

A HOUSE BUILT HIGH ON A HILL

SUCH WILL BE NEW ROCHESTER ORPHAN ASYLUM.

SOME HANDSOME BUILDINGS

Situated on the Beautiful Cobb's Hill Site, They Will Constitute a Monument to the Charitableness of the City.

From time to time reference has appeared in the newspapers respecting the new buildings to be erected by the Rochester Orphan Asylum on the new site obtained on Monroe avenue near Cobb's Hill.

The Board of Trustees and the Board of Lady Managers have, during the past year, been perfecting the plans with respect to the new buildings and herewith give a full statement of such plans and cuts showing ground plan and some of the buildings which are to be erected.

It will be remembered that three years ago the western wing of the Orphan Asylum, known as the Potter building, located on Hubbell park, was burned, and since that time the Board of Managers has been obliged to limit the number of children which it could care for. It was felt that it would be greatly to the advantage of the institution if the new buildings, made necessary by the fire, could be erected on some proper site in the outskirts of the city and that the more modern method of administration, commonly called the "cottage plan" could be adopted. A gift, made by the late Colonel Klink, of

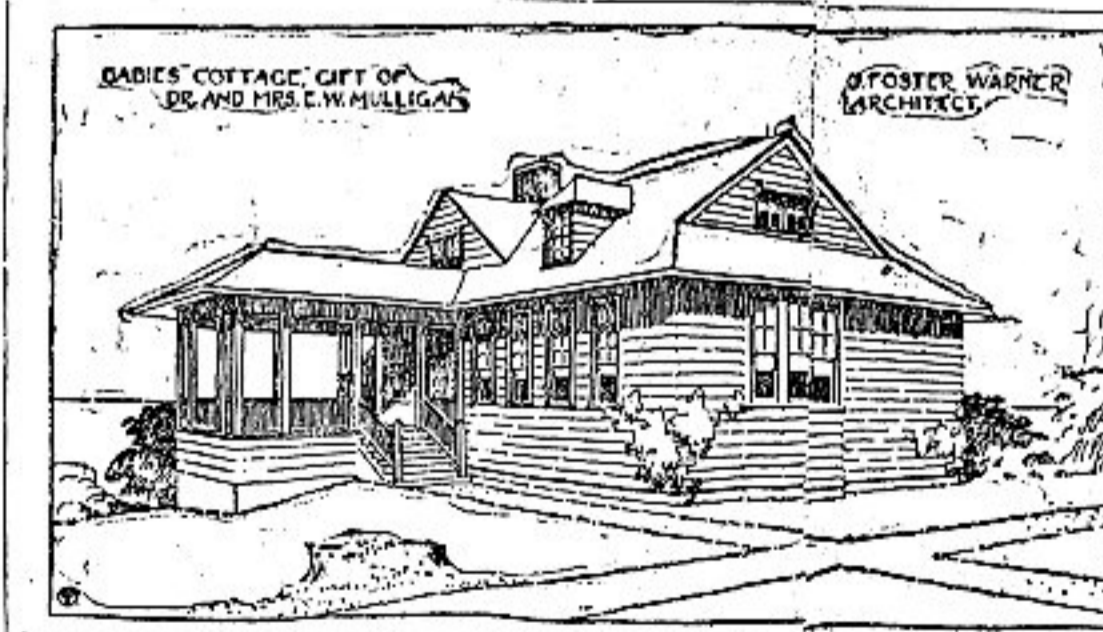
an interest in the Klink farm, located at Cobb's Hill, seemed to open the way to the selection of that location, providing the other interests of the land owned by the Klink estate could be secured. After considerable negotiation the Board of Trustees was able to purchase for the asylum the other interests, and this gave to the board a site for the new plant, containing about thirty acres of ground.

The site is beautifully located, with a commanding view, with a fertile soil, fine opportunity for drainage and immediate proximity to the street car line, and all city advantages of gas and water without the smoke and noise incident to a location in the central part of the city.

The grounds were laid out by Ailing S. DeForest, the well known landscape architect. About \$10,000 has already been expended in grading, water mains, sewerage, walks and driveway. The plot is herewith shown, and on such plan is indicated the location of the administration building, the laundry, the hospital, the school building and the various cottages which are to be erected.

The Rochester Orphan Asylum was organized February 28, 1837, for the relief of orphans and destitute children. The first building occupied was located on Glasgow street, in the house afterwards occupied by J. Nelson Tubbs. From there the asylum was removed to the house occupied by Joseph Frost on the north side of Adams street, where the work was carried on until the removal to the present location on Hubbell park.

The Hubbell park buildings were erected on land comprising about one acre



and a half, donated by John Gregg, January 1, 1879. The main building, which was soon after erected, was of sufficient size to care for about seventy-five or eighty children. Subsequently the late Henry S. Potter donated the building which was located on the west of the main building and which was thereafter known as the Potter building.

There were being cared for, at the time of the fire, in the asylum, 160 children, ranging in age from two weeks to fourteen years. The institution cares for children regardless of their color and regardless of the creed of their parents or guardians. At the present time there are nine children in the babies' nursery under 5 years of age, several of them being under 2 years of age, and fifteen of the fifty-five children now in the institution have been committed to its care by the Poor Department of the city and county and by overseers of the adjoining counties.

The education of the children is under the general supervision of the public school authorities in the city of Rochester. At the present time the fifth, sixth and seventh grades attend Public School No. 3 and the other children are taught in the institution by teachers furnished by the Board of Education. As the teachers are assigned by the Board of Education the children receive practically the same instruction as that which is received in the public schools.

Heretofore the children have not been kept in the institution after reaching the age of fourteen years. It is the desire, however, of the Board of Lady Managers that this age limit should be extended so that the girls especially may be kept, if the board deems proper, until they are sixteen years of age or homes are found for them in private families.

The aim of the institution is to care for, clothe, educate and train children and to

provide good homes for them in all cases where their parents are not able to care for them. As soon as the children in the institution are old enough to do any work they are assigned household duties which they are required to learn thoroughly before being given any other work. House-keeping in all its branches, the care of yard and grounds, sewing, cooking, etc., are thoroughly taught.

The plan which has been approved by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Lady Managers provides for the immediate construction of an administration building, a laundry, a hospital, a school building, which is also to be used as an assembly hall, and five cottages. By referring to the plot plan above, it will be seen that seven cottages are shown. The remaining two will be constructed as the needs of the institution demand, and when erected the asylum can accommodate more than it contained at the time of the fire.

One of the boys' cottages to be erected is a gift to the institution by George Eastman, and the babies' cottage is a gift to the institution by Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Mulligan.

The cuts shown on this page are of the administration building, one of the three cottages to be erected by the institution, the babies' cottage, the gift of Dr. and Mrs. Mulligan, and the Eastman cottage for boys.

The asylum has a permanent fund of \$100,000 and this fund must be kept intact and its income used only for the support of the institution. The amount which may be realized from the sale of the Hubbell park property can properly be applied toward the cost of erecting and furnishing the buildings and the balance needed for its work must be contributed by friends of the institution before the trustees and managers feel war-

ranted in letting the contracts for the erection of the buildings.

It is estimated that the cost of the several buildings proposed to be erected at once will be about as follows: Administration building, \$35,000; laundry, including boiler house for administration building, \$8,000; three cottages, \$11,000 each, \$33,000; school building, \$12,000; hospital, \$10,000; fitting and furnishing, \$1,000. Total, \$108,000.

The above estimate does not include the cost of either the Eastman or Mulligan cottages, which are donated.

The Board of Trustees are confident that of the amount to be realized from the sale of the buildings and from other sources, which can properly be employed, they can depend upon about \$28,000, leaving \$80,000 to be raised by subscription.

The officers are confident of the generous support of not only the citizens of Rochester, but of the people of the surrounding towns and counties. It is one of the noblest charities in Western New York. Its work is among the most helpless class in the community and trains for good citizenship those who might otherwise be left to themselves and become charges for life upon the community or develop into vicious or incompetent members of society.

The Board of Lady Managers devotes a large amount of time in personal work among the children and the families which they represent and in supplying the needs of and carrying on the institution. Many of them have been for years among the most generous financial supporters of the institution. The disastrous fire which oc-

curred January 8, 1901, very seriously crippled the institution and limited its usefulness. It has caused a serious crisis in its history and every citizen should be willing to respond to its call for help.

The institution is managed by a Board of Lady Managers, which is immediately in charge of the institution, and a Board of Trustees having control of its finances. The Board of Lady Managers: Mrs. William Carson, Mrs. George E. Jennings, Mrs. C. Walter Smith, Mrs. Charles W.

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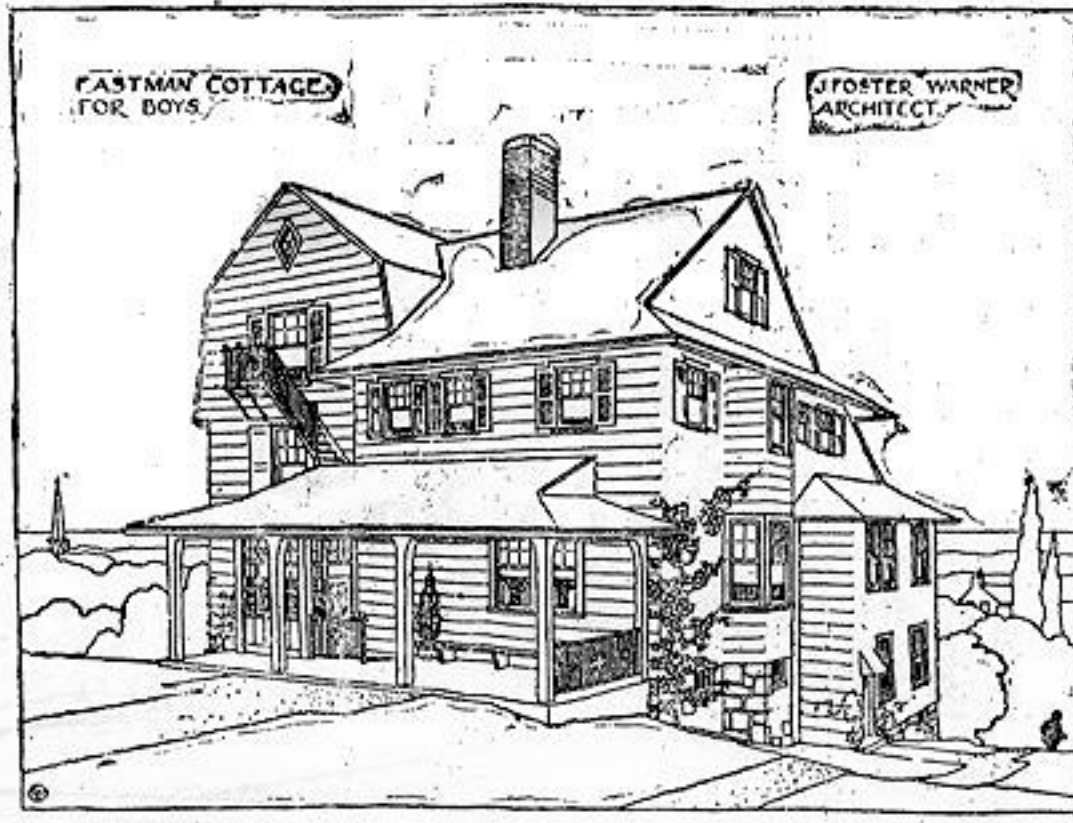
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The officers for the current year are: Mrs. Levi F. Ward, president; Mrs. George C. Buell, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Howard A. Smith, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Edward Harris, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. Frederick Cook, 4th vice-president; Mrs. William A. Hubbard, Jr., recording secretary; Mrs. O. H. Robinson, corres-

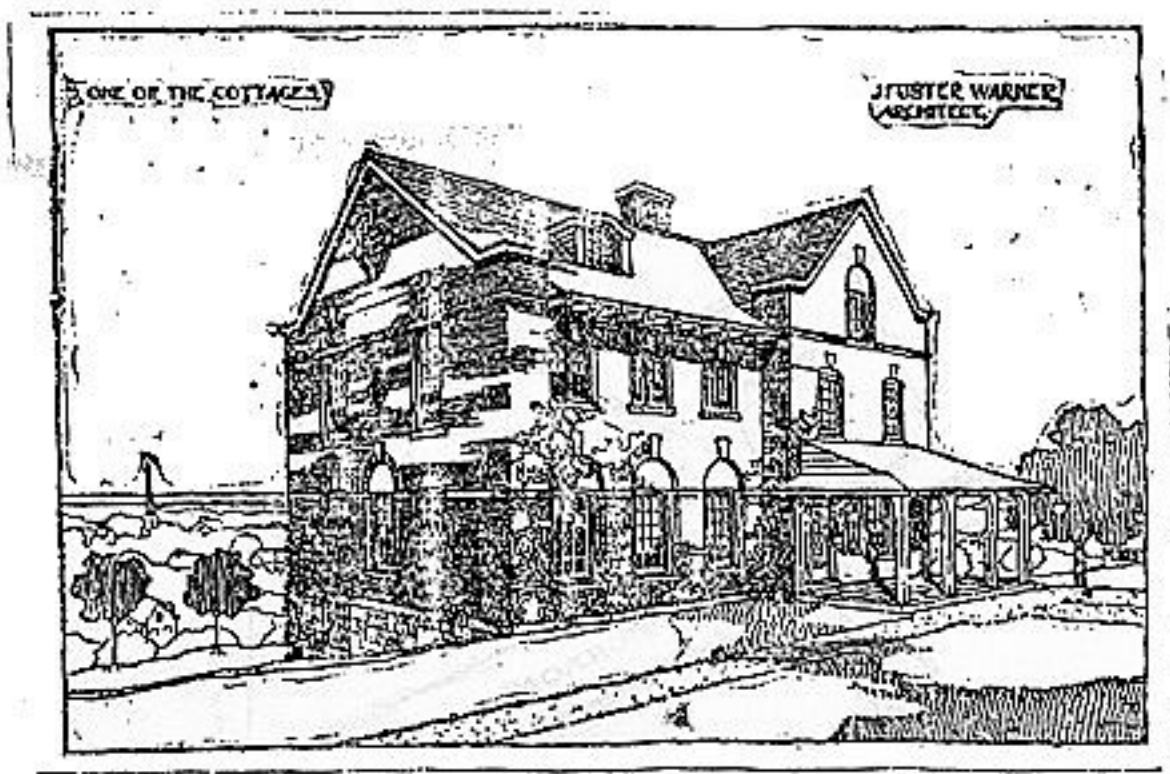
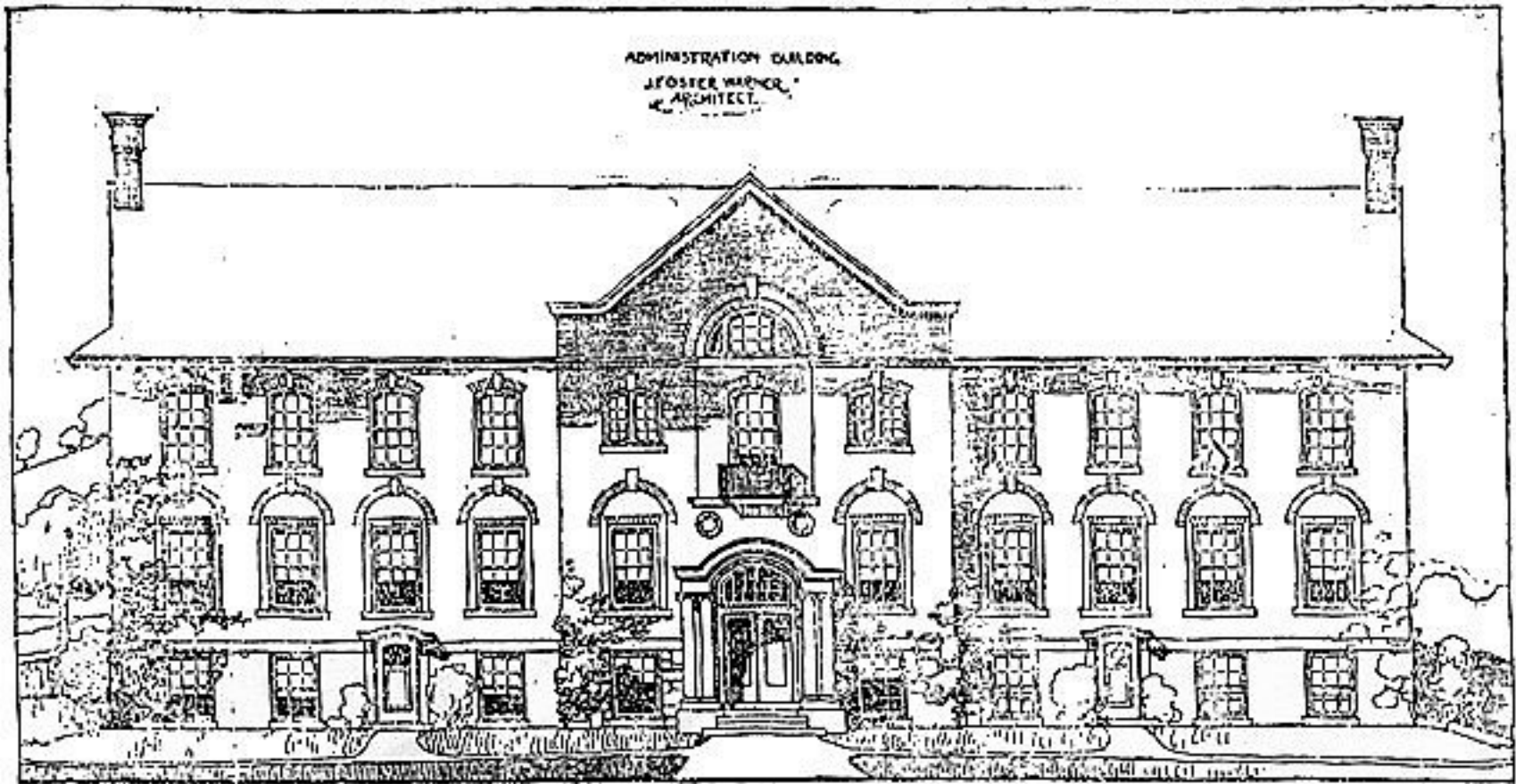
ponding secretary; Mrs. W. E. Mulligan, treasurer.

The trustees of the Rochester Orphan Asylum are: The Mayor, ex-officio, Harold C. Gorton, Howard A. Smith, Alexander M. Lindsay, Walter S. Hubbell, Charles J. Brown, Porter M. French, Thomas C. Montgomery, H. Austin Brewster, Thomas B. Dunn, John G. Allen, George Eastman, Robert A. Badger, A. J. Townson, Charles F. Pond, Frederick Cook, John N. Beckley.

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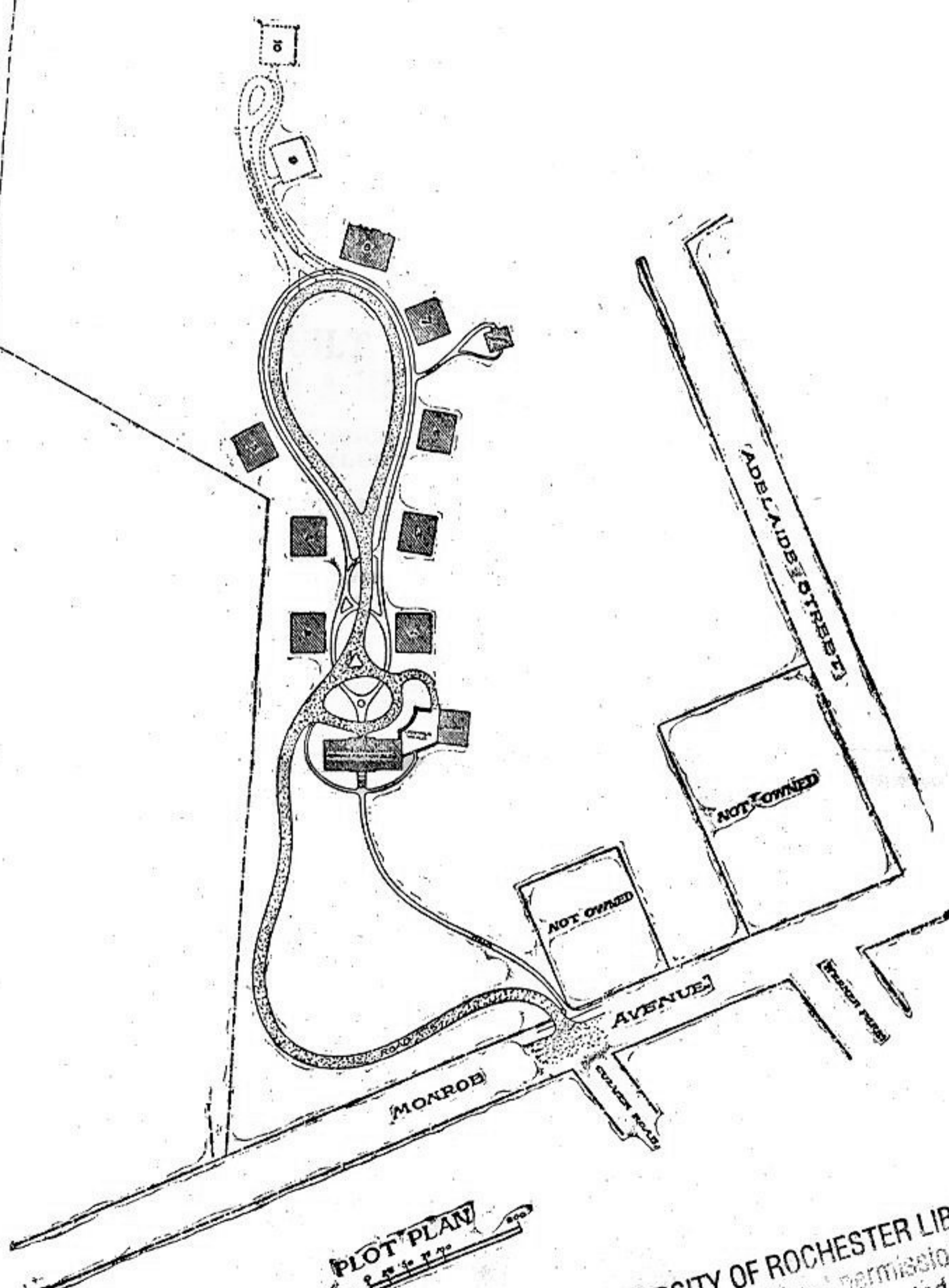


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HIGHLAND AVENUE



PLOT PLAN
SCALE - 1" = 10'

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