

## PREFACE.

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To recall the beginnings of any institution or enterprise, to trace the growth of events which have led to its successful establishment, and to summon from the past the names, the forms, and faces of those whose services have been given to build up any cause, has always been to me an interesting study. This, together with the certainty that in a few more years all those who were the founders of this Home will have passed away, and with their departure many facts will be lost, has induced me to gather from the sources at my command some of the most interesting events connected with the "Orphans' Home of the City of Ottawa," from its foundation to the present time.

It has also seemed desirable to have the record of events in such a form as might be easily consulted at a glance, without the wearisome task of wading through much matter of no permanent value, with which the records of such an institution must necessarily be laden. My aim has not been to weave an entertaining story, but rather to give a plain statement of facts which, I trust, may be useful in the future.

Having been so long connected with the Home, and having spent so many happy hours with the