

for some nine years, and yet we seemed no nearer than ever to the erection of a new building. Constantly was the subject referred to, and earnestly was the project discussed; but the Board was timid about embarking on an undertaking which would bring such heavy pecuniary responsibilities, till, at the November meeting, 1883—I remember it very well—just as we were near the close of our business, Mrs. Donaldson asked if any action was to be taken about a new building. She spoke very earnestly and enthusiastically, and urged that we *at once* proceed to take some practical steps in the matter, as we had *talked* about it long enough. She thought a commencement was all that was needed; funds would be forthcoming, if we undertook the work in faith.

It only required something like this to stir the latent energies of the members of the Board. The response was immediate. Before that meeting closed the matter was decided, and a resolution passed, appointing a committee composed of Mrs. Bronson, Mrs. Durie, Mrs. A. Scott, Mrs. T. Ross, and Mrs. A. J. Stephens, to procure plans for a new Home. And so the long-desired building was really set on foot, and there could now be no retreat.

The committee used commendable diligence, and after various meetings and consultations with the Advisory Committee, Mr. Jas. Mather, Architect, was employed to draw up plans for the new building.

It was at first intended to build of stone, and a resolution to that effect was passed at the April meeting, 1884; but when it was found that such a building, according to the plans presented, would