

UNION ORPHAN ASYLUM.

This benevolent institution, chartered by the General Assembly in 1864, as "the offspring of that terrible war which but so recently swept in blood and fire throughout this land," has been enabled to accomplish much good in the direction in which it aims. The orphans of those, who, under the calls made for volunteers, and by the indiscriminating draft, "went forth to battle for what they considered the *right*," are here taken and cared for with a mother's love, by the charitable ladies in charge, and by whom, it was projected. Within the pleasant and beautiful Asylum are 64 orphan children, who are taught according to their years, proper lessons, and their mental and moral culture carefully watched and cared for.

The Managers claim for the Asylum a spirit which, if fully carried out, must prove a blessing upon themselves as well as upon those whose comfort and happiness they are so zealously studying; and so long as "its basis is the Gospel of Christ, and its perpetuation the spirit of Christianity," it must and will succeed. Prudent sanitary regulations being enforced, the health of the orphans is good, and they are in fact surrounded by every comfort the limited means of their treasury will permit. Burdened with a debt of \$37,000, the managers ask an appropriation of \$20,000 to assist them in its liquidation, and your committee call the attention of your honorable bodies to their request as worthy of your consideration. We suggest in addition an annual appropriation of \$5,000.

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