

The following articles were deposited in the corner-stone: Short historical sketch of Orphans' Home, by Rec. Sec.; copies of *Citizen* and *Free Press* of date; a copy of the *New York Evangelist*, by special request of the First Directress, who had taken this paper for nearly fifty years; and silver and copper current coinage. Besides these, there was a memorandum, written on the spot, and signed by those present, containing names of architect and contractors, date of laying of corner-stone, current local events, such as the proroguing of Parliament that afternoon, troops returning from the North-West, etc., etc.

In November, 1885, an offer of \$5,000 cash was made by Mr. John Graham, proprietor of the Grand Union Hotel, for the Albert Street property. It was not accepted. In December, he made a second offer of \$6,000, payable on receiving possession. In the meantime he was willing to advance such sums as would be required for building purposes, at 6 per cent interest, from the time received till date of handing over property.

Seven thousand five hundred dollars had been paid for the property twenty-two years before, and the Board did not like the idea of what seemed like sacrificing it now; but as there appeared to be very small demand for real estate just then, as there was such urgent need of funds, and as it did not necessitate the vacating of the premises till such time as the new building was ready for occupation, it was finally decided to accept the offer. Three thousand dollars were paid at once, the remainder as required. The deed of conveyance to Mr. Graham was executed October, 1886, when he took possession.