Gun Club. There are also the Buffalo Yacht Club, with the following officers: John S. Provoost, commodore; T. P. Frank, vice-commodore; E. P. Field, secretary; C. L. Abel, treasurer; A. H. Allen, measurer. The Queen City Rowing Club, the Buffalo Mutual Rowing Club, the Buffalo Athletic Club and the Fritz Reuter Club.

CHAPTER XXII.

HOSPITALS, ASYLUMS, CHARITIES, ETC.

The Buffalo General Hospital — The First Hospital Meeting — Successive Presidents of the Institution — The Training School for Nurses — Hospital of the Sisters of Charity — The Good Samaritan Eye and Ear Infirmary — The Homeopathic Hospital — Buffalo Eye and Ear Infirmary — Buffalo Surgical Infirmary — The City's Dispensaries — The Charitable Institutions and Asylums of the City.

THE BUFFALO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

On the 21st of November, 1855, a meeting was held with the view of establishing a general hospital in Buffalo. There were present Charles E. Clarke, George S. Hazard, Andrew J. Rich, Bronson C. Rumsey, William T. Wardwell, Roswell L. Burrows, Drs. Phineas H. Strong, Charles H. Wilcox, Thomas F. Rochester, Sanford B. Hunt, William Gould, James M. Newman, John Root, Charles C. F. Gay, James B. Samo, Charles H. Baker and Sanford Eastman. On the 19th of June, 1858, the first medical staff was elected as follows:—Drs. Thomas F. Rochester, James M. Newman, Cornelius C. Wyckoff. Consulting physicians—James P. White, George N. Burwell, P. H. Strong. The surgeons were Charles H. Wilcox, Austin Flint, Jr., and Sanford B. Eastman; consulting surgeons—Frank H. Hamilton, John Root and Charles C. F. Gay.

The hospital was located on High street, near Main, where it now is. On the 6th of July, 1858, A. W. Dewey and wife were engaged as warden and matron, at a salary of $300 a year for both. The presidents of the hospital have been as follows:—Charles E. Clarke, nine years; George Howard, two years; James Bradley, James D. Sawyer, R. D. Sherman, Hon. John B. Skinner and Jason Sexton, one year each; R. J. Sherman, seven years; James N. S. Scatcherd, from 1879 to the present time. The secretaries have been Roswell L. Burrows, two years; William T. Wardwell, seven years; George S. Wardwell, six years; William F. Miller, 1880, succeeded by the present incumbent, Robert P. Wilson. The present warden is William S. Wheeler, who assumed the position in September, 1880, his wife is matron.
The training school for nurses in connection with the hospital was established in 1877. Miss C. E. Seelye has been the superintendent of nurses since 1880, and the school has been very successful.

The present officers of the hospital are as follows:—J. N. Seatcherd, president; T. F. Rochester, M. D., vice-president; Robert P. Wilson, secretary; Franklin Sidway, treasurer.

Buffalo Hospital of the Sisters of Charity.—This hospital is situated on Main street near Delavan avenue. It was established in June, 1848, by the Right Rev. John Timon. The ground was purchased where the buildings now stand, in 1872, and the corner-stone was laid by the Right Rev. S. V. Ryan, August 16, 1875, and the hospital was dedicated November 5, 1876. The total cost of the institution was $168,368. This hospital is under the charge of thirteen Sisters of Charity. Sister Florence, Sister Servant. Regular attending surgeons, Drs. John Cronyn, W. H. Heath and D. W. Harrington. Attending physicians—T. F. Rochester, G. W. Mackay, A. M. Barker.

In connection with the hospital of the Sisters of Charity is the Good Samaritan Eye and Ear Infirmary, which was organized August 1, 1882, and incorporated November 1, 1882. Its government is as follows:—Trustees—T. V. Dickinson, president; L. C. Miller, vice-president; A. A. Hubbell, treasurer; W. H. Slocum, secretary; George Clinton, Eli S. Hubbell, Luman C. Miller, William H. Tibbs. Thomas V. Dickinson, Alvin A. Hubbell, William H. Slocum. Medical Staff—Charles C. F. Gay, John Cronyn, consulting surgeons; Alvin A. Hubbell, surgeon in charge; William H. Heath, assistant surgeon.

The Homeopathic Hospital.—This institution was established in October, 1872. The first officers were:—Dr. G. C. Daboll, president; Rodney Daniels, vice-president; S. V. Parsons, treasurer; P. G. Cook, Jr., secretary. The above named, in connection with the following, composed the board of trustees:—Charles G. Curtiss, W. H. Gratwick, J. M. Richmond, E. L. Hedstrom, G. W. Miller, Mrs. J. F. Ernst, Mrs. G. W. Cutter, Mrs. S. N. Callender, Mrs. Levi Lewis, Mrs. A. R. Wright, Mrs. A. C. Hoxsie; matron, Miss O'Connell. Mrs. S. V. Parsons was chairman of the executive committee. Mrs. Louise Allen is the present matron, and Miss Sarah Calhoun, recorder. The hospital is located at 74 Cottage street.

The Buffalo Eye and Ear Infirmary.—This institution was incorporated February 26, 1876, and is located at 568 Washington street. It is free to the poor and is supported by an appropriation from the county and voluntary contributions. The first officers were:—J. P. White, president; Thomas Lothrop, secretary; Josiah Letchworth, J. F. Schoelkopf, Thomas F. Rochester, Sherman S. Rogers, Lucien Howe. The present trustees are:—Thomas F. Rochester, M. D., president; Sherman S. Rogers, James Mooney, John Hauenstein, M. D., C. C. Wyckoff,
Albert Ziegele, Lucien Howe, M. D. consulting surgeons; Julius F. Miner, Charles E. Rider, Lucien Howe, surgeons in charge; Dougald Macnial, assistant surgeon; B. H. Grove, clinical assistant.

*The Buffalo Surgical Infirmary*, was incorporated December 5, 1876, for the purpose of affording gratuitous surgical treatment at the Infirmary. Charles C. F. Gay, M. D., is the surgeon-in-chief. Dr. Gay was born in Pittsfield, Mass., January 7, 1821. His father was William Gay, Jr., a native of Worcester, Mass.

While he was still a boy Dr. Gay's parents removed to Lebanon Springs, Columbia county, N. Y., where he acquired a thorough education in the select schools of that vicinity, one of them being the classical school of Professor John Hunter, of New Lebanon. In 1843 he attended the Collegiate Institute at Brockport, Monroe county, N. Y. Dr. Gay began the study of medicine in 1844, in the office of Dr. Joseph Bates, of Lebanon Springs. He soon afterwards went to Pittsfield, Mass., where he studied under Dr. H. H. Childs, who in 1843, had been Lieutenant-Governor of that State. He also attended a course of instruction in Berkshire Medical College, and one in the Medical School at Woodstock, Vermont. A third course was taken by him at the former institution, from which in the fall of 1846, he received his medical degree. To more thoroughly complete his medical studies, Dr. Gay repaired after his graduation, to Philadelphia, then the center of medical instruction of the highest order, where he attended the winter course of lectures in the Jefferson Medical College and Clinics of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

The following year (1847) Dr. Gay began practice of his profession in Bennington, Vermont, whence he removed to Byron, Genesee county, N. Y. He remained there in successful practice four years, when he removed to Buffalo, which city has since been his place of residence. In 1855, upon the organization of the Buffalo General Hospital, he was chosen consulting surgeon, and a few years later was appointed attending surgeon, which position he has held ever since. He has been a permanent member of the State Medical Society since 1861. He is also a member of the Erie County Medical Society, and has been president of that body. On several occasions he has been a delegate to the American Medical Association, and has made valuable written and verbal reports on surgery before that distinguished body; and his reports and contributions to medical literature published in medical journals have been numerous and important. He at present occupies the Chair of Professor of Clinical and Operative Surgery in the medical department of the University of Niagara. Of late years he has devoted his attention more especially to surgery.

*The Buffalo City Dispensary.*—There are three dispensaries in the city, the oldest of which is the Buffalo City Dispensary, which was
organized in March, 1847, and incorporated in February, 1859. Its present officers are:—Emmor Haines, president; D. C. Beard, treasurer; Julius Walker, secretary. This dispensary does its work by means of orders drawn upon the city drug stores, and accomplishes a most beneficent work.

*The City Dispensary* is on the corner of Court and Pearl streets. It was incorporated December 31, 1882. The following comprise the Board of Trustees:—Charles G. Curtiss, president; Hon. A. W. Hickman, vice-president; F. Park Lewis, secretary; R. R. Gregg, treasurer; John Gordon, D. D., W. W. Brown, Henry Montgomery. The following comprise the Medical Staff:—L. M. Kenyon, P. A. McCrea and A. M. Curtiss, general practice; C. P. Alling and Sarah H. Morris, diseases of women; R. R. Gregg, diseases of the lungs; W. B. Kenyon and E. A. Fisher, diseases of children; P. Erb, diseases of the skin and nervous system; Dr. F. Teller, dentistry. The following are on the Surgical Staff:—E. P. Hussey and A. M. Curtiss; F. Park Lewis, eye and ear.

*The Buffalo Provident Dispensary and Hospital*, 385 Washington street, was opened for the reception of patients on the 14th of February, 1883. Its officers are as follows:—William S. Tremaine, president; A. R. Davidson, vice-president; Dougal Macnial, treasurer; Henry D. Ingraham, secretary; consulting staff—surgeons, Charles C. F. Gay, John Cronyn, John Boardman; physicians, John Hauenstein, Edward Tobie, George N. Burwell.

In addition to these hospitals and dispensaries, and acting in a similar field of benevolence, there are in the city of Buffalo, fourteen different asylums, the doors of which are open to all claims of unfortunate humanity. The Buffalo Orphan Asylum was incorporated April 24, 1837. It is located at 403 Virginia street. Officers for 1883—John D. Hill, president; J. B. Sweet, vice-president; Carl T. Chester, secretary; John U. Wayland, treasurer; M. B. Folwell, M. D., physician; Mrs. Hopkins, matron. Trustees—P. P. Pratt, Thomas Chester, Francis H. Root, Hugh Webster, Joseph B. Sweet, Cyrus P. Lee, Henry H. Otis, Truman C. White.

*The Ingleside Home*, an institution organized for the purpose of reclaiming the erring, was incorporated October 22, 1869; it is located at 527 Seneca street. Officers for 1883—Mrs. G. C. Stearns, president; Mrs. L. D. Cobb, vice-president; Mrs. H. H. Otis, treasurer; Mrs. L. D. Cobb, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. E. Walbridge, recording secretary; Mrs. A. McPherson, assistant treasurer; Mrs. A. Prindle, matron; Miss Helen Teal, assistant matron.

*The St. Mary's Male and Female Orphan Asylum*, (German) is on Best street, near Johnson. It was incorporated August 16, 1856, and is under the charge of the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Mary Xavier is Superior.
The Church Charity Foundation, was opened as a Home for Aged and Destitute Females, in 1858. In the spring of 1866, it was determined to establish an Orphan Ward in connection with the institution; by this time the number of destitute women claiming the hospitality of the house had greatly increased. To meet both of these requirements, the building now occupied by the Foundation, Rhode Island street near Niagara, was purchased. The Society has general authority to purchase real estate for charitable purposes and is not restricted to any particular form of charity. The Right Rev. A. Cleveland Coxe, D. D., is visitor ex-officio. Officers for 1883—James N. Matthews, president; Thomas F. Rochester, vice-president; Edward S. Dann, treasurer; Theodore F. Welch, secretary; J. N. Matthews, Thomas Thornton, James E. Ford, finance committee; James N. Matthews, Thomas Thornton, Thomas Lothrop, M. D., Thomas F. Rochester, M. D., Chester P. Turner, James E. Ford, A. Porter Thompson, Thomas Dennis, Thomas Loomis, board of managers.

St. Joseph's Male Asylum* is situated outside of the city boundaries, on Limestone Hill, and is directed by Rev. Nelson Baker, assisted by Rev. John Biden. A large farm is connected with the institution. The Sisters of St. Joseph, to the number of twelve, have charge of the orphan's school.

The Evangelical Church Home, for Buffalo and vicinity, is on the corner of Genesee and Broadway. Rev. F. Schelle, is president. The Asylum of Our Lady of Refuge is at 485 Best street.

The number of other charitable and benevolent organizations in Buffalo, covering all the broad field of public, corporate and private charity, is most creditable to the liberality of the people of the city. Every church has its benevolent society of some character, and the same may be said of many of the trades and professions. Of most of these it is not deemed important to present statistics here. Of the more prominent charities not yet referred to, however, it is proper to speak of the following:—

St. Mary's Asylum for Widows, Foundlings and Infants, No. 126 Edward street, was opened in 1848, and incorporated in 1852. The institution is under the charge of ten Sisters of Charity. Sister Mary Clarence Walker, Sister Servant.

St. Vincent's Asylum, (Female,) is located at No. 41 Broadway, and was established in January, 1849. The asylum is under charge of ten Sisters of Charity. Sister Mary Thomas Maynes, Sister Servant.

The LeCouteulx St. Mary's Institution for the Instruction of Deaf-Mutes, 125 Edward street, was established October, 1857. It is under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Attached to the institution is a boarding school for young ladies. Mother Mary Ann Burke, superior.

*See history of West Seneca, in Vol. I.
The Providence Lunatic Asylum, is on Main street near Humboldt Parkway, and is under charge of the Sisters of Charity. Sister Rosaline is Sister Servant. During the year 1882, there were two hundred and twenty-five patients in the asylum.

The Buffalo German Roman Catholic Asylum, Best street, near Fox, was incorporated in 1874, and is under charge of the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Mary Ignatia, superior.

The Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Orphans' Home, at 280 Hickory street, was incorporated April 14, 1865. Its character is indicated by its name. Rev. Christian Voltz is president; Rev. George J. Long, House Father.

The St. Francis Asylum, Pine street, between Broadway and Sycamore, is a refuge for the aged and destitute without regard to nationality or religion. It is governed by the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Mary Gabriella, superior. This asylum was incorporated November 14, 1862.

The Magdalene Asylum, at 485 Best street, near Johnson, is under the charge of Our Lady of Refuge. Mother Mary of St. Bernard, superior, At the same place and under the same direction, is the Catholic Protector for girls.