

which the two institutions could be amalgamated. They had not yet purchased property, and they asked that the Board enlarge their proposed building, so as to accommodate the infirm and aged of both sexes. The matter was taken into serious consideration, and the proposal declined for the following reasons: (1) This object, the care of aged and infirm *men*, is not included in our Act of Incorporation; (2) the subscriptions for the new building have been given for a home for women and children; (3) in the plans for the new building, no provision has been made for men; (4) it is not considered a suitable work for the lady managers of the Orphans' Home.

It was at first intended to lay the corner-stone with all the accustomed formalities, but it was found that the expense involved would be such as to make this inadvisable; moreover, the weather was exceedingly warm, and many of the members of the Board were out of town; it was decided, therefore, to perform the act quietly, and leave any further demonstration till the building was formally opened.

To our great disappointment, Mrs. Bronson, First Directress, was ill, and could not be present to lay the corner-stone, but she was represented by her daughter, Mrs. Crannell, who was not at that time a member of the Board, and the stone was "well and truly laid" by Mrs. A. Christie, Third Directress, on July 20th, 1885. The ladies of the Board present were: Mrs. Alex. Christie, Third Directress; Mrs. J. Tilton, Second Directress; Mrs. J. Thorburn, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. Alison Scott, Treasurer.