though she may have spoken strongly.

Yours faithfully,

The Hon. Mr. Dart.

The more usual rules of correspondence would we believe have entitled me to reply in correction of this if I had been misinformed of the circumstances referred to, but that courtesy was not extended to me, instead of which the following letter was addressed to the newspaper which was attacking the Home on the 22nd January, and that letter as being the only one that bore personal and known signature merits the distinction of a place here.

The following certificate will be understood by reading Mrs. Gowan's letter to the *Witness*, the following clause is explained by Mr. Bloss:—

"And my giving information at the Consul's office about the American girl when asked for it, while there on my own business, was perverted to going there to do her harm, two different things."