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**PERMANENT FUND OF THE
NEW HAVEN ORPHAN ASYLUM**

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The Permanent Fund of the New Haven Orphan Asylum was a trust established by Ezra C. Read in 1864-1865 for the benefit of the New Haven Orphan Asylum. It was directed by a Board of Trustees, independent of Asylum management.* The first Trustees were Jos. E. Sheffield, Harvey Sanford, H. Hotchkiss, James Brewster, N. Peck, Ezra C. Read, and E.C. Scranton.

In signing the contract for subscriptions, the Trustees committed themselves, "To aid in supporting destitute and orphan children of the Town of New Haven and its vicinity; It is proposed to raise by subscription, in sums not less than One Thousand Dollars each, a Fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars or more, the income only of which shall be applied to that object."**

* Historical sketch read at the semi-Centennial of the New Haven Orphan Asylum.

** from "Subscriptions to the New Haven Orphan Asylum Fund"

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