

time to accumulating funds for the Home. The Home has continuously from forty to fifty inmates, a large proportion of whom are Hollanders, but there is nothing in the laws of the association limiting the privilege of the Home to any blood, race, or religious belief. The inmates have been of various nationalities. At present the oldest inmate is ninety-five and the youngest sixty; a majority are over seventy-four years of age.

Since its opening the following have been superintendents of the Home: Mr. Vanderviere, Charles Tellinga, A. Haage and H. Zuilersma. Rev. Adrian Krukaard is now president of the association.

The Children's Home.

The Children's Home Society is doing an excellent and effective work in Grand Rapids. Its object is to ameliorate the condition of poor and homeless children, and to provide a home for those who are friendless or whose parents and guardians are unable to care for them. The society was organized June 23, 1892. The incorporators were Anna Horton, Ellen C. Moore, Emma Strahan, Cora H. Sweet, Clara S. Morley, Iana E. Colwell and Sara J. Davidson. Prior to its incorporation the society informally did some work along the lines indicated. It first met at the home of Mrs. Sweet, and conducted its work in soliciting clothing and other necessities and distributing where most needed. The society rented a house at 43 S. Lafayette street, where was established the first home. The society found plenty of work, and after incorporation rapidly increased in numbers and enlarged its field of usefulness. In August, 1892, through the generosity of D. A. Blodgett, the society purchased from his estate the residence of I. M. Clark, at 666 Cherry street, which now constitutes the Children's Home. The first officers of the society were: Mrs. H. N. Moore, president; Mrs. J. W. Rosenthal, vice-president; Mrs. Clara L. Morley, secretary; Mrs. Cora H. Sweet, treasurer; Mrs. T. W. Strahan, Mrs. J. C. Wenham, Mrs. Lena Colwell and Mrs. E. J. Horton, directors. When the transfer of the property was made by the estate to the society the heirs generously gave \$5,000 of the purchase price to the society for use in its work. The first year in its new home the society cared for 67 children, of whom 7 were adopted into good permanent homes