

wide intervals. Near the canal the Collegiate Institute was rearing its walls, while close at hand the Normal School was taking shape. Cooper Street was scarcely in existence. Elgin Street was not opened up farther than Cooper till the next year. Where the Normal School was building had only lately been covered with cedar bushes. For the purpose required, the open spaces were no disadvantage, and the ladies were fully satisfied that it was a most desirable property.

At the beginning of the new year (1875), the question of a new building was broached, but a wave of financial depression passing over Ottawa during that and the next few years, the managers decided it would not be wise to attempt anything of the kind. Two years later, 1877, Mrs. Scott suggested the starting of a building fund as a first step in the direction aimed at. The Advisory Committee were again consulted, but they still strongly advised deferring operations for the present, one member giving it as his opinion that no building should be undertaken until the land was paid for. So things remained for the next four years, with the exception of one pleasing and encouraging event.

In May, 1878, the Countess of Dufferin, whose husband at that time was Governor-General of Canada, hearing that the managers of the Home were desirous of erecting a new building, donated the sum of \$500 as the nucleus of a building fund, that being the amount left over from a children's bazaar held by her at Government House, in aid of St. Bartholomew's Church.

[1881.]

By the beginning of 1881, the financial condition of the country began to brighten, and at the