

# CHILDREN'S HOME TO BE DEDICATED

Structure Will Be Opened Formally on Friday and Saturday.

The latest addition to the many charitable institutions of Duluth, the new Children's Home, which has just been completed at a total cost of \$31,000, will be dedicated next Friday and Saturday. The new home is one of the finest buildings of its kind in the northwest and one in which the people of Duluth take much pride.

The dedication exercises next week will be simple and devoid of ceremony. The doors will be open to visitors from 2 until 10 p. m. on Friday and from 10 a. m. until 6 p. m. Saturday. It is intended that as many as possible of those who have been interested in the construction of the home shall be present and view the results of years of perseverance, work and sacrifice. In addition to those who have been instrumental in the raising of funds and in other work connected with the home, all others will be welcome to inspect the building on these two evenings.

#### No Debts Incurred.

The home is located at Fifteenth avenue east and Fifth street. The grounds were purchased in 1892 and plans for the building were submitted by the architects in April, 1903, but owing to lack of funds the contract was not let until last October. Since then, however, the work of construction has met with no obstacles; funds have been coming in as rapidly as they were required, and the building has been completed without the necessity of incurring debts.

Situated diagonally opposite from Chester park, the home has an ideal location and with regard to beautiful surroundings is not surpassed by any similar institution in the West.

The structure is built of buff brick in the Virginian-Colonial style, is four stories high and has a frontage of 90 feet. It is supplied with steam heat, gas, electricity, and in fact, all modern appointments. No effort has been spared to make it as serviceable and durable as possible, and local architects say that it is the best building of its kind, west of Chicago. The large and well appointed dining-room is on the first floor, while the dormitories take up the entire three upper stories. A wide veranda covers the front of the building along the first floor.

#### Sick Ward a Feature.

The children's sick ward is a prominent feature of the new building and special facilities have been given this department for the proper medical care of sick children. The old building was deficient in this respect and as there is not a place in Duluth, outside the hospital, where children may receive proper attention when sick, it is believed that this feature alone will be sufficient to insure the success of the home.

Another innovation, which it is believed will add materially to the usefulness of the institution, is the glazed nursery room for babies, which is located immediately above the first floor veranda. A large number of tiny, helpless infants are received at the home every year, but until now facilities for their proper care have been lacking.

The movement to secure the new building was started by the Children's Home society two years ago. The funds have been raised by popular subscription and, although the undertaking was a tremendous one, from a financial standpoint, the society met with immediate encouragement and has never been handicapped by lack of support.

The new home will have facilities for the accommodation of 100 children, or nearly twice the capacity of the old building. The limited resources has been a grave problem in the management of the affairs of the society, and now that its facilities are greatly increased it will be in a position to widen its scope and extend its usefulness even farther than heretofore.

The institution will be at the service not only of residents, but of surrounding towns, as well. Most of the range towns will be visited in the future by representatives of the home who wish to extend its influence throughout northern Minnesota. The crowded condition of the old structure made such work impossible, as applicants were constantly turned away.

The Children's Home society cared for 465 little ones last year. What will be accomplished in the new in-

stitution with its increased facilities can scarcely be conjectured.

It is intended to be a temporary refuge for children whose parents are unable to give them proper care. The majority of the children are sent to the state training school, the Savage Home in St. Paul, or are taken in care by Humane Officer Withrow. It is seldom a girl or a boy remains in the home after she or he is 12 years old. No child leaves, however, until satisfactory arrangements have been made for the future.

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