

public meetings; on this occasion, therefore, it was entirely transacted by gentlemen, while the ladies modestly sat on the side benches.

Dr. Sewell occupied the chair and explained the purpose of the meeting, which was the forming a Ladies' Benevolent Association. Though the members who were to compose the Association were Protestants, their work of love, he said, was by no means to be confined to those belonging to the Protestant churches or to be restricted to any particular sect. The meeting was then briefly addressed by His Honor Judge Armstrong, Rev. Dr. Spence, and Rev. J. Elliott, after which it was moved by Mrs. Coffin, seconded by Mrs. Armstrong, and resolved, "That the ladies now present do form themselves into a society for the relief of destitute widows and children, especially orphans, to be called the 'Ladies' Protestant Benevolent Association of Ottawa.'"

A committee was then appointed, consisting of Rev. J. S. Lander, Rev. Dr. Spence, Rev. J. Elliott, Rev. T. Wardrobe, Judge Armstrong, and Dr. Sewell, to draw up a constitution and by-laws and to report at a meeting to be held that day week, December 16th.

Evidently, before that date arrived, considerable interest had been awakened, for *in addition* to those present at the first meeting, I find these names: Mesdames Rod. Ross, W. A. Ross, J. Hall, Crosby, Elliott, G. Perry, N. Bethune, J. Hill, C. L. Bates, A. Keefer; Misses Coffin and Grier, and Rev. J. Wood, curate of Christ Church. I was present at this meeting also, and the whole scene is vividly impressed on my memory.

Dr. Sewell occupied the chair. The Rev. J. Elliott opened the meeting with prayer. The com-