

tions, provided this property was purchased. On this ground, and on that of a reduction having been made, Mrs. Bronson urged the reconsideration of the matter. After some discussion on the relative merits of purchasing land with a view to building, or buying the Webster property, a vote was taken, and by a majority of sixteen to two those present were in favor of purchasing the Webster property. A resolution was then passed that this decision be laid before the Advisory Committee, along with a full statement of the proceedings of this meeting and their opinion solicited. "The Advisory Committee had not, however, an opportunity of again expressing an opinion on the subject, as this resolution was not forwarded to them with the minutes of the meeting." (Third Annual Report.)

The minority, though small, was very strongly opposed to the purchase, and another meeting was called for June 22nd, for reconsideration of the matter. At this meeting, the First Directress, Mrs. Coffin, read a voluminous document, in which she expressed the opinion that, according to the Act of Incorporation, the Corporation alone could authorize the purchase of real estate, and that the Board of Management had no power to apply the funds of the institution for such an object without the major part of the Corporation consenting thereto, and that before such purchase was completed a special meeting of the whole Corporation should be called. The question was referred to Mr. Lees, legal adviser. He "concurred in the opinion expressed by the First Directress; and at a special meeting called for the purpose a requisition, signed by twelve ladies of the Board, requesting