

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS,

LOCATED AT
ELDORA.

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REPORT,

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed to visit the Industrial School for Boys at Eldora, Iowa, met at Eldora, January 23, 1896, and respectfully submit the following report:

At the time of our visit we met the resident trustee, Hon. W. J. Moir, treasurer of the institution, who with the superintendent, Mr. B. J. Miles, aided us in our investigation.

We consider that as a reformatory institution it is doing good work, and is fully performing the duty for which it was designed.

From our observation of the entire institution, and from conversation with the inmates, we believe that the management is conducted so as to better the moral and physical condition of those committed to their care, and that the assistants are especially fitted and qualified for their work.

The sanitary conditions are excellent. There were but three patients in the hospital out of a population of 465. But two deaths have occurred in the last two years.

In regard to the appropriations made by the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, we find that it was all used for the purpose for which it was appropriated, and that no debts have been incurred in excess of the appropriation.

The following is a complete list of the officers and employes as taken from the pay roll of the institution, with the compensation of each:

NAME, OCCUPATION, AND SALARY.	Per annum.
B. J. Miles, superintendent.....	\$1,500.00
Mrs. B. J. Miles, matron.....	750.00
A. H. Leonard, assistant superintendent.....	600.00
Mrs. L. J. Cook, assistant matron.....	500.00
J. T. Humphries, principal and manager.....	750.00
Mrs. J. T. Humphries, teacher and housekeeper.....	750.00

S. J. Bird, teacher and manager.....	\$ 480.00
Mrs. S. J. Bird, teacher and housekeeper.....	360.00
L. M. Gilbert, teacher and manager.....	600.00
Mrs. L. M. Gilbert, teacher and housekeeper.....	240.00
Mrs. F. P. Fitzgerald, teacher and housekeeper.....	240.00
F. P. Fitzgerald, band leader and manager.....	600.00
G. T. Overfield, teacher and manager.....	480.00
Mrs. G. T. Overfield, teacher and housekeeper.....	240.00
H. E. Boyes, teacher and manager.....	420.00
H. S. Poisal, shoemaker.....	540.00
Mrs. A. R. Boyes, teacher and housekeeper.....	180.00
W. H. McLean, engineer.....	600.00
Mrs. H. S. Poisal, officers' dining hall.....	240.00
C. F. Holm, tailor.....	480.00
J. S. Poland, gardener.....	480.00
J. W. Carson, live stock.....	420.00
J. S. Carson, blacksmith.....	420.00
G. H. Hillif, relief officer.....	420.00
S. H. Cunningham, night watchman.....	420.00
Earle Martin, farmer.....	300.00
Miss A. Scott, boys' kitchen.....	300.00
Miss S. Woods, hall work.....	240.00
Miss E. Kenworthy, officers' kitchen.....	300.00
Miss H. B. Anderson, bake shop.....	300.00
Miss M. Chambers, boys' dining hall.....	300.00
Miss M. Kennedy, superintendent's dining hall.....	240.00
Miss K. Kennedy, laundress.....	300.00
Miss J. Shoffner, sewing room and hospital.....	240.00
W. S. T. Doan, broom shop during winter months, per month.....	50.00
I. K. McDonald, carpenter, not an officer, day workman, per hour.....	25

In addition to salaries employes are furnished with room, board, light and fuel. In regard to the amount asked by the board of trustees for the next biennial period, and the absolute necessity therefor, we would recommend as follows:

For one family building for sixty boys.....	\$ 9,000
Furnishing the same.....	1,000
Electric light.....	150
For general repairing and contingent fund.....	3,000
For new roof and gutters on main building.....	1,150
For changing internal arrangement of three family buildings, \$500 each.....	1,650
To enlarge the chapel capacity.....	1,500
For tile.....	480
For fence wire, lumber and posts.....	650
For new dynamo.....	850
Chaplain's fund.....	500
Total.....	\$19,930

We find no necessity for the increase of the board of trustees to six, and would recommend that their meetings continue to be held quarterly.

We are of the opinion that committing inmates to this school for a stated time would destroy its usefulness as a reformatory institution.

We would especially recommend that the per capita allowance be increased to \$10 per month.

Respectfully submitted,

S. DRUET,

On Part of Senate.

J. B. CLASSEN,

JAMES M. CLARK,

On Part of House.