

tions from church societies, circles and classes, contributions from individuals, and other usual sources. The society, since its organization, has received two substantial legacies four thousand dollars from the estate of Miss Flora Stewart, and twenty-eight thousand dollars from the estate of Henry O. Schemerhorn. Only the income from the last legacy is available for the support of the Home; the principal can be used only for building a new home. In times of emergency the Home has never lacked friends.

The matrons of the Home have been Miss Anna Livingston, Miss Josephine Gidley and Miss Esther Robinson. The present officers of the Home are: Mrs. M. J. Clark, president; Mrs. John Hawkins, vice-president; Miss Abbie L. Weller, secretary, and A. H. Nichols, treasurer.

St. John's Orphan Asylum.

St. John's Orphan Asylum had its origin in the will of John Clancy, who bequeathed \$60,000 for the founding of such an institution. It was given to Bishop Richter in trust. In 1888 eight acres were purchased on East Leonard street, two and a half of which were sold to St. Alphonsus Church, one-half acre used for street purposes, and the remaining five acres constitute the grounds of the asylum. A portion of the present building, completed and furnished at a cost of \$27,000, was dedicated August 25, 1889. The asylum was opened with three inmates under the control of the order of St. Dominic, an American order having its origin in New York City. At first three Sisters were in charge, but as the needs of the institution increased the number of Sisters increased, until ten are now on duty in Grand Rapids. The first three inmates came from Saginaw, but Grand Rapids and vicinity soon furnished a growing school. Within a year there were nearly fifty inmates. There are now seventy-five boys and sixty girls receiving instruction and care at the institution, in charge of three teachers and ten Sisters. In 1896 the building was completed, at a cost of \$75,000. The institution occupies a commanding site, and is one of the first buildings to attract the eye of a stranger in the city.

By the rules and regulations of the asylum children are received between the ages of four and eleven, and are not received for a less period than one year. The asylum is pri-