

which she had herself written. It was, indeed, a history of the institution from its beginning, and it is to this report that I am indebted for much of my material. It has been strongly impressed on my mind how important it is that the beginnings of such undertakings should be fully set forth, *at the time*, by those who are actually engaged in the work, and how necessary it is that those who have charge of records and minutes should be correct, exact, and clear in statement.

At this meeting, the By-laws, as revised, were finally adopted, the Board of Management and officers for the ensuing year elected. It is not necessary to give their names, as they are in the printed report and preserved among the records of the institution. It may be noted that the term "joint secretaries" had been changed to "recording and corresponding secretaries." Mrs. Sewell had, owing to her husband's illness and death, been unable to attend to the Secretary's work during most of the previous year. Mrs. Edward Griffin had taken her place and performed the duties of Recording Secretary in addition to those of her own office, that of Treasurer. At this meeting she was elected Recording Secretary, a position for which she was eminently fitted, and Mrs. F. G. Hall was elected Treasurer in her place. Mrs. Hall, however, was unable to act, and at the meeting in March Miss Clegg was appointed Treasurer.

It is impossible to refer to every item in this First Report, but it is interesting to note that our first honorary life members were J. M. Currier, Esq., M.P.P., and Alonzo Wright, Esq., M.P.P. These had been obtained by Mrs. Alfred Patrick