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To Mr Cassidy: As far as he knew there were no regulations drawn up for the management of the Orphanage. Mrs. Carpenter was given practically a free hand, but received verbal instructions, he believed, from the Institutions Committee. Up till the enquiry was held he had always regarded Mrs. Carpenter as doing her duty thoroughly; he had become aware since, however, of improper language which she had used, and which he would not have allowed to go on if he had known before; he would have taken steps to secure her dismissal. He had not been aware that children were punished by being put 'on silence' for weeks at a time; he did not approve of it, nor of changing the children's food as punishment. As to the two green dresses, he was told that they were procured at the special request of a priest.

Mr. Harper interposed with the remark that Mrs. Carpenter said it was not the priest but the children themselves who asked for the dresses.

When the enquiry was about to be adjourned, Mr. Cassidy produced the circular referred to in the morning, which, it was alleged, asked the members to keep Mrs. Wells off the Institutions Committee.

It was a type-written circular marked 'confidential,' and ran as follows:—Agreed (privately) between Messrs. Harper, Friedlander, McMillan, Scott, Horrell, Harris, and Wolfe, as follows:—(1) To attend the meeting on Wednesday, December 7th, at 3 p.m., and support the nomination of Mr. Friedlander for the chair; (2) to support other proposals, namely, to hold the ordinary meetings of the Board in future on Wednesdays at regular intervals of six weeks, at the hour of 11 a.m., the first of such meetings to be held on January 18th, 1905; to limit the number of members of the Charitable Aid Distributing Committee to seven, including the chairman of the Board, who shall preside at the meetings of such committee, which shall be held on alternate Wednesdays at 1.45, when those of the above-named members who may be appointed will endeavor to attend as regularly as possible. (3) To support the nomination of the following members on the several committees, and the limitation of the number on each as shown—Charitable Aid, seven members, Mrs. Black, Messrs. FRIEDLANDER, HARRIS, HORRELL, SCOTT, and Radcliffe, and Mrs. Wells; Institutions Committee, six members, Messrs. HARRIS, DOBSON, McMILLAN, FRIEDLANDER, SAMUELS, and Mrs. Henderson; Finance, six members, Messrs. HARPER, FRIEDLANDER, DOBSON, DAVIDSON, SCOTT, and Cooper; Tuarangi, six members, Messrs. HARPER, FRIEDLANDER, HORRELL, WOLFE, and Mrs. Henderson, AND to VOTE SOLID for all those whose names are in capital letters. If any substitutes should be suggested let them be made by other members, and be settled to please themselves. Copy sent also to Messrs. Dobson and Davidson, with Mr. Harper's compliments.

In reply to Mr. Cassidy, Mr. Friedlander said Mrs. Wells was anxious to get on the Institutions Committee, but the Board as a whole thought the members elected were just as capable of doing the work as Mrs. Wells. Personally he should be very glad to see Mrs. Wells on any committee on which she desired to sit.

The document was put in and the enquiry was adjourned until 10.30 a.m. on last Monday.

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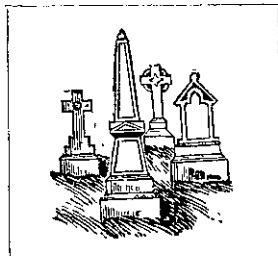
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