

ing people occupied it at different times, but when I first knew it, its glory had departed.

It was, I believe, the first brick house in Bytown, certainly the first west of the Canal, was solidly built of square bricks, the lathing made of split wood, the nails wrought. It was of two stories, the door in the centre, with rooms on each side—the one on the right was used by us for a Board-room, on the left for a dining-room—a few bed-rooms upstairs. A plain verandah ran along the front, with steps of hewn logs down to the sidewalk. Bank Street was not then opened out in line farther than Maria Street (now Laurier Ave.), though there was a road somewhat farther to the east, which led to the Stewart property, on which were a few small houses; one or two of them may still be seen on east side of Bank Street. It was considered quite in the suburbs,\* but that was no disadvantage for the purposes of a Home. This house, which stood on the west side of Bank Street, between Maria and Slater Streets, was demolished in December, 1890, and a row of brick stores was erected by Mr. Alex. Robertson on its site.

Having now secured a house, great energy and enthusiasm was displayed by the members of the Board of Management. Committees were appointed to solicit donations of furniture, bed-linen, and other household necessities. Advertisements were also inserted in the city papers, appealing for contributions. These were liberally responded to, and in a short time the house was plainly but comfortably furnished.

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\* This is incidentally brought out in the Minutes of February, 1866, where fault is found with the matron for "sending the children to town on errands."