

At the request of the Treasurer of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, I have examined the above accounts, with the accompanying vouchers, and find the same correct—leaving a balance of cash in her hands of £36 19s. 1d.

HARRIETTE LETT, Treasurer O. H. & F. A. S.

## REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

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The Building Committee of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society feel called upon to avail themselves of the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, to present a Report.

When your Committee received their last Commission from the Managers, the land on which the Orphans' Home was to be erected had only been promised to the Corporation, under certain conditions, one of which was that the plan should be approved of by the donors—the Honorable Robert Baldwin and the Honorable William Cayley. The lamented illness of the former gentleman precluded his paying any attention to business for some time; but your Committee have now the satisfaction of informing the Corporation that the plans have been approved of, and as soon as the legal instruments are completed, immediate steps will be taken to erect the House this year.

The late move among the mechanics of the city, and the increased demand for materials, will possibly render the estimates more than they would have been, had they been taken in former years, but your Committee are informed by competent authority that the building should be commenced as soon as possible, as the probability is, that instead of decreasing, building materials will for the next four years become more expensive.

All of which is submitted by your Committee to the Corporation.

*Toronto, June 4, 1853.*