

opening a home irrespective of creed or nationality for wayward girls and fallen women. They were guests of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The very same house, 363 Bridge street, in which the Home of the Aged was started in 1884, was rented for \$35 per month and dedicated to the grand work of reformation of fallen women on March 19, 1904, Mother Mary, of St. Laura, being the first Mother Superioress. In the fall of the same year, the old White place with ten acres of land was purchased for about \$8,000, and the little community moved into it October 3, 1904. A new brick three-story laundry building, costing about \$35,000, was commenced at once and was dedicated in March, 1905. The lower and part of the second floors are used for laundry purposes and the rest of the building for living rooms and dormitories. Although the building can accommodate one hundred and fifty persons, there are now, July, 1905, only sixteen girls and ten Sisters. The laundry, which forms the main support of the institution, is equipped with all modern machinery necessary for the work.

Woman's Home and Hospital.

In 1885 there was organized among the church women of Grand Rapids a society for "looking after the spiritual wants of the neglected classes," and Mrs. A. S. K. Burton was employed as city missionary. The officers were Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, president; Mrs. Henry Spring, secretary; Mrs. E. E. Judd, treasurer, and a vice-president from each church. There were so many cases of destitution and distress that the city missionary was compelled to devote most of her time and much of her salary to alleviating the suffering of homeless women. The society at first provided one room in the U. B. A. Home and raised funds to pay for the temporary care of such women as went there by the society's order. Soon a board of managers for the society was appointed, with Mrs. P. B. Whitfield as president, the other members consisting of Mrs. N. A. Stone, Mrs. C. D. Hodges, Miss Lillie McDonald, Mrs. Emma A. Wheeler and Mrs. A. S. K. Burton. An Advisory board of men, consisting of Mr. Wm. A. Berkey, Mr. D. A. Blodgett and Dr. G. T. Whitfield, was appointed. In March, 1886, an arrangement was made with Mrs. S. J. Douglass, of 440 North Ionia street, to give the society the temporary use of her resi-