

such meeting to be called, was presented to the First Directress, who, in compliance with the request, convened a meeting to be held on the 27th July, in the session-room of St. Andrew's Church" (Third Annual Report), "to consider and decide upon the propriety of purchasing for the use of the Protestant Orphans' Home a building, being the property of Prof. Webster, situated in Albert Street, in the City of Ottawa, at and for the price of \$7,500."* This requisition was signed by Editha P. Bronson, Barbara LeSueur, Ann J. Eaton, Maria Griffin, E. H. Bethune, Barbara C. V. Noel, Maria Grant, M. T. Bate, Eliza Hill, Jessie Ross, Ellen S. Clegg, and Elizabeth May.

At this meeting only twenty-eight out of a Corporation of 102 were present—probably the fact of its being held during the midsummer holidays may have accounted for this. The vote on the question of purchase was taken, with the following result: For, nineteen; against, nine; thus giving a majority of ten for the purchase.

Of course, that settled the question so far as the purchase of the property was concerned, but it made a split in our ranks; several of our best workers withdrew from the Board, either then or at the end of the year. But though these ladies felt constrained to leave the active work of the institution they all remained, and those who are living still remain, good friends of the Home and generous donors to its funds. Mrs. Coffin, the First Directress, resigned at that meeting, very much to the regret of the Board. To quote from the Report of that year, "She had filled the office with dignity

* Notice of meeting.