REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

TWENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND,

LOCATED AT

VINTON.

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REPORT.

Des Moines, Iowa, January 28, 1896.

To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed to visit the College for the Blind at Vinton, Iowa, submit the following report:

We visited the institution on Thursday, January 23, 1896. We find that the appropriations made by the Twenty-fifth General Assembly were wisely spent for the purposes for which they were intended, and that all moneys drawn from the state have been so done in compliance with the provisions of the law. No debts have been contracted in excess of the appropriations; nor have any moneys been diverted from the channels for which they were intended.

We do not deem it necessary to go into a detailed report concerning the institution, but desire to say that the committee was highly gratified with the management of the school and can cheerfully commend the managers.

We feel that the state is receiving ample returns for all moneys expended by the institution, not only in providing for its unfortunates, but in securing for them able instructors and excellent means of acquiring an education whereby they are enabled to earn for themselves a living after going out from the institution.

The following from the biennial report of the college shows the number of persons employed by the school and the salaries of each:

One principal at $1,200 per annum (lives in building) ............................................. $1,200.00
One secretary of the board at $1,200 per annum (meals) ............................................. $1,200.00
One physician at $600 per annum ..................................................................................... 600.00
One assistant principal at $40 per month for ten months (lives in building) ................. 400.00
One literary teacher at $70 per month for ten months (dinner) .................................... 700.00
Three literary teachers at $32.50 per month each for ten months (live in building) ....... 975.00
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed to visit the College for the Blind, at Vinton, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following supplemental report:

After further investigation we find that the institution has ordinarily been allowed $2,500 for contingent and repairs. We also find that the amount was last year reduced to $1,500, and that the appropriation was not sufficient to meet the necessities. We therefore recommend that there be appropriated for the above named purpose the sum of $2,500.

Very respectfully submitted,

B. F. CARROLL,
From the Senate;

C. F. BAILEY,
THOS. LAMBERT,
From the House.