

whom were Mrs. H. F. Bronson and Mrs. Alex. Spence, wife of the pastor of St. Andrew's Church. In singling out these four names as the principal originators of this charity, I would not, for one moment, undervalue the services of many others who threw themselves heart and soul into this undertaking, and gave, when the Home was once organized, much of their time and talents to its interests; but I think we will all be ready to accord to those whose names I have mentioned the chief part in initiating and launching the scheme upon the charitable public of Ottawa.

From the following notice, which appeared in the local newspapers of the day, it is evident that the next step was to interest the wives of the pastors of the city and representative women from the various Protestant churches, after which a public meeting was called in the following terms:

“NOTICE.

“The ladies of the Protestant congregations of Ottawa are requested to meet at the lecture-room of the Mechanics' Institute, on Friday the 9th inst., at 2.30 p.m., to form a charitable association for the relief of destitute children and other kindred objects, as may be resolved on. Gentlemen sympathizing with the project are invited to attend.

“H. S. Lauder.
Elizabeth Spence.
Sarah Wardrope.
Anne G. Elliott.
Eliza M. Douse.
Susan C. Brown.
Hannah Langridge.
M. Coffin.

Isabella Sewell.
Rovina Skead.
Mary Pattée.
Marion E. Jamieson.
Amelia Hunton.
Elizabeth H. Crosby.
Julia A. Hay.
Annie Howell.

“OTTAWA, December 5th, 1864.”