

same superior, and intimately connected with his comprehensive and benevolent plan of instruction. They have felt less hesitation in doing so, inasmuch as this institution, under the title of the "Frederick Benevolent Female School," has already been deemed worthy of legislative provision, by an act passed on the 15th February, 1826. When this school first went into operation in the year 1825, there was under its charge but one orphan, yet within a few years after the patronage extended to it by virtue of the act above mentioned, and by the citizens generally, who were best acquainted with its merits, and participated largely in its usefulness, the number of orphans increased gradually to twenty-one, which number has, with little variation, been maintained to this day, who are boarded, and clothed, and educated free of charge. Several of these after having been sufficiently instructed, have been placed in respectable families, and by their correct deportment promise to be useful members of society. The whole number of pupils at present is one hundred and thirty. The books of this institution shew that from its commencement in 1825, about 700 pupils have received a respectable education, without any charge upon their families or the public.

A new building, extensive, airy, and commodious, has been erected, which seems well adapted to the various useful purposes for which the school was designed. This school is conducted by the sisters of charity, known throughout the country for their disinterested and praiseworthy labors in the cause of humanity. In addition to the asylum for the orphan and the destitute, all the branches of female education, useful and ornamental, are taught to other young ladies, upon the most moderate terms. An asylum for the homeless orphan, a free school to the indigent to any reasonable extent, an academy in which young ladies can receive an education suited in every respect to their station in life, are all happily united (the undersigned are well pleased to report) in St. John's Female Institution. When to these advantages is added the prospect of permanency, conducted as it is, by a society of charitable ladies, who