

FIFTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES, SUPERINTENDENT, AND TREASURER

OF THE

Iowa Reform School,

TO THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE.

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REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

REPORT.

To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

GENTLEMEN:—Agreeably to the law creating the Iowa Reform School, it becomes the duty of the Trustees to submit their Fifth Biennial Report.

A kind Providence still blesses the inmates of our institution with good health. Most of the boys and girls committed to the school have good constitutions, and the continued good health is evidence of the wisdom of the sanitary measures adopted in their treatment.

One injury to the school was caused by the long and rigorous investigation two years ago, which continued about four months, during which time a large number of the boys were brought before the joint committee to testify; as a consequence there was a laxity of the usual discipline, and under the peculiar circumstances many of the large boys were discharged on the recommendation of the Superintendent, before they had given the usual evidence of reformation; and, we believe, a less per centage of those discharged during the year following the investigation have given true signs of honesty and manhood than any other year in the history of the school. The number of boys was much reduced the next year but we could not with safety reduce the number of employes.

We have now 141 boys and 53 girls in the school; and 16 employes, at an annual salary of \$5,556.00 in the boys' department, and in the girls' department six employes, at an annual salary of about \$1,700.00.

The report of the Superintendent and of the Assistant Superintendent of the girls' department, will accompany this, and will show all the particulars. We particularly invite your attention to the report of the Superintendent on the subject of water.

The Treasurer's report will show the whole amount received by him and to whom paid.

MAIN BUILDING.

The last General Assembly appropriated \$40,000.00 to erect a main building, so that the house now used for that purpose might be occupied for manufacturing purposes, as it was originally designed. The amount appropriated not being sufficient to complete such a house as was deemed necessary, the trustees wished to build as large as they could with that sum; but in no case did they intend to commence a building that could not be finished with the money at their disposal. They advertised for plans, estimates and proposals. After examining all submitted to them, they preferred the plan prepared by B. J. Bartlett, Architect. He assured the trustees, that the building, as he proposed, could be finished for a less amount than the appropriation. With this assurance his plan was adopted, and Mr. Bartlett employed to superintend the erection of the house, the trustees having decided not to contract with any person for the whole building. We believe Mr. Bartlett a good architect and skillful in his business, but he missed the amount in his estimate, for the appropriation has been expended and the building is not finished. It will cost about \$15,000.00 to complete it, and we ask an appropriation for that amount. The house is of good material and substantial in every part.

At the time the estimate was made it was supposed that the same kind of stone could be used that is in the basement of the other buildings and which is found plentifully near Eldora; but on trial it was found insufficient to support the weight of the new house, consequently we were compelled to procure rock from near Marshalltown at some more expense. Some other small changes were made but with little difference in the expense of the building.

The report of the architect will be before you and we trust will receive due consideration.

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

In our last report we asked for \$75,000.00 for the main building, with the intention of so constructing it, that the girls in the school in Lee county, could, for a few years be kept in the new house, but the amount appropriated was not sufficient to erect a house large enough to have the girls there and to so guard it that the two departments should be entirely separate. The number of girls in the school has so rapidly increased in the past two years that it would be of doubtful propriety to attempt to have them in the building so near the play ground and home of the boys.

The lease of the property where the girls now are will expire in April next. The property, or a part of it, must, therefore, be rented again or the girls removed. The lease can be renewed, for a short term, at a small expense. If the present General Assembly make an appropriation to erect a house for the girls' department it will be necessary to rent for one year either where they now are or some other place. The amount of land rented need be but a small part of that now leased.

Under the present circumstances we think it important, both for the interest of the State and the Reform School, that an appropriation for that purpose shall be made at the present session of the legislature. The internal arrangement of the building should be as much home-like as possible without too much expense to the State. A house necessary for that branch of the school we think, can be erected for \$30,000.00.

THE CAUSE OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Since the removal of the boys from Lee county, we have rented a large part of the land leased by the State, from which we should have received annually \$2,675.00, but owing to a failure of the crops, in that part of the State, for the last two years, none of the renters have been able to pay the whole amount of their rent, and the school has sustained a loss amounting, in the two years, to \$3,985.80. This loss, and a reduction in the monthly payments by the State, the consequence of a less number of boys in the school for sometime after the investigation, together with the delinquency of the late treasurer, (Wm. L. Vestal) has made it necessary to incur a debt for the support of the school, amounting to \$7,461.57. There is, also, a small amount due for work on the main building. We were compelled to pay some hundreds of dollars discount on Auditor's warrants. To immediately pay all these liabilities the trustees ask an appropriation of \$8,000.00.

DELINQUENCY OF THE LATE TREASURER.

The late treasurer is delinquent to the the amount of \$2,510.00, as shown by the books. The statute places the treasurer's bond in the care of the Executive Council. So soon as Mr. Vestal refused to pay to the school the money in his hands the trustees sent a statement of all the facts in the case to Gov. Kirkwood. He referred the whole subject to the Attorney General, (Hon. M. E. Cutts) who we supposed would, without delay, commence suit on the bond. He neglected to bring suit, for the purpose of getting a settlement, and when his term

of office expired, placed the whole affair in the hands of his successor, (Hon. J. F. McJunkin) who has been endeavoring to get a settlement with Mr. Vestal. The trustees were satisfied that he had used the funds of the State for illegitimate purposes and if the bond had been in their possession would have commenced suit immediately. Mr. Vestal claims charges against the school to balance his account, but he has none which the trustees can allow. His pretended offsets are as follows: 1st. \$450.00, paid H. S. Rogers. 2nd. \$337.38, for exchange and discount. 3d. \$1,722.62, for salary as treasurer. These three charges just balance the amount of his indebtedness. The first item is a receipt given by Mr. Rogers while he was acting Superintendent of the school. From the testimony of Mr. Rogers, and other evidence, the trustees are assured that the receipt is a duplicate, and was credited to Mr. Vestal at the time he paid the money.

The second charge for \$337.38 is made without any voucher to show he paid the discount. We allowed him between one and two hundred dollars for discount for which he had vouchers, but could not allow the charge without evidence to show he had paid the money.

The third charge is for "salary to balance" \$1,722.62. No treasurer, of the school, has received any salary whatever. The trustees refused to allow any of these charges for the reasons here given. He has no vouchers in his possession of the trustees but what have been audited and he credited with the amount.

The present law makes no provision for compensation to the treasurer for the trouble of his office. He receives his mileage as other trustees, no more. We ask the General Assembly to so amend the law that he may receive a small salary.

THE WANT OF WATER.

A supply of water is the great want of the school. The wells and cisterns are insufficient for a part of each year. Water has to be hauled, frequently, for the supply of the family. In case of a fire there would be but little chance to arrest the flames. The property of the state is exposed for the want of this common element. A reservoir in the square, which would be near all the buildings, and filled in the wet season, or, an Artesian well, would afford the needed supply. We trust the General Assembly will make an appropriation that will add so much to the security of the public property. No estimate has been made of the cost of either way of procuring water. The cost of

Artesian wells is very uncertain. If good water could be thus procured, it would be sufficient for all purposes. A reservoir, if made, should be large and well constructed; and would cost about \$2,500.00.

CONTINGENT FUND.

There are some improvements and other expenses necessary for which there are no special funds. There should be two cisterns to hold the water from the roof of the barn. More fencing is required. The farm should be drained in some places. Much grading is needed around the main building. Much of this work can be done by the boys in the school, but will, also, require an expense of money. The undersigned ask for these and similar purposes, the appropriation of a contingent fund to the amount of \$2,000.00.

RECAPITULATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| For main building..... | \$15,000.00 |
| For girls' department..... | 30,000.00 |
| For indebtedness..... | 8,000.00 |
| For water..... | 2,500.00 |
| For contingent fund..... | 2,000.00 |
| Total amount..... | \$57,500.00 |

CONCLUSION.

Many persons imagine that because some of the boys who have been discharged from the school have, soon after, become reckless and committed crime, that the school is not so great a blessing as its friends claim it to be; that the boys should be sent to prison for the first offense, and not trifle with crime by sending them to a reform school, at a great expense to the State. Such opinion is formed without evidence and consideration of the subject. The history of Reform Schools shows that a large percentage of the youths committed thereto have been reclaimed, snatched from the gulf of crime, misery and death in which they were about to plunge, and restored to society "clothed and in their right mind." All the good results derived by these reformatory institutions will never be known in time. Eternity will reveal them. When we consider the thousands of dear children in our country, who, in early life are left without parents, or, as is too often the case, parents whose influence over their children is evil, and only evil, making their

conditions worse than that of orphans. The dissipated habits, licentious lives and wicked conduct of the parents is well calculated to kindle to a flame the latent evils of vice often inherited. Those children must be placed under different influences, or their career will be one of crime and death. The poor unfortunate youth thus left to go among the pests of society, without any good seed sown in his heart to take the place of tares already there, what hope can there be for him while beset with evil passions and temptations on every hand? He gives loose rein to his evil propensities, and, when tempted, commits crime. The only way you can reclaim him—save him—is by placing him in different society; give him a new train of thought; teach him to subdue his wicked passions; impress his mind with the happiness that virtue is sure to bring, and the misery that is always the attendant of crime. Such youths have seldom known the pleasure of the enjoyment of a true friend. They imagine every man's hand against them, and they turn their hands against society. The first step toward his reformation is to convince him that you are his friend, that whatever you do with reference to him is done for his benefit; convince him of this, and his whole thoughts of life and duty will be changed. Your work of reformation will then be commenced on a sure foundation. Continue your efforts and pray God to crown your labor with success. It is the object of the Reform School to accomplish this great work. The State cannot afford to neglect her reformatory institutions.

One thing more is necessary before these institutions can accomplish all the good intended. When a boy or girl is discharged from the school, though he may go with an intention to be honest, and support himself by industry and strict attention to business, it often happens that the unfortunate youth has no home—no friend that will give him shelter and provision until he can get employment. Spurned from door to door, with no one to cheer and encourage him, he becomes despondent, forgets his good intentions, and in desperation steals to satisfy his hunger and procure a shelter. All his better nature, all his honorable aspirations, all his resolves to be virtuous and merit confidence and respectability, *all* his hopes of happiness here and hereafter—all are swept away by the repulsive and heartless conduct of those who should cheer and encourage the returning prodigal.

How shall we overcome this great obstacle to a thorough reformation of our erring youths? We make but one suggestion. If possible, let there be some person in each of the cities in the State to

whom the superintendent can give a letter of introduction and recommendation to each boy or girl when discharged, if they have no friends to whom they can go and receive protection. The duty of this philanthropist shall be not to keep the youth in idleness, but feed and protect him, and assist the lonely in procuring employment. The expense need not be great, and the good effect will be that a much greater number of such unfortunate youths will be thoroughly reformed, make good citizens, be an honor to the community in which they live, and will ever bless the man who, in the name of the State, gave them a helping hand when in their great extremity.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. PARVIN,
T. E. CORKHILL,
E. ANDREWS,
W. G. STEWART,
J. H. MOREHEAD.

Trustees.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT.

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Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Reform School :

In presenting these brief statistical statements, I will repeat in substance what I said in the last biennial report, that it is difficult to give full and reliable particulars, except the fact of the boy's reception at a certain date, or his release. Sometimes he is a stranger in the locality where he offends against the rights of society, and only his own statement can be taken. That is given in view of his own impressions of interest, or convenience, and is more imaginary than real. Sometimes he really knows nothing whatever of his own birth. The dates and statements of the mittimus, and the officer conveying him, being the only basis of record.

Since the opening of the school five hundred and sixty-four boys and eighty-four girls have been committed. At the date of last report, November 1, 1875, there were one hundred and thirty-five boys and thirty girls. Since then one hundred and forty-seven boys, and thirty-seven girls have been received, and one hundred and thirty-eight boys and fourteen girls have been released by discharge, leave of absence, &c., leaving in the school at this date one hundred and forty-one boys and fifty-three girls.

THE COMMITMENTS OF THE BOYS' DEPARTMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

| FIRST YEAR. | | SECOND YEAR. | |
|----------------|----|----------------|---|
| 1875. | | 1876. | |
| November | 5 | November..... | 7 |
| December | 5 | December | 2 |
| Total..... | 10 | Total..... | 9 |

| FIRST YEAR. | | SECOND YEAR. | |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| | 1876. | | 1877. |
| January | 1 | January | ... |
| February | 9 | February | 11 |
| March | 5 | March | 5 |
| April | 4 | April | 8 |
| May | 5 | May | 4 |
| June | 5 | June | 2 |
| July | 6 | July | 9 |
| August | 13 | August | 5 |
| September | 10 | September | 10 |
| October | 9 | October | 3 |
| Whole number..... | 67 | Whole number | 57 |
| Whole number for two years..... | | | 143 |

Besides these, four boys who had escaped before last report, have been returned.

COMMITMENTS FROM EACH COUNTY.

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|-----|
| Allamakee | 3 | Linn | 8 |
| Benton | 6 | Lucas | 1 |
| Black Hawk | 3 | Madison | 1 |
| Boone | 3 | Mahaska | 1 |
| Buchanan | 5 | Marshall | 6 |
| Cass | 2 | Mitchell | 1 |
| Cedar | 5 | Muscatine | 8 |
| Cherokee | 2 | Page | 1 |
| Chickasaw | 1 | Plymouth | 1 |
| Clayton | 4 | Polk | 11 |
| Clinton | 4 | Pottawattamie | 4 |
| Davis | 1 | Poweshiek | 2 |
| Delaware | 1 | Scott | 1 |
| Dubuque | 5 | Story | 3 |
| Fremont | 2 | Taylor | 1 |
| Hancock | 1 | Union | 1 |
| Hardin | 2 | Van Buren | 1 |
| Henry | 2 | Wapello | 4 |
| Iowa | 2 | Washington | 2 |
| Jasper | 2 | Wayne | 1 |
| Jackson | 1 | Webster | 1 |
| Jefferson | 6 | Woodbury | 3 |
| Jones | 5 | Worth | 1 |
| Keokuk | 2 | Wright | 1 |
| Lee | 8 | | |
| Whole number | | | 143 |

BY WHOM COMMITTED.

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|----------------------|---|
| Circuit Judges | 30 | Police Judges | 4 |
| District Judges | 107 | Superior Judge | 2 |

CAUSES OF COMMITMENT.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Burglary and Larceny | 9 |
| Larceny | 66 |
| Incorrigibility | 28 |
| Burglary | 10 |
| Vagrancy | 9 |
| Horse-stealing | 3 |
| Vagrant and incorrigible | 2 |
| Attempt to commit rape | 1 |
| Malicious mischief and larceny | 1 |
| Forgery | 3 |
| Disorderly conduct | 7 |
| Aiding prisoners to escape | 1 |
| Arson and larceny | 2 |
| Firing a building | 1 |
| Whole number | 143 |

AGES.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|-------------------------------|-----|
| Eight years of age | 3 | Fifteen years of age | 26 |
| Nine years of age | 3 | Sixteen years of age | 17 |
| Ten years of age | 13 | Seventeen years of age | 7 |
| Eleven years of age | 7 | Eighteen years of age | 2 |
| Twelve years of age | 20 | Twenty-one years of age | 1 |
| Thirteen years of age | 19 | Twenty-two years of age | 1 |
| Fourteen years of age | 24 | | |
| Whole number | | | 143 |

Average age, 13.6 years, nearly.

NATIVITY.

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|-------------------|-----|
| Iowa..... | 75 | Colorado..... | 1 |
| New York..... | 18 | Kansas..... | 1 |
| Missouri..... | 7 | Connecticut..... | 1 |
| Illinois..... | 17 | Rhode Island..... | 1 |
| Wisconsin..... | 4 | Michigan..... | 2 |
| Indiana..... | 2 | Mississippi..... | 1 |
| Ohio..... | 3 | Canada..... | 5 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 3 | Ireland..... | 2 |
| New Jersey..... | 1 | Germany..... | 2 |
| Nebraska..... | 1 | Sweden..... | 1 |
| Maine..... | 1 | Scotland..... | 1 |
| Whole number..... | | | 143 |

PARENTAGE.

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|---------------|-----|
| American..... | 72 | African | 9 |
| Irish | 36 | Canadian..... | 3 |
| German | 20 | Swede | 2 |
| Scotch..... | 1 | | |
| Whole number..... | | | 143 |

SOCIAL CONDITION.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Parents living but separated..... | 11 |
| Parents of whom have deceased | 18 |
| Father of whom has deceased | 37 |
| Mother of whom has deceased..... | 28 |

Statement of marital relations and other points touching home influence
not reliable.

PRODUCE OF FARM.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 31, 1876.

There is reported:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Wheat, bushels..... | 660 |
| Corn, bushels..... | 5,000 |
| Oats, bushels..... | 1,024 |
| Potatoes, bushels..... | 200 |
| Sweet potatoes, bushels..... | 50 |
| Turnips, bushels | 200 |
| Sweet corn, bushels | 200 |
| Onions, bushels | 50 |
| Parsnips, bushels | 40 |
| Beets, bushels..... | 200 |
| Carrots, bushels | 400 |
| Onion sets, bushels..... | 10 |
| Hay, tons..... | 120 |
| Broom corn, acres..... | 5 |
| Pork, killed, pounds..... | 2,540 |
| Beef, killed, pounds | 5,790 |

FOR THE YEAR 1877.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Wheat, bushels..... | 1,213 |
| Corn, bushels estimated | 7,000 |
| Oats, bushels..... | 400 |
| Potatoes, bushels..... | 1,300 |
| Sweet potatoes, bushels..... | 20 |
| Turnips, bushels..... | 1,000 |
| Tomatoes, bushels..... | 150 |
| Beets, bushels..... | 300 |
| Parsnips, bushels, estimated..... | 200 |
| Onions, bushels..... | 75 |
| Sweet corn, bushels | 200 |
| Onion sets, bbls | 3 |
| Cabbage, heads..... | 5,000 |
| Beef, killed, pounds | 3,970 |
| Pork, killed, pounds | 2,395 |

HEALTH.

The general health of the Institution has been remarkably good. In the early part of 1876, two ladies connected with the school passed away, but in neither case was death attributed to local causes. But among the inmates there has been almost perfect immunity from disease. It is doubtful whether this can be hoped to continue without more perfect drainage, as the school continues to be occupied, and with increasing numbers.

DEPARTMENT.

The marked improvement in the spirit and deportment of the boys cannot but be very observable to any one conversant with the school during this biennial term. It is to be hoped that this improvement shall continue till the association of these unfortunate state wards, such as its necessity may be, shall result in modifying what has seemed an inevitable effect of institutional life—the taint of the bad upon the better—and create and establish the power to raise and tone up qualities at once open and frank, and the true basis of a noble manhood. Even in the periods of restlessness, which sometimes have appeared, rude and vicious manifestations have been wholly wanting during the past year, and the softer tones of character show the progress making. I have great confidence in the expectant results.

The reduction of the time or age of admission was very beneficial, though several boys have been sent who had exceeded the maximum age,—one nearly twenty-two years of age, who had had full experience in correctional institutions. He only remained a short time, going off one evening without the formality of leave-taking, but writing, in a few days, his matured opinion of what constituted the essentials of a pleasant and successful reformatory. Another, who had probably reached his majority, with experience exceeding the former, even, thoroughly adept in the various phases of crime, sojourned with us only a brief period and left to keep a prior engagement, and is still a wanderer. It works material damage to send such young men here, no matter how anxious they may be, by perjury, to save themselves from the rigor of severer penalties. They can teach these young children what they ought not to learn, and their presence here is of more injury to the school than its best efforts can be for their good. Their conduct here is purely one of policy, and that is only in the presence of officers. In private, they work insiduously for evil.

1877.]

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

The report of Mr. Lewelling will show the condition of all the affairs of the girls' department in full; but I wish to say that I regard its work of the past two years as eminently successful. The school, at any time, will excite the deepest interest of the casual visitor, but far deeper the sympathy and heartfelt approval of any one who looks earnestly at the devotedness of the workers there, and what they are accomplishing.

The improvement in the deportment and education of the girls is very marked, fully showing the effects of the care and painstaking of those in charge. The limited means for its support only prevents many things needed to be done for the improvement and advantage of the girls; the first imperative necessity being to supply food and clothing.

CROPS.

In this department results have been quite satisfactory this year. Last year's wheat was almost a failure through this entire section of the State, and we shared in the general lot. Our present corn crop is very fair, and will help materially in our support. But the farm in Lee county, both years, owing to excessive rains at the season of planting and cultivation, has proved a total failure. These failures have caused us serious embarrassments.

THE BUILDINGS.

The new main building, for its construction and convenience, will bear inspection, and when completed will add very much to our facilities for the work. It is deeply to be regretted that a full appropriation could not have been made, so as to complete the building at once, as in erecting portions at a time, it is impossible to make it so convenient. In the present case, we have failed to complete what we had supposed could be finished by the amount furnished. Our plans were perhaps too elaborate and extensive, and yet we were not building simply for to-day. We are only in our infancy, and with a prospect of extended growth, and we proposed to do what would be permanent, and in accord with what will be our needs as the increase comes.

The erection of the east wing for a large dining hall cannot be long delayed, and meet the wants of the institution. We can for a time use our present dining hall, but when the building shall be finished

and occupied, it will be very inconvenient to do so. The necessity of procuring material at the distance we were obliged to purchase, greatly increased the cost through freights and hauling. We lost also by not being able to realize the par value of State warrants. These things have prevented our accomplishing what we hoped to have done. Some material is on hand for going on with the work as soon as means can be obtained to proceed with the plastering, in the shape of doors, base and moldings.

There should be provision made for grading the grounds around the new building. We did considerable work with the boys, but it was only a beginning, and to fix the surroundings as they should be, a large amount of work must be done.

Our work in the various ways, hauling sand, grading, &c., &c., would not have cost less than \$1,500.00.

The sewer was commenced but little is yet done, and it will, unless enlarged and carried on at least over the yard and fields adjacent to the creek, be a serious failure, as the west winds will bring its noxious effluvia constantly across the buildings occupied.

WATER.

One of the greatest needs of the School at the present time is an ample and reliable supply of water. We have four wells on the place, some of them of great depth but none of them of sufficient capacity to furnish a full supply during the drouths of winter. Seven weeks last winter we had to haul ice and water for the use of all the boilers for *heating*, laundry and cooking purposes from a brook half a mile distant which received the wash of several stock yards. If a fire had broken out during that time we could have done nothing toward extinguishing it. The State has already a large investment there and cannot afford the risk in the event of a fire. The gathering of so many persons and meeting their necessities and the cleanliness essential for comfort and health press this imperative necessity. We need a large reservoir of sufficient capacity to meet any contingency, as well as to supply the daily demand; a well of sufficient depth and size to ensure the filling of the reservoir, which can be done by keeping the wind mill in constant operation. It may cause an expenditure of twenty-five hundred dollars, but it will be an investment well applied. A visit of the usual committee of the Assembly cannot fail to see this necessity, if you will call their attention to it.

LIBRARY.

A small beginning was made by the appropriation of four years ago. We have now near five hundred volumes. Many of these books have been read again and again, and in many instances are well worn. In no other way can so small an amount accomplish so much in the interest and improvement of the children. Hours not employed in labor or study, with a large class, will be improved with reading. What is especially wanted are the new and appropriate books, as they come fresh and inviting from time to time, imparting a zest for their contents. Many a moral lesson may come in a natural way with these readings. There should be for the girls' department, while they are separate, at least two hundred dollars during this next biennial term, and for the boys' three hundred dollars. This is a small sum for the State, but a precious boon to these children. The main building will contain a very excellent library and reading room.

SCHOOLS.

The special work of teaching these children is of a peculiar nature. The aptness must be in the teacher, or the time is mainly lost. The love of study is not inherent with a large class who, when at home, regarded it as so much gain when they could play truant and get away with like-minded companions, to have what they termed "a good time." As a class they have not habituated themselves to fixed, regular employment, either physical or mental. They have fixed habits of idleness and inattention, and here is where the teacher will find his peculiar task to interest and instruct them. They will often seize upon and retain general curious and interesting facts in history, science or art. We need special facilities to improve this last trait, hoping thereby to open their minds to a pure love of study, and through this, of the truth, and the attainment of the mental discipline needed in an intelligent and virtuous discharge of the claims of citizenship. The commonly received series of school-books are excellent and attractive enough, but something more is needed. While colleges and higher schools of learning must have apparatus to assist minds inclined to study, and commendable efforts are made to obtain complete and perfect instruments of all kinds, what shall we hope to attain with these children without some means to give them ideas and set them to thinking? A few hundred dollars expended for some of the simpler apparatus, to illustrate the principles and powers of science, will help far more than its expense will be

burdensome even in these hard times. But we cannot obtain such facilities without an appropriation outside of our ordinary funds. These have not proved sufficient for the essential wants of existence, and the necessary supervision. Many of these children will receive here all the elements of *book education* they will ever obtain, and it should be made as effective as possible. In many instances commendable progress has been made, and with increased facilities we could hope for marked success.

DEBT.

Much to our regret we close this biennial period with a debt. Several causes have contributed to this. We are a new institution. We are obliged to make improvements of various kinds, ditching, fencing, fixtures for conveniences about the work, tools and implements of various kinds to meet our work here. We were obliged to have these things. We have no appropriations for these, and can only meet them from our support fund. Twice last winter, in the fierce gales that passed over us, portions of the roof of one of the family buildings were torn off. Our boys were in the building, and it must be replaced.

The crops of the two years previous to the present were very meager. The wheat crop was almost a total failure last year, making our provision bills much higher.

The late treasurer of the board withdrew for his own use \$2,510 of the support fund of January and February 1876, compelling us to feed and clothe, and keep warm the children, by obtaining credit of our merchants, and throwing us far behind in the beginning of the term, in our payments, preventing our making purchases on as good terms as we otherwise could, and often having to pay interest, which prompt payments would have averted.

The excessive wet weather for the past three years in the south part of the State, destroying the crops on the farm near Salem, made it impossible for the tenants to meet the rents on the same, which were a part of our estimated sources of income. The loss last year was about \$1,600, and we can not hope for any better returns this season, when the entire crop would not sell for the rental.

The aggregate of all these resources, which we might reasonably have expected to assist in our wants, can not have been less than \$7,000, and represent principally our deficiency.

There are still further improvements to make. Without them we

cannot realize all we should from the farm. Quite a number of pond holes ought to be drained; and to make the work effectual it should be done with tile. These ponds on the land we are now tiling comprise, with their surrounding sloughs, not less than fifty acres. One of the eighty acre lots ought to be fenced. It has remained unfenced because we could not spare the means.

Strange as it may appear, we are often asked the question, "Does the institution support itself?" There are here to-day seventy-five boys too small to do anything towards a support. They help, it may be, in small things about the house, but they have been kept constantly in school. Teachers, books, food and raiment supplied; a constant outlay. And the return, which we hope will be a paying one, we look for in the honest, industrious citizen of the State. The remaining portion of the boys, during summer, have done what such boys could on the farm, but under some outlay for care and supervision.

The sources of industry for the girls have been very limited, aside from the housework incident to their home-life; and in the present depressed condition of all classes of industries we cannot hope for remunerative shop work.

The best we can do for the boys and the girls is to make our school work as effective as possible, and hope for returns in the improved manhood and womanhood which coming years shall bring.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

In acknowledging the courtesies of publishers in furnishing the papers for the use of the boys, and in making this expression of appreciation, we hope the same will be continued, and the list increased.

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| State Register..... | Des Moines. |
| Western Farm Journal..... | Des Moines. |
| Hawk-Eye..... | Burlington. |
| Gazette | Burlington. |
| Journal..... | Mt. Pleasant. |
| Free Press..... | Mt. Pleasant. |
| Guthrian..... | Guthrie Centre. |
| Journal..... | Muscatine. |
| Union..... | Albia. |
| Investigator..... | Iowa City. |
| Pilot..... | Storm Lake. |
| Republican..... | Marshalltown. |
| Ledger..... | Eldora. |
| Herald..... | Eldora. |
| Opinion..... | Glenwood. |
| Eagle..... | Vinton. |
| News..... | Alden. |
| Recorder..... | Hampton. |
| Chronicle | Hampton. |
| Telegraph..... | Dubuque. |
| Sentinel..... | Iowa Falls. |
| Childrens' Home..... | Cincinnati. |

To this is appended the financial statement.

In closing this report, I wish to express my appreciation of your courtesy, and your interest in the welfare of these unfortunate children, and to express the deep desire, that the purpose of the school may be accomplished. In a few weeks I shall leave its care in the hand of my successor, and I trust he will find full fruits in his labor for the continuance of this work, with that higher blessing which only can give efficiency resting upon all his labors.

Very respectfully submitted,

CHARLES JOHNSON, *Superintendent.*

SALARIES AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

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| Charles Johnson and wife, Superintendent and Matron, per annum.... | \$1,500.00 |
| D. M. Crouse, shoemaker and manager of family number two..... | 480.00 |
| Mrs. D. M. Crouse, care of family house work, number two..... | 180.00 |
| John Lewis, teacher and manager of family number one..... | 420.00 |
| J. W. Stephens, teacher and manager of family number three | 480.00 |
| E. P. Andrews, farmer..... | 420.00 |
| C. A. Johnson, acting assistant Superintendent | 420.00 |
| G. N. Rice, blacksmith and engineer..... | 360.00 |
| W. L. Eckart, teamster and night watchman..... | 216.00 |
| Miss Sarah Wright, general housework..... | 180.00 |
| Miss Marcin Ellis, tailoress | 180.00 |
| Miss Kate Landgraft, dining-hall manager..... | 180.00 |
| Mrs. J. W. Stephens, dining-hall manager..... | 180.00 |
| Miss A. Liscombe, baker..... | 180.00 |
| Mrs. S. J. Deacon, laundress..... | 180.00 |
| C. Wilson, teamster and night watchman*..... | 180.00 |

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

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| L. D. Lewelling and wife, superintendent and matron..... | 800.00 |
| Mrs. B. Collins, sewing-room..... | 150.00 |
| Miss Ollie Mace, teacher..... | 240.00 |
| Miss Emma Perkins, cook..... | 168.00 |
| Henry Meyer, farmer..... | 216.00 |

*NOTE.—The night watchmen each watch half the night and work half the day.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Detailed Statement of paid bills from November 1, 1875, to October 31, 1877.

| 1875. | | |
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| Nov. 5. | Hawk-Eye Telegraph Co., telegrams..... | \$ 7.55 |
| Nov. 8. | Mrs. D. M. Phillips, salary..... | 66.66 |
| Nov. 8. | J. Edgington, P. M., postage..... | 11.00 |
| Nov. 10. | Dr. B. E. Dodson, medical attendance..... | 4.00 |
| Nov. 11. | Mrs. J. A. White, carpet weaving..... | 12.10 |
| Nov. 17. | Dr. Thrift, dental services..... | .50 |
| Nov. 17. | D. Ellsworth & Bro., school books..... | 53.76 |
| Nov. 18. | W. L. Eckhart, salary..... | 45.00 |
| Nov. 18. | F. D. Entriiken, pursuit of boys..... | 20.86 |
| Nov. 18. | A. J. Rogers, salary..... | 40.40 |
| Nov. 18. | D. M. Crouse and wife, salary..... | 100.00 |
| Nov. 18. | W. E. Blackman, salary..... | 60.00 |
| Nov. 18. | W. E. Blackman, pursuit of boys..... | 34.35 |
| Nov. 18. | H. C. Webster, cutting grain..... | 28.12 |
| Nov. 18. | J. Edgington, coal | 13.70 |
| Nov. 20. | S. S. Waldo & Co., flour and meal..... | 257.18 |
| Nov. 22. | S. K. Entriiken, salary..... | 40.00 |
| Nov. 22. | H. S. Rogers and wife..... | 154.36 |
| Nov. 22. | C. A. Johnson, returning boy..... | 13.60 |
| Nov. 22. | John Hall, coal..... | 87.16 |
| Nov. 22. | C., R. R. of Iowa, freights..... | 25.85 |
| Nov. 23. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... | 144.00 |
| Nov. 23. | J. N. Turner, beef and lard..... | 222.11 |
| Nov. 23. | J. Devine, labor..... | 7.33 |
| Nov. 23. | L. D. Randall, leather and findings..... | 153.45 |
| Nov. 24. | E. A. Potter, sundries..... | 5.25 |
| Nov. 27. | L. A. Whiton, salary..... | 30.00 |
| Nov. 27. | C. B. Rogers, salary..... | 50.00 |
| Nov. 30. | Charles Johnson, expenses to Girls' Department, &c..... | 17.42 |
| Nov. 30. | Schmidt & Bro., book of records..... | 10.00 |
| Nov. 30. | Mrs. M. W. Mace, salary | 38.87 |
| Nov. 30. | C. A. Johnson, salary | 37.50 |

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| Nov. 30. | Buck-Eye Telegraph Co., telegrams..... | \$ 2.35 |
| Dec. 6. | H. S. Rogers, furniture, &c..... | 20.00 |
| Dec. 6. | H. S. Rogers and wife, salary..... | 290.00 |
| Dec. 7. | A. J. Rogers, salary..... | 30.83 |
| Dec. 13. | S. K. Entriiken, salary | 68.00 |
| Dec. 20. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights..... | 13.17 |
| Dec. 27. | F. D. Entriiken, expenses returning boy remanded..... | 17.43 |
| Dec. 27. | Mrs. Ellen Piel, butter, turkeys, &c..... | 42.09 |
| Dec. 30. | W. E. Blackman, pursuit of boys..... | 2.92 |
| Dec. 31. | W. E. Blackman, salary..... | 150.00 |
| 1876. | | |
| Jan. 4. | Elias Jessup, medicines..... | 28.30 |
| Jan. 4. | W. L. Vestal, printing..... | 36.00 |
| Jan. 4. | Hawk-Eye Telegraph Co., telegrams..... | 24.72 |
| Jan. 4. | A. B. Harris, furniture..... | 59.93 |
| Jan. 4. | H. W. Benedict, soap..... | 25.20 |
| Jan. 4. | John Hall, lumber..... | 116.89 |
| Jan. 4. | Chas. Johnson and wife, salary..... | 250.00 |
| Jan. 4. | B. J. Miles, salary | 45.00 |
| Jan. 4. | I. McDonald, carpenter..... | 29.50 |
| Jan. 7. | Elias Jessup, salary..... | 83.33 |
| Jan. 7. | Sophia Cook, salary | 25.00 |
| Jan. 8. | L. A. Whiton, salary | 49.00 |
| Jan. 8. | J. Edgington, P. M., postage..... | 15.80 |
| Jan. 10. | J. W. Zeiger, stoneware | 14.05 |
| Jan. 15. | Charles Season, labor..... | 15.00 |
| Jan. 17. | C., R. R. of Iowa, freight..... | .64 |
| Jan. 19. | D. A. Tower, brick..... | 6.50 |
| Jan. 20. | J. Q. Patterson, dry goods and groceries | 327.92 |
| Jan. 20. | Geo. W. Webb, lime..... | 1.58 |
| Jan. 20. | C. F. Slayton & Son, sewing machine repairs.. | 13.15 |
| Jan. 20. | Moir & Usher, meal..... | 16.25 |
| Jan. 20. | Sherwood School Furniture Co., school desks | 255.90 |
| Jan. 20. | S. J. Wright, salary..... | 60.00 |
| Jan. 20. | Hattie Wright, salary..... | 60.00 |
| Jan. 20. | Mrs. D. M. Phillips, salary..... | 28.16 |
| Jan. 20. | B. J. Miles, salary | 45.00 |
| Jan. 21. | S. S. Times Co., session leaves..... | 11.00 |
| Jan. 22. | Buck-Eye Telegraph Co., telegrams..... | 1.65 |
| Jan. 24. | Charles Johnson, expenses to Mt. Pleasant, &c. | 14.32 |
| Jan. 25. | F. D. Entriiken, expense returning boy..... | 14.35 |
| Jan. 25. | Luther Devendorf, butter and eggs..... | 3.60 |
| Jan. 25. | Miss Nancy Martin, salary | 97.50 |
| Feb. 3. | Aaron Monroe, labor | 7.00 |

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| Feb. | 4. | I. O. Narum, groceries, &c..... | \$ 92.45 |
| Feb. | 4. | Whitney & Hadley..... | 343.23 |
| Feb. | 4. | J. Q. Patterson, dry good, provisions, &c..... | 104.32 |
| Feb. | 4. | John Hall, lumber..... | 184.90 |
| Feb. | 4. | M. E. Wood, wall paper, stationery | 32.49 |
| Feb. | 4. | J. Smith & Son, dry goods and provisions.... | 243.28 |
| Feb. | 4. | D. C. Andrews, salary..... | 19.16 |
| Feb. | 4. | Meade & Watts, wagon repairs, &c..... | 30.60 |
| Feb. | 4. | C. A. Johnson, salary..... | 50.00 |
| Feb. | 4. | F. D. Entriiken, salary..... | 120.00 |
| Feb. | 4. | W. L. Eckhart, salary | 30.00 |
| Feb. | 5. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... | 65.00 |
| Feb. | 7. | Reynolds & Bowdle, groceries and provisions | 130.54 |
| Feb. | 7. | R. H. McBride, printing..... | 1.50 |
| Feb. | 7. | E. Andrews, butter, eggs, &c..... | 52.12 |
| Feb. | 8. | F. D. Entriiken, salary | 240.00 |
| Feb. | 8. | F. D. Entriiken, expense returning boy..... | 15.20 |
| Feb. | 8. | Smith & Petty, dry goods and groceries | 372.85 |
| Feb. | 8. | B. J. Miles, salary..... | 180.00 |
| Feb. | 8. | C. Johnson and wife, salary | 250.00 |
| Feb. | 9. | I. K. Buck, & Bro., hardware | 63.40 |
| Feb. | 9. | Journal Publishing Co., record book..... | 24.00 |
| Feb. | 9. | W. S. Bradley & Bro., leather and findings.. | 254.41 |
| Feb. | 9. | L. D. Randall & Co, leather | 58.69 |
| Feb. | 9. | Geo. Knowlton, organ..... | 145.00 |
| Feb. | 9. | J. Edgington, P. M., postage stamps..... | 15.00 |
| Feb. | 9. | C. Johnson, current expenses..... | 11.00 |
| Feb. | 10. | W. L. Eckhart, returning boy..... | 4.18 |
| Feb. | 14. | J. W. Lawrence, and expense of Entriiken, for machinery | 8.45 |
| Feb. | 15. | D. Evans, returning boy | 20.00 |
| Feb. | 16. | Sophia Cook, salary | 15.00 |
| Feb. | 16. | Hawk-Eye Telegraph Co..... | .60 |
| Feb. | 16. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freight | 1.00 |
| Feb. | 16. | B. E. Dodson, current expenses..... | 1.50 |
| Feb. | 25. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freight | .79 |
| Feb. | 29. | F. D. Entriiken, salary | 40.00 |
| March | 2. | M. E. Wood, books..... | 40.20 |
| March | 3. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... | 248.75 |
| March | 10. | Haxton Steam Heater Co..... | 1,455.35 |
| March | 10. | J. McCarty, sundries..... | 160.65 |
| March | 10. | E. Andrews, services | 24.00 |
| March | 10. | E. Andrews, butter..... | 3.30 |
| March | 10. | C. B. Rodgers and wife, salaries..... | 100.00 |
| March | 10. | Israel Hall, beef..... | 24.00 |

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| March | 14. | G. W. Moore, beef..... | \$ 28.35 |
| March | 22. | C. A. Johnson, current expenses..... | 13.46 |
| March | 31. | A. B. Davis, salary | 39.50 |
| March | 31. | J. F. Brown, lumber..... | 12.00 |
| March | 31. | D. M. Phillips, salary..... | 51.66 |
| March | 31. | Hattie Wright, salary | 67.00 |
| March | 31. | A. B. Harris, furniture..... | 117.00 |
| March | 31. | Sophia Cook, salary..... | 15.00 |
| April | 4. | Hawke-Eye Telegraph Co..... | 1.75 |
| April | 5. | C. M. Runkle, sewing machine needle..... | 1.20 |
| April | 8. | Thomas Hall, beef..... | 16.60 |
| April | 8. | L. Moore, beef..... | 28.49 |
| April | 10. | Emma Flint, salary | 16.00 |
| April | 11. | Luther Devendorf, butter..... | 2.12 |
| April | 11. | C. A. Johnson, salary | 50.00 |
| April | 11. | C. A. Johnson, returning boy..... | 3.65 |
| April | 19. | Hawk-Eye Telegraph Co..... | 1.35 |
| April | 19. | Garris & Clark, medicine..... | 13.45 |
| April | 19. | S. S. Waldo & Co., seed wheat..... | 200.00 |
| April | 21. | Henry Shiner, wood..... | 21.25 |
| April | 21. | L. Moore, beef..... | 38.17 |
| April | 22. | J. Edginton, postage | 11.42 |
| April | 22. | C. Johnson, current expenses..... | 10.42 |
| April | 22. | W. S. Bradley & Bro., leather..... | 76.12 |
| April | 22. | Pitkin & Thomas, clothing..... | 321.25 |
| April | 22. | I. O. Narum, groceries and provisions | 336.97 |
| April | 22. | I. W. Turner, meat and lard..... | 157.28 |
| April | 22. | Whitney & Hadley, hardware..... | 156.69 |
| April | 22. | J. W. Zeiger, sewer pipe | 50.12 |
| April | 22. | Reynolds & Bowdle, groceries and provisions | 211.78 |
| April | 22. | Ellsworth Bros., drugs, school books, &c | 101.56 |
| April | 22. | M. E. Wood, stationery, wall paper, &c | 48.50 |
| April | 22. | John Hall, coal and lumber | 366.73 |
| April | 22. | B. J. Miles, salary | 90.00 |
| April | 22. | C. B. Rogers and wife, salary | 100.00 |
| April | 22. | W. F. Hewitt, salary..... | 84.00 |
| April | 22. | W. A. Rathburn, salary..... | 89.16 |
| April | 22. | L. K. Eakins, salary | 90.00 |
| April | 22. | Luther Devendorf, wood..... | 237.50 |
| April | 22. | D. C. Andrews, salary | 75.00 |
| April | 22. | D. M. Crouse and wife, salary..... | 300.00 |
| April | 22. | C. Johnson and wife..... | 250.00 |
| April | 22. | Hardin County Bank, interest | 7.25 |
| April | 24. | Elias Jessup, salary..... | 41.66 |
| April | 24. | W. L. Eckhart, salary..... | 15.00 |

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| April | 24. | W. M. Nichols, farm utensils.....\$ 5.50 |
| April | 24. | S. S. Waldo & Co., seed wheat..... 152.43 |
| April | 24. | Moir & Usher, pump, and labor, &c..... 37.00 |
| April | 24. | James & Son, coal..... 21.40 |
| April | 27. | F. C. Fowler, threshing..... 104.53 |
| April | 28. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freight, .70 |
| April | 29. | Mrs. Ellen Piel, butter, eggs, &c..... 25.32 |
| May | 1. | Geo. Knowlton, music..... 4.00 |
| May | 1. | W. A. Rathburn, salary, 25.00 |
| May | 2. | E. F. Burr, provisions..... 6.62 |
| May | 4. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights, 7.28 |
| May | 17. | C. B. Gillis, seed corn..... 6.00 |
| May | 19. | Geo. Staley, dry goods, 32.08 |
| May | 19. | John Hall, coal..... 288.56 |
| May | 19. | Hardin County bank, discount, 3.20 |
| May | 19. | C. Burling, use of elevator..... 3.00 |
| May | 19. | Jonathan Edgington, coal..... 84.09 |
| May | 19. | M. E. Woods, books..... 26.44 |
| May | 19. | J. H. Smith & Sons, dry goods and provisions 537.36 |
| May | 19. | J. W. Turner, meat and lard..... 257.09 |
| May | 19. | C. M. Runkle, needles, patterns, &c, 11.00 |
| May | 19. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freight and fares, 36.50 |
| May | 24. | C. Johnson, sundries, current expenses..... 19.03 |
| June | 1. | M. J. Crosser, potatoes..... 2.25 |
| June | 1. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights, 9.50 |
| June | 1. | Dubuque Times, advertising..... 7.50 |
| June | 1. | Van Pelt & Beach, shoe findings, 5.60 |
| June | 6. | B. J. Miles, salary, 180.00 |
| June | 6. | L. K. Eakin, expenses, 8.30 |
| June | 7. | U. S. Express Co, 4.90 |
| June | 7. | Hawkeye Telegraph Co..... 1.60 |
| June | 8. | W. S. Bradley & Bro., leather..... 47.44 |
| June | 8. | Meek & Bro., cloth..... 103.00 |
| June | 8. | J. Q. Patterson, dry goods and provisions..... 177.02 |
| June | 8. | Elizabeth Middleton, cook..... 24.43 |
| June | 9. | Sarah Might, salary, 45.00 |
| June | 9. | C. B. Dought, potatoes..... 4.00 |
| June | 9. | R. H. McBride, printing and stationery, 22.00 |
| June | 9. | C. A. Johnson, salary, 50.00 |
| June | 9. | S. F. Lupton, plants, 20.00 |
| June | 9. | Elias Jessup, salary, 166.66 |
| June | 9. | C. Johnson and wife, salary, 250.00 |
| June | 10. | Ellen Piel, butter and eggs, 29.65 |
| June | 12. | Sophia Cook, salary, 30.00 |
| June | 12. | Emma Flint, salary, 30.00 |

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| June | 12. | W. L. Eckhart, salary, \$ 15.00 |
| June | 13. | Luther Devendorf, wood, 95.00 |
| June | 15. | D. C. Andrews, salary, 55.83 |
| June | 15. | E. Andrews, current expenses, 24.58 |
| June | 15. | C. A. Johnson, current expenses, 19.41 |
| June | 16. | H. Carter and wife, salary, 66.66 |
| June | 19. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights, 25.00 |
| June | 20. | Henry Thamer, potatoes, 1.05 |
| June | 23. | W. J. Moir, seed oats, 4.25 |
| June | 23. | F. A. Conner, current expenses, 12.00 |
| June | 26. | L. D. Bruch, current expenses, 5.00 |
| June | 28. | J. L. Ridgeway, plants, 10.00 |
| June | 30. | Hawkeye Telegraph Co, 10.99 |
| June | 30. | Hannah McCormick, salary, 16.50 |
| July | 10. | Ellen Piel, turkeys, butter and eggs, 41.95 |
| July | 11. | Peter Schimreman, cook, 36.75 |
| July | 11. | Julia White, weaving carpet, 8.80 |
| July | 11. | E. A. Jessup, labor, 45.00 |
| July | 12. | D. Sarvin, seed corn, 9.00 |
| July | 12. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights, 387.00 |
| July | 12. | Haxtun Steam Heater Co, 64.33 |
| July | 12. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights, 3.05 |
| July | 13. | B. J. Bartlett, architect, 200.00 |
| July | 13. | William Sawyer, carpenter, 31.00 |
| July | 13. | E. Andrews, expenses to Storm Lake, 57.83 |
| July | 14. | Joseph Edgington, postage, 19.30 |
| July | 15. | J. W. Drawbridge, labor, 3.75 |
| July | 15. | A. Hartman, labor, 21.62 |
| July | 15. | E. Smelcer, teaming, 11.25 |
| July | 15. | Geo. McElroy, teaming, 36.00 |
| July | 15. | W. H. Fuller, teaming, 24.00 |
| July | 17. | J. J. Edgington, teaming, 14.50 |
| July | 17. | John Ellinson, labor, 6.00 |
| July | 17. | Daniel Fratt, labor, 6.00 |
| July | 17. | Craig & Tagg, teaming, 6.00 |
| July | 17. | Le Grand Quarry Co., stone, 270.00 |
| July | 17. | E. Andrews, expenses, etc., as chairman of Board of Commissioners, 146.90 |
| July | 17. | J. & W. Haskins, labor, 7.50 |
| July | 17. | D. M. Crouse, salary, 200.00 |
| July | 17. | M. W. Aiken, corn, 13.57 |
| July | 17. | W. D. Burr, corn, 6.10 |
| July | 17. | A. Blair, teaming, 12.50 |
| July | 17. | C. Walters, teaming, 15.25 |
| July | 17. | M. Sargent, teaming, 24.75 |

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| July 17. | J. D. Gourlay, teaming..... | \$ 25.50 |
| July 17. | W. F. Hewitt, salary..... | 30.00 |
| July 17. | W. L. Eckhart, salary..... | 45.00 |
| July 17. | John Hall, lumber..... | 2,146.50 |
| July 17. | S. W. Shekels, corn..... | 18.29 |
| July 19. | C. B. Rogers, salary..... | 90.00 |
| July 19. | Harlan, Carter and wife, salary..... | 50.00 |
| July 19. | Chas. Kibbee, teaming..... | 5.00 |
| July 19. | L. K. Eakin, salary..... | 60.00 |
| July 19. | Sophia Cook, salary..... | 15.00 |
| July 19. | Isaac Lane, teaming..... | 24.00 |
| July 19. | J. B. Ormsby & Co., cement..... | 192.00 |
| July 19. | D. B. Armer, salary..... | 90.83 |
| July 19. | H. C. Webster, corn..... | 47.97 |
| July 19. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... | 150.00 |
| July 21. | A. H. Gibbs, mason..... | 39.37 |
| July 21. | J. K. Devendorf, teaming..... | 16.25 |
| July 21. | F. M. Shippy, labor..... | 20.00 |
| July 21. | I. K. Buck & Bro., iron pipe, &c..... | 219.80 |
| July 21. | John Case, teaming..... | 2.50 |
| July 21. | Lydia Snyder, salary..... | 18.00 |
| July 21. | W. Moorhead, well boring..... | 54.75 |
| July 21. | F. A. Buse, mason..... | 51.00 |
| July 21. | A. A. Wells, lime..... | 79.50 |
| July 22. | Luther Devendorf, wood..... | 76.00 |
| July 22. | W. C. George, labor..... | 7.50 |
| July 25. | A. E. Webb, lime..... | 9.15 |
| July 25. | Hart & Weaver, advertising..... | 5.00 |
| July 25. | I. L. Hart, advertising..... | 5.00 |
| July 25. | Whitney & Hadley, iron, &c..... | 12.32 |
| July 26. | C. Johnson and wife, salary..... | 250.00 |
| July 26. | B. J. Bartlett, architect..... | 100.00 |
| July 26. | C. Johnson, current expenses..... | 13.70 |
| Aug. 1. | F. M. Shippy, labor | 4.66 |
| Aug. 1. | Tower & Smith, brick..... | 105.68 |
| Aug. 1. | B. E. Dodson, medical attendance..... | 12.00 |
| Aug. 4. | J. Case, teaming..... | 31.00 |
| Aug. 4. | U. S. Express Co..... | 4.60 |
| Aug. 4. | Hawkeye Telegraph Co..... | 11.55 |
| Aug. 4. | M. B. Holmes, cutting date in corner stone... | 3.00 |
| Aug. 4. | Ellsworth Bros., paints, drugs, oils, &c..... | 215.90 |
| Aug. 4. | Whitney & Hadley, iron, nails, &c..... | 151.36 |
| Aug. 4. | J. N. Turner, meat and lard..... | 225.74 |
| Aug. 4. | I. O. Narum, groceries and provisions..... | 412.74 |
| Aug. 4. | Reynolds & Bowdle, groceries and provisions. | 75.49 |

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| Aug. 4. | E. Andrews, provisions..... | \$ 24.10 |
| Aug. 5. | Elias Jessup, salary..... | 75.00 |
| Aug. 8. | J. Edgington, coal..... | 60.44 |
| Aug. 9. | J. D. Gourlay, teaming..... | 29.75 |
| Aug. 9. | Ellen Piel, butter..... | 32.85 |
| Aug. 10. | J. W. Zeiger, sewer pipe..... | 187.75 |
| Aug. 10. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights..... | 1,286.60 |
| Aug. 10. | Pay roll of work on basement, M. B..... | 1,092.35 |
| Aug. 10. | First National Bank of Ottumwa, discount.... | 68.05 |
| Aug. 10. | W. F. Hewitt, salary..... | 105.00 |
| Aug. 10. | R. A. Snyder, brick..... | 180.00 |
| Aug. 10. | A. A. Wells, lime..... | 374.55 |
| Aug. 10. | J. M. Fuller, teaming..... | 6.00 |
| Aug. 10. | S. M. Bartlett, teaming..... | 18.00 |
| Aug. 10. | C. H. Kibbee, teaming..... | 6.00 |
| Aug. 12. | Jones & Fuller, teaming..... | 139.70 |
| Aug. 12. | J. W. Jones, teaming..... | 3.50 |
| Aug. 12. | A. Blair, teaming..... | 55.92 |
| Aug. 12. | E. A. Potter, provisions..... | 17.25 |
| Aug. 12. | W. Cooley, carpenter..... | 42.50 |
| Aug. 12. | McElroy & Dressee, teaming..... | 120.00 |
| Aug. 12. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... | 65.00 |
| Aug. 12. | O. B. Foote, carpenter..... | 27.00 |
| Aug. 12. | R. T. Skinner, carpenter..... | 52.50 |
| Aug. 12. | Thomas Spence, carpenter..... | 24.75 |
| Aug. 14. | J. J. Edgington, teaming..... | 10.00 |
| Aug. 14. | James Taylor, teaming..... | 25.00 |
| Aug. 14. | Charles Walters, teaming..... | 47.73 |
| Aug. 14. | E. C. Condit, books..... | 37.37 |
| Aug. 15. | H. C. Webster, cutting wheat..... | 27.00 |
| Aug. 15. | B. J. Bartlett, architect..... | 300.00 |
| Aug. 15. | J. K. Devendorf, teaming..... | 36.50 |
| Aug. 16. | Clark & Herron, seeds and cement..... | 20.70 |
| Aug. 16. | C. H. Clark, wheelbarrows..... | 15.00 |
| Aug. 16. | Shaver & Brooks, coal and lumber..... | 39.80 |
| Aug. 16. | United States Express Co..... | 1.10 |
| Aug. 16. | A. E. Smith, harness repairs, &c..... | 38.25 |
| Aug. 16. | M. Underwood, medical attendance..... | 14.00 |
| Aug. 16. | I. K. Buck & Bro., iron and hardware..... | 58.47 |
| Aug. 16. | Whitney & Hadley, iron and hardware..... | 37.35 |
| Aug. 16. | Henry Jackson, road scraper..... | 11.00 |
| Aug. 16. | L. Moore, herding cattle..... | 10.00 |
| Aug. 16. | R. H. McBride, advertising and stationery... | 19.50 |
| Aug. 17. | McElroy & Dressee, teaming | 55.38 |
| Aug. 17. | M. Sargent, teaming..... | 49.42 |

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| Aug. | 17. | E. S. Smelcer, teaming..... |
| | | \$ 28.92 |
| Aug. | 18. | John Hall, Fuel and lumber..... |
| | | 1,048.32 |
| Aug. | 18. | J. B. Hepp, window frames..... |
| | | 223.50 |
| Aug. | 18. | George W. Finn, arrest of boy..... |
| | | 5.00 |
| Aug. | 18. | C. A. Johnson, returning boy..... |
| | | 19.50 |
| Aug. | 18. | C. H. Kibbee, cutting wheat..... |
| | | 37.87 |
| Aug. | 18. | LeGrand Quarry Co., stone..... |
| | | 1,000.00 |
| Aug. | 22. | W. L. Eckhart, salary..... |
| | | 30.00 |
| Aug. | 22. | W. L. Cook, potatoes..... |
| | | 6.90 |
| Aug. | 22. | E. C. Reble & Co., saw machinery..... |
| | | 120.55 |
| Aug. | 24. | W. L. Cook, potatoes..... |
| | | 6.52 |
| Aug. | 24. | J. M. Fuller, threshing..... |
| | | 66.43 |
| Aug. | 25. | E. Andrews, chairman board of commissioners, expenses, &c..... |
| | | 64.28 |
| Aug. | 25. | R. Billings, potatoes..... |
| | | 6.25 |
| Aug. | 25. | J. M. Fuller, Teaming..... |
| | | .75 |
| Aug. | 25. | R. A. Snyder, brick..... |
| | | 1,000.00 |
| Aug. | 28. | Sophia Cook, salary..... |
| | | 43.50 |
| Aug. | 28. | Emma Flint, salary..... |
| | | 58.50 |
| Aug. | 29. | R. A. Ballinger, returning boy..... |
| | | 9.85 |
| Aug. | 29. | M. W. Moir, labor..... |
| | | 12.00 |
| Aug. | 30. | Muscatine Journal..... |
| | | 2.00 |
| Aug. | 30. | A. Moore..... |
| | | 3.00 |
| Sept. | 2. | J. B. Chadwick, potatoes..... |
| | | 3.60 |
| Sept. | 2. | C. Hammer, lumber..... |
| | | 23.04 |
| Sept. | 2. | O. B. Foote, carpenter..... |
| | | 33.52 |
| Sept. | 2. | Thomas Spencer, carpenter..... |
| | | 30.00 |
| Sept. | 2. | C. A. Johnson, returning boy |
| | | 14.74 |
| Sept. | 2. | Hawk-Eye Telegraph Co..... |
| | | 13.10 |
| Sept. | 6. | United States Express Co..... |
| | | 8.10 |
| Sept. | 6. | H. C. Cheesborough, repairing roof..... |
| | | 20.00 |
| Sept. | 7. | J. H. Hammond, Drugs, &c..... |
| | | 2.10 |
| Sept. | 7. | United States Express Co..... |
| | | .50 |
| Sept. | 8. | Haxton Steam Heater Co..... |
| | | 2,000.00 |
| Sept. | 8. | R. Skinner, carpenter..... |
| | | 39.75 |
| Sept. | 11. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights..... |
| | | 653.99 |
| Sept. | 11. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... |
| | | 233.75 |
| Sept. | 11. | L. K. Eakin, blacksmithing..... |
| | | 90.00 |
| Sept. | 11. | J. F. Brown, provisions..... |
| | | 1.65 |
| Sept. | 11. | United States Express Co..... |
| | | 3.75 |
| Sept. | 11. | Hall's Lock and Safe Co., vault door..... |
| | | 150.00 |
| Sept. | 11. | J. B. Hepp & Co., window frames..... |
| | | 206.25 |
| Sept. | 11. | Larabee & North, hardware..... |
| | | 4.00 |
| Sept. | 11. | Union Nat. Bank of Chicago, discounts..... |
| | | 49.10 |
| Sept. | 11. | B. J. Bartlett, architect, etc..... |
| | | 248.50 |

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| Sept. | 12. | W. Cooley, carpenter..... |
| | | \$ 61.25 |
| Sept. | 12. | W. H. Fuller, teaming..... |
| | | 188.38 |
| Sept. | 12. | Clarkson Bros., advertising..... |
| | | 5.00 |
| Sept. | 14. | J. Edgington, postage..... |
| | | 15.25 |
| Sept. | 14. | Town & Smith, brick..... |
| | | 520.00 |
| Sept. | 14. | Julia White, weaving carpet..... |
| | | 4.80 |
| Sept. | 14. | Henry R. Reynolds, groceries, etc..... |
| | | 42.08 |
| Sept. | 14. | Hall & Harrington, arrest of boy..... |
| | | 4.00 |
| Sept. | 14. | M. E. Wood, books..... |
| | | 25.75 |
| Sept. | 14. | J. H. Smith & Son, dry goods and provisions |
| | | 128.71 |
| Sept. | 14. | Ellen Piel, butter..... |
| | | 23.10 |
| Sept. | 14. | M. F. Ackerman, pump..... |
| | | 35.00 |
| Sept. | 14. | A. P. Tukey, books..... |
| | | 71.28 |
| Sept. | 14. | R. A. Snyder, brick..... |
| | | 332.00 |
| Sept. | 15. | Le Grand Quarry Co., stone..... |
| | | 392.14 |
| Sept. | 15. | John Hull, lumber..... |
| | | 184.71 |
| Sept. | 15. | Devendorf, wood..... |
| | | 62.50 |
| Sept. | 16. | A. E. Webb, harvester and rake, etc..... |
| | | 251.95 |
| Sept. | 16. | C. A. Johnson, salary..... |
| | | 75.00 |
| Sept. | 16. | I. Lane, teaming..... |
| | | 19.50 |
| Sept. | 20. | George Lewison, butter..... |
| | | 8.71 |
| Sept. | 21. | A. A. Wells, lime..... |
| | | 23.62 |
| Sept. | 25. | Sarah Wright, salary..... |
| | | 30.00 |
| Sept. | 25. | A. Moore, provisions..... |
| | | 9.31 |
| Sept. | 26. | Central Railroad of Iowa, fares..... |
| | | 25.00 |
| Sept. | 26. | H. C. Cheesborough, repairing roofs..... |
| | | 35.00 |
| Sept. | 26. | M. Frankell, sundries..... |
| | | 10.00 |
| Sept. | 28. | Union National Bank of Chicago, discount... |
| | | 8.75 |
| Sept. | 28. | Ellen Piel, butter..... |
| | | 10.46 |
| Sept. | 30. | Luther Devendorf, butter and eggs..... |
| | | 8.80 |
| Sept. | 30. | C. Johnson, current expense..... |
| | | 8.00 |
| Sept. | 30. | I. K. Buck & Bro., iron, nails and hardware. |
| | | 213.43 |
| Sept. | 30. | C. Blair, teaming..... |
| | | 20.00 |
| Sept. | 30. | A. Moore, provisions..... |
| | | 3.00 |
| Sept. | 30. | George McElroy, teaming..... |
| | | 13.50 |
| Oct. | 2. | Hawkeye Telegraph Co..... |
| | | 9.64 |
| Oct. | 2. | E. S. Foster, corn..... |
| | | 6.51 |
| Oct. | 3. | Ottumwa Iron Works, doors and grates..... |
| | | 44.54 |
| Oct. | 4. | Woodruff & Perkins, advertising..... |
| | | 5.0 |
| Oct. | 5. | E. Andrews, Chairman Board Com., services and expenses..... |
| | | 75.40 |
| Oct. | 5. | W. Hollingsworth, potatoes..... |
| | | 7.60 |
| Oct. | 7. | J. B. Chadwick, potatoes..... |
| | | 4.00 |
| Oct. | 9. | W. L. Cook, potatoes..... |
| | | 5.50 |
| Okt. | 9. | A. Moore, pumpkins, etc..... |
| | | 4.00 |

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| Oct. | 9 | J. B. Hepp, frames..... | \$ 431.75 |
| Oct. | 12 | Ellen Peil, butter..... | 8.20 |
| Oct. | 12 | Union National Bank of Chicago, discount.. | 104.00 |
| Oct. | 12 | Central Railroad of Iowa, freights..... | 471.46 |
| Oct. | 13 | George Lewison, butter and beef..... | 21.05 |
| Oct. | 13 | D. Terrill, provisions..... | 3.12 |
| Oct. | 14 | R. A. Snyder, brick..... | 1,098.00 |
| Oct. | 14 | George Haw & Co., nails..... | 154.85 |
| Oct. | 14 | Ottumwa Courier, advertising..... | 3.40 |
| Oct. | 14 | Tower & Smith, brick..... | 1,123.62 |
| Oct. | 14 | C. F. Slayton & Son, sewing machine repairs.. | 10.15 |
| Oct. | 14 | B. J. Bartlett, architect..... | 200.00 |
| Oct. | 14 | I. L. Hart, advertising | 6.00 |
| Oct. | 14 | C. Blair, teaming..... | 18.80 |
| Oct. | 16 | H. Carter and wife, salary..... | 200.00 |
| Oct. | 16 | E. A. Potter, provisions..... | 8.50 |
| Oct. | 18 | W. Hollingsworth, wood..... | 58.50 |
| Oct. | 18 | D. G. Ratliff, arrest of boy..... | 20.06 |
| Oct. | 18 | A. R. Thompson, butter, &c..... | 30.30 |
| Oct. | 19 | W. H. Fuller, teaming..... | 185.83 |
| Oct. | 19 | W. L. Eckhart, salary..... | 30.00 |
| Oot. | 19 | W. Cooley, carpenter..... | 8.12 |
| Oct. | 19 | C. C. Zeigler, & Co., carpenters..... | 160.00 |
| Oct. | 19 | E. C. Preble & Co., hangers and pulley | 23.50 |
| Oct. | 20 | Ottoman Cahveyled, coffee | 49.37 |
| Oct. | 21 | Ellsworth Bros, paints and oil..... | 42.63 |
| Oct. | 21 | McElroy & Wills, furniture trimmings..... | 13.14 |
| Oct. | 21 | J. N. Turner, meat and lard..... | 181.04 |
| Oct. | 21 | Chicago Terra Cotta Works..... | 1,000.00 |
| Oct. | 23 | John N. Turner, meat and lard..... | 129.39 |
| Oct. | 24 | Chilton & Kendall, mason work..... | 1,321.53 |
| Oct. | 25 | H. S. Love, teaming | 3.80 |
| Oct. | 26 | Clara Styles, salary | 15.00 |
| Oct. | 26 | Lizzie Bond, salary..... | 29.50 |
| Oct. | 26 | John Smith, provisions..... | 5.00 |
| Oct. | 27 | Ellen Piel, butter..... | 7.20 |
| Oct. | 27 | C. Drave, provisions..... | 50.80 |
| Oct. | 27 | Mrs. Bohledu, carpet fixtures..... | 1.00 |
| Oct. | 27 | E. Johnson, provisions..... | 10.25 |
| Oct. | 27 | Geo. Rose, books..... | 4.25 |
| Oct. | 27 | C. Johnson, sundries..... | 44.43 |
| Oct. | 30 | A. A. Wells, lime..... | 225.79 |
| Oct. | 30 | Union National Bank of Chicago, discount.... | 40.00 |
| Oct. | 30 | Laura Brown, cook | 50.13 |
| Oct. | 31 | J. C. Mooreman, dry goods, &c..... | 23.37 |

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| Oct. | 31 | J. Edgington, coal | \$ 43.61 |
| Oct. | 31 | C. B. Rogers, salary..... | 45.00 |
| Oct. | 31 | Charles Johnson and wife..... | 375.00 |
| Nov. | 4 | Chilton & Kendall, mason work..... | 1,000.00 |
| Nov. | 4 | W. H. Fuller, hauling | 61.00 |
| Nov. | 6 | W. F. Hewitt, salary | 105.00 |
| Nov. | 6 | C. C. Johnson, salary..... | 50.00 |
| Nov. | 10 | C. B. Rogers, salary..... | 225.00 |
| Nov. | 11 | George Lewison, butter..... | 10.00 |
| Nov. | 11 | A. M. Drake, butter..... | 13.90 |
| Nov. | 13 | Hawk-Eye Telegraph Co., telegraphing..... | 26.07 |
| Nov. | 13 | C. R. R. of Iowa, freight | 506.64 |
| Nov. | 14 | Mrs. Ellen Piel, butter and eggs..... | 6.09 |
| Nov. | 15 | Second National Bank of Dubuque, discount.. | 81.22 |
| Nov. | 16 | E. Andrews, Chairman Board of Com..... | 66.65 |
| Nov. | 16 | B. J. Bartlett, architect..... | 215.30 |
| Nov. | 16 | E. Andrews, provisions..... | 8.93 |
| Nov. | 16 | Chilton & Kendall, mason work..... | 500.00 |
| Nov. | 16 | C. C. Zeigler & Co., carpenter work..... | 140.00 |
| Nov. | 16 | A. Rudd, labor | 2.25 |
| Nov. | 17 | Miss Sarah Wright, salary | 90.00 |
| Nov. | 18 | B. D. Dodson, medical services | 6.00 |
| Nov. | 18 | Luther Devendorf, provisions..... | 4.60 |
| Nov. | 18 | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter work..... | 111.25 |
| Nov. | 18 | R. A. Snyder, brick | 1,000.00 |
| Nov. | 20 | John Patten, butter..... | 4.00 |
| Nov. | 20 | W. H. Fuller, hauling | 153.40 |
| Nov. | 24 | A. A. Well, lime | 113.32 |
| Nov. | 24 | L. K. Eakins, blacksmithing | 63.80 |
| Nov. | 24 | H. Carter and wife, salary | 88.00 |
| Nov. | 25 | I. O. Narum, groceries and provisions | 377.97 |
| Nov. | 25 | R. Billings, provisions..... | 16.20 |
| Nov. | 25 | Lizzie Bond, salary | 42.00 |
| Nov. | 27 | H. C. Webster, corn and damage to hay..... | 26.00 |
| Nov. | 27 | M. W. Moir, provisions and labor | 11.50 |
| Dec. | 1 | W. H. Fuller, hauling | 35.00 |
| Dec. | 1 | C. R. R. of Iowa, fares | 25.00 |
| Dec. | 1 | D. B. Armer and wife, salary | 300.00 |
| Dec. | 1 | Chitten & Kendall, mason work..... | 73.36 |
| Dec. | 1 | Hawk-Eye Publishing Co., advertising | 3.50 |
| Dec. | 1 | C. Blair, labor | 10.00 |
| Dec. | 1 | S. S. Waldo & Co., provisions | 19.67 |
| Dec. | 4 | W. L. Eckhard, salary | 16.00 |
| Dec. | 5 | Van Pelt & Beach, shoe findings | 4.65 |
| Dec. | 5 | Clara Stiles, salary | 32.00 |

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| Dec. | 6. | Laura Brown, salary..... | \$ 32.00 |
| Dec. | 6. | Julia A. White, carpet weaving..... | 6.18 |
| Dec. | 6. | J. W. Patton, butter..... | 4.00 |
| Dec. | 12. | Hardin County Bank, interest..... | 7.33 |
| Dec. | 12. | W. S. Bradley & Bro., leather..... | 35.45 |
| Dec. | 12. | Ottumwa Iron Works, bolts..... | 8.04 |
| Dec. | 12. | Jonathan Edgington, coal..... | 122.25 |
| Dec. | 12. | Dubuque County Bank, discounts..... | 92.28 |
| Dec. | 12. | C. Dreve, butter..... | 4.98 |
| Dec. | 15. | Gonnely & Henry, slate and roofing..... | 1,306.21 |
| Dec. | 16. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights..... | 286.86 |
| Dec. | 16. | Hawk-Eye Telegraph Co., telegraphing..... | 14.65 |
| Dec. | 16. | Luther Devendorf, butter..... | 3.00 |
| Dec. | 18. | Clarkson Bros., advertising, &c..... | 32.00 |
| Dec. | 18. | John Turner, Meat..... | 119.08 |
| Dec. | 18. | John Hall, lumber and coal..... | 300.39 |
| Dec. | 18. | C. E. Marshall, salary..... | 25.00 |
| Dec. | 18. | United States Express Co..... | 120.00 |
| Dec. | 19. | Gonnely & Henry, roofing..... | 115.00 |
| Dec. | 19. | Daniel Dillon, Beef..... | 11.98 |
| Dec. | 19. | E. Andrews, provisions..... | 33.35 |
| Dec. | 19. | Expenses and services, Building Com..... | 79.69 |
| Dec. | 19. | D. C. Andrews, salary | 5.83 |
| Dec. | 20. | George Scheuler, furniture..... | .90 |
| Dec. | 21. | S. S. Mulford, sorghum..... | 80.40 |
| Dec. | 21. | F. A. Buse, mason work..... | 8.24 |
| Dec. | 22. | John Elliason, cistern digging..... | 44.87 |
| Dec. | 22. | Chitten & Kendall, mason work..... | 65.35 |
| Dec. | 22. | E. Caldwell, sewer..... | 48.91 |
| Dec. | 22. | W. Cooley, carpenter work..... | 16.87 |
| Dec. | 22. | Ellen Piel, provisions..... | 27.13 |
| Dec. | 22. | Eldora Terra Cotta Works, terra cotta trimmings..... | 150.00 |
| Dec. | 22. | C. C. Zeigler, carpenter work..... | 294.04 |
| Dec. | 26. | H. R. Reynolds, groceries..... | 19.10 |
| Dec. | 26. | W. H. Fuller, hauling..... | 95.96 |
| Dec. | 26. | Chicago Terra Cotta Works, freight and hauling..... | 402.17 |
| Dec. | 28. | A. M. Drake, butter..... | 9.18 |
| Dec. | 28. | Chitten & Kendall, mason work..... | 54.52 |
| Dec. | 30. | Hawk-Eye Telegraph Co..... | 1.30 |
| Dec. | 30. | United States Express Co..... | .60 |

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| Jan. | 3. | Lemuel Moore, beef..... | 24.50 |
| Jan. | 5. | A. Fish, potatos..... | 4.50 |

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| Jan. | 6. | J. Edgington, postage..... | \$ 18.50 |
| Jan. | 6. | C. A. Johnson, salary..... | 20.00 |
| Jan. | 6. | Sunday-School Times, lesson's laws..... | 10.79 |
| Jan. | 6. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights..... | 77.45 |
| Jan. | 10. | W. S. Bradley & Bro., leather | 177.02 |
| Jan. | 10. | Meek & Brother, clothes and flannel..... | 162.23 |
| Jan. | 10. | Whitney & Hadley, house-furnishing and re-pairs..... | 45.66 |
| Jan. | 10. | Mathew Smith, fence..... | 25.00 |
| Jan. | 10. | Hardin County Bank, discount..... | 25.13 |
| Jan. | 10. | M. Kelley, wood | 90.00 |
| Jan. | 10. | Pitkin & Thomas, clothing | 62.85 |
| Jan. | 11. | Miss A. Liscombe, salary..... | 13.50 |
| Jan. | 11. | W. L. Eckhart, salary | 35.00 |
| Jan. | 12. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... | 51.25 |
| Jan. | 12. | Mrs. L. K. Eakins, salary..... | 49.00 |
| Jan. | 12. | Meader & Watts, wagon shop repairs..... | 72.30 |
| Jan. | 12. | I. O. Narum, groceries and provisions | 174.56 |
| Jan. | 12. | C. L. Smith, clothing | 45.92 |
| Jan. | 12. | Whitney & Hadley, hardware and repairs.... | 58.03 |
| Jan. | 12. | C. Blair, teaming and labor | 28.00 |
| Jan. | 12. | Gormalley & Henry, roof of new building.... | 172.28 |
| Jan. | 17. | W. W. Sellingham, corn | 4.94 |
| Jan. | 18. | J. W. Patton, provision..... | 2.88 |
| Jan. | 19. | D. Davis, labor | 12.50 |
| Jan. | 19. | Ellen Piel, provisions | 5.96 |
| Jan. | 19. | Haxtun Steam Heater Co., steam works..... | 88.45 |
| Jan. | 19. | J. B. Hepp, wood work for new building.... | 383.50 |
| Jan. | 19. | John Hall, lumber for new building | 696.32 |
| Jan. | 19. | Chilton & Kendall, mason work..... | 3,691.81 |
| Jan. | 19. | J. M. Boyd, corn | 27.16 |
| Jan. | 22. | Le Grand Quarry Co., cut stone..... | 647.95 |
| Jan. | 22. | J. Edgington, coal..... | 267.04 |
| Jan. | 22. | M. Kelley, wood | 140.06 |
| Jan. | 23. | R. H. McBride, printing and advertising | 30.00 |
| Jan. | 23. | M. V. Marker, labor | 1.50 |
| Jan. | 23. | United States Express Co..... | 3.35 |
| Jan. | 29. | C. Johnson and wife, salary..... | 375.00 |
| Jan. | 29. | C. Johnson, contingent..... | 4.40 |
| Jan. | 29. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... | 109.71 |
| Feb. | 1. | O. Dillon, beef | 33.58 |
| Feb. | 1. | R. A. Wilson, glazing windows | 431.30 |
| Feb. | 1. | United States Express..... | .90 |
| Feb. | 10. | Mills & Parker, dry goods..... | 11.73 |
| Feb. | 10. | F. A. Buse, mason work | 60.00 |

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| Feb. | 10. | Eldora Terra Cotta Works | \$ 504.00 |
| Feb. | 10. | Julia Carmack, salary | 14.00 |
| Feb. | 10. | Kate Langraft, salary..... | 25.00 |
| Feb. | 12. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freight | 3.71 |
| Feb. | 14. | Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co | .90 |
| Feb. | 14. | Eldora Cornet Band..... | 15.00 |
| Feb. | 14. | J. Edgington, coal..... | 265.23 |
| Feb. | 16. | C. C. Zeigler, carpenter work | 514.21 |
| Feb. | 16. | R. Billings and wife, salary and provisions... | 128.61 |
| Feb. | 17. | C. L. Smith, dry goods | 99.20 |
| Feb. | 17. | C. Blair, teaming..... | 36.00 |
| Feb. | 19. | C. E. Marshall, salary | 35.00 |
| Feb. | 19. | Mrs. E. Piel, provisions..... | 5.39 |
| Feb. | 19. | S. S. Waldo & Co., flour | 164.76 |
| Feb. | 19. | J. N. Turner, meat | 83.96 |
| Feb. | 19. | I. O. Narum, groceries and provisions..... | 207.85 |
| Feb. | 19. | J. Hall, lumber | 28.98 |
| Feb. | 19. | Eldora Co-operative Association, plows..... | 29.25 |
| Feb. | 19. | J. H. Smith & Sons, dry goods, clothing and provisions | 143.66 |
| Feb. | 19. | Abbott & Kinsely, nails | 14.50 |
| Feb. | 19. | Tower & Smith, brick | 38.71 |
| Feb. | 19. | J. B. Chadwick, wood | 31.50 |
| Feb. | 19. | Ellsworth Bros., drugs and paints..... | 15.85 |
| Feb. | 19. | Ezra Nuckolls, repairing clocks and spoons... | 11.90 |
| Feb. | 19. | L. K. Buck & Bro., hardware and iron, etc.... | 114.70 |
| Feb. | 20. | C. H. Clark, seeds, drill and repairs..... | 45.45 |
| Feb. | 20. | W. L. Cook, provisions..... | 6.25 |
| Feb. | 20. | Jordan Bros., clover seed..... | 43.25 |
| Feb. | 20. | U. S. Express Co..... | 1.50 |
| Feb. | 21. | E. Andrews, provisions and services Building Com..... | 107.93 |
| Feb. | 21. | L. K. Eakin, blacksmith..... | 112.70 |
| Feb. | 21. | J. P. Taylor, cresting..... | 96.00 |
| Feb. | 21. | F. B. Wakeman, on stairs..... | 200.00 |
| Feb. | 22. | W. F. Hewitt and wife, salary..... | 84.17 |
| Feb. | 23. | A. A. Wells, lime..... | 61.45 |
| Feb. | 23. | Alfred Moore, provisions..... | 15.12 |
| Feb. | 23. | R. F. Skiff, provisions..... | 29.22 |
| Feb. | 24. | Gormmally & Henry, fixing roof..... | 531.65 |
| Feb. | 26. | Geo. Knowlton, singing books..... | 9.50 |
| Feb. | 26. | A. Palmer, provisions..... | 3.15 |
| Feb. | 26. | U. S. Express Co..... | 1.00 |
| Feb. | 27. | O. Munson, provisions..... | 1.80 |
| Feb. | 27. | Ellen Piel, provisions..... | 2.12 |

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| Feb. | 27. | W. R. Southard, provisions..... | \$ 85.02 |
| Feb. | 27. | Haxtun Steam Heater Co., steam fixtures..... | 1,850.00 |
| March | 5. | Lemuel Moore, provisions..... | 25.13 |
| March | 5. | D. Dillon, provisions..... | 29.08 |
| March | 5. | R. Hughes, provisions..... | 16.62 |
| March | 9. | J. Edgington, coal..... | 142.43 |
| March | 10. | S. S. Waldo & Co., flour | 35.24 |
| March | 12. | D. M. Crouse, salary | 55.00 |
| March | 12. | Julia Carmack, salary | 21.00 |
| March | 12. | Ellen Piel, provisions..... | 4.72 |
| March | 12. | Isaac Lane, teaming..... | 2.20 |
| March | 13. | D. W. Stallsmith, harness goods..... | 5.25 |
| March | 13. | M. W. Moir, labor and meal, and pump repairs. | 12.10 |
| March | 14. | C. Blair, salary..... | 43.80 |
| March | 16. | Mrs. L. Brown, salary..... | 32.00 |
| March | 16. | C. R. R. of Iowa..... | 3.05 |
| March | 16. | J. B. Hepp, new building material..... | 135.20 |
| March | 19. | W. F. Hewitt and wife, salary..... | 130.00 |
| March | 20. | D. Dillon, provisions..... | 21.51 |
| March | 20. | J. W. Densmore, salary..... | 174.66 |
| March | 20. | Lock Shank Button Co., buttons, &c..... | 5.95 |
| March | 22. | J. Edgington, P. M., postage..... | 16.30 |
| March | 22. | C. L. Smith, dry goods and clothing..... | 313.82 |
| March | 22. | Ellen Piel, provisions..... | 4.49 |
| March | 22. | United States Express Co..... | .80 |
| March | 27. | Daniel Dillon, provisions..... | 19.93 |
| March | 27. | Evan Jones, provisions..... | 29.70 |
| March | 28. | Chicago Terra Cotta Works..... | 300.00 |
| April | 2. | Robert Moore, provisions..... | 34.10 |
| April | 3. | Ellen Piel, provisions..... | 3.15 |
| April | 6. | J. B. Chadwick, provisions..... | 2.25 |
| April | 6. | E. Andrews, seed wheat and provisions..... | 133.85 |
| April | 6. | L. K. Eakins, labor..... | 10.00 |
| April | 12. | R. A. Snyder, brick..... | 650.00 |
| April | 12. | J. F. Barry, labor..... | 10.00 |
| April | 16. | Lemuel Moore, beef..... | 31.07 |
| April | 23. | Charles Johnson, incidental..... | 7.23 |
| April | 23. | J. Q. Patterson, dry goods and provisions..... | 45.91 |
| April | 25. | C. C. Zeigler, carpenter..... | 200.00 |
| April | 25. | L. Moore, provisions..... | 39.00 |
| April | 25. | Gormmally & Henry, slating roof..... | 289.25 |
| April | 25. | J. H. Hammond, drugs..... | 1.50 |
| May | 1. | Jonathan Edgington, coal..... | 181.68 |
| May | 1. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights..... | 1.15 |
| May | 1. | United States Express Co..... | .25 |

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| May | 1. | W. L. Eckhart, salary..... | \$ 75.00 |
| May | 1. | C. Drave, provisions..... | 3.30 |
| May | 5. | Hardin County Bank, discount and interest.. | 81.81 |
| May | 5. | S. S. Waldo & Co., flour..... | 325.18 |
| May | 7. | C. A. Johnson, salary..... | 72.50 |
| May | 7. | D. M. Crouse, salary..... | 275.00 |
| May | 7. | W. S. Bradley, lectures, &c..... | 108.92 |
| May | 7. | Meek Bros., cloth..... | 175.90 |
| May | 7. | Webb & Rew, lumber..... | 115.34 |
| May | 7. | M. E. Wood, library..... | 27.44 |
| May | 7. | I. K. Buck & Bro., implements, nails, &c..... | 23.95 |
| May | 7. | I. L. Hart, printing..... | 7.00 |
| May | 7. | C. H. Clark, plow and seeds..... | 26.00 |
| May | 7. | Johnson Bros., leather..... | 1.00 |
| May | 7. | R. H. Bowstead, salary..... | 65.00 |
| May | 10. | George Knowlton, singing books..... | 5.60 |
| May | 10. | E. Andrews, building com'r and expenses..... | 46.27 |
| May | 11. | Elizabeth Jones, provisions..... | 3.50 |
| May | 12. | J. B. Hepp, doors, base, &c..... | 799.80 |
| May | 12. | C. C. Zeigler, carpenter..... | 150.00 |
| May | 16. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter, stairs..... | 195.29 |
| May | 16. | G. F. Wood, provisions..... | 4.50 |
| May | 19. | George Lewison, provisions..... | 4.18 |
| May | 23. | A. M. Drake, provisions..... | 9.50 |
| May | 24. | W. S. Johnson, corn..... | 37.13 |
| May | 24. | H. H. Farman, corn..... | 15.99 |
| May | 25. | W. O. Adams, ditching..... | 79.81 |
| May | 26. | Ellen Piel, provisions..... | 9.65 |
| May | 28. | Eldora Co-operative Association, seed corn... | 1.80 |
| May | 29. | L. Devendorf, provisions..... | 1.50 |
| May | 30. | R. Billings and wife, salary..... | 198.33 |
| June | 2. | A. M. Drake, provisions..... | 9.74 |
| June | 6. | Fred Ikerman, sweet potato plants..... | 8.05 |
| June | 7. | A. & P. Telegraph Co..... | 1.00 |
| June | 12. | W. S. Preston, straw hats..... | 4.20 |
| June | 13. | H. R. Reynolds, groceries and provisions..... | 258.16 |
| June | 13. | Hardin County Bank, interest and discount.. | 21.60 |
| June | 13. | Johnson Bros., leather..... | 1.00 |
| June | 13. | M. Ackerman, pump | 14.00 |
| June | 13. | S. B. Moran, seed corn..... | 11.00 |
| June | 14. | J. F. Shultz, tire iron..... | 3.00 |
| June | 14. | L. S. Brink, salary | 25.00 |
| June | 15. | Dr. H. Fitch, medical services..... | 2.50 |
| June | 16. | A. M. Drake, provisions..... | 15.56 |
| June | 16. | Mrs. Ellen Piel, provisions..... | 11.87 |

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| June | 20. | Jonathan Edgington, coal..... | \$ 11.47 |
| June | 22. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freight..... | 1.06 |
| June | 22. | J. Race, provisions..... | 28.89 |
| June | 22. | M. W. Moir, labor..... | 9.75 |
| June | 23. | United States Express Co..... | .75 |
| June | 25. | C. A. Johnson, pursuit of boys..... | 17.17 |
| June | 26. | Clarkson Bros., printing..... | 6.00 |
| June | 28. | Mrs. L. Brown, salary..... | 16.00 |
| June | 28. | Miss Sarah Wright, salary..... | 15.00 |
| June | 29. | H. Kalde, labor..... | 26.40 |
| June | 29. | C. R. R. of Iowa, tickets..... | 25.00 |
| June | 29. | C. Johnson, clothing..... | 12.60 |
| June | 30. | M. Farrow & Co., flour..... | 152.44 |
| July | 6. | P. E. Penelerich, groceries..... | 4.50 |
| July | 6. | M. Frisbe, agent corn plow..... | 21.00 |
| July | 6. | Miss A. Liscombe, salary..... | 45.00 |
| July | 6. | Miss L. M. Nill, salary..... | 39.00 |
| July | 7. | Julia White, carpet weaving | 11.67 |
| July | 7. | Mary Wright, salary..... | 16.50 |
| July | 7. | C. C. Blair, salary | 48.20 |
| July | 9. | R. H. Bowstead, salary | 30.00 |
| July | 9. | L. Devendorf, provision..... | 11.42 |
| July | 10. | I. O. Narum, groceries and provision, and lights..... | 463.63 |
| July | 10. | L. N. Sayre, meat..... | 117.94 |
| July | 10. | Mrs. L. Brown, salary..... | 16.00 |
| July | 11. | Herman Kalder, labor..... | 18.00 |
| July | 11. | Mrs. L. Brink, salary | 20.50 |
| July | 12. | Mrs. Ellen Piel, provisions..... | 10.13 |
| July | 13. | Hawk-Eye Telegraph Co..... | 4.15 |
| July | 13. | Emma Wescott, provisions..... | 2.17 |
| July | 14. | M. Farrow & Co., flour..... | 179.38 |
| July | 14. | James Smith, corn | 5.22 |
| July | 14. | A. M. Drake, provisions..... | 11.40 |
| July | 16. | E. B. Eckhart, salary..... | 15.00 |
| July | 17. | Geo. Lewison, provisions | 4.38 |
| July | 17. | Joseph Edgington, P. M., postage | 18.00 |
| July | 17. | C. A. Johnson, salary..... | 70.00 |
| July | 23. | Mrs. E. Piel, provisions..... | 4.00 |
| July | 23. | M. E. Moore, library..... | 8.88 |
| July | 23. | H. C. Sweet, stone ware..... | 3.85 |
| July | 23. | C. Johnson and wife, salary | 500.00 |
| July | 25. | M. S. Belknap, provisions..... | 16.96 |
| July | 25. | C. A. Johnson, return of boys..... | 19.95 |
| July | 25. | E. W. Eastman, legal services..... | 6.00 |

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| July | 31. | U. S. Express..... | \$.25 |
| July | 31. | A. M. Drake, provisions..... | 16.59 |
| July | 31. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freight | 1.55 |
| July | 31. | Herman Kalder, labor..... | 17.00 |
| Aug. | 8. | H. D. Fisher, arrest of boys..... | 10.00 |
| Aug. | 8. | M. Farrow & Co., flour..... | 200.33 |
| Aug. | 8. | R. H. Bowstead, blacksmith..... | 66.00 |
| Aug. | 8. | H. E. Downer, salary..... | 42.33 |
| Aug. | 8. | L. M. Will, salary..... | 30.00 |
| Aug. | 9. | J. W. Stephens, salary..... | 59.50 |
| Aug. | 9. | Haxtun Steam Heater Co., cooking apparatus | 600.00 |
| Aug. | 9. | B. F. Frederick & Co., fire grates..... | 12.93 |
| Aug. | 13. | Hardin County Bank, discounts..... | 12.00 |
| Aug. | 13. | J. C. Moorman, carpet yarn | 2.45 |
| Aug. | 13. | Mrs. A. Leonard, sewing..... | 8.50 |
| Aug. | 13. | C. M. Runkle, cutting suit | 1.50 |
| Aug. | 13. | R. H. Bowstead, grind stone, &c., for boy..... | 6.75 |
| Aug. | 13. | H. C. Webster, corn | 12.12 |
| Aug. | 14. | J. H. Smith & Son, dry goods and groceries .. | 154.16 |
| Aug. | 16. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... | 52.50 |
| Aug. | 21. | E. P. Andrews, salary..... | 51.66 |
| Aug. | 21. | W. S. Doane, brooms | 4.00 |
| Aug. | 22. | H. S. Love, threshing grain | 50.59 |
| Aug. | 25. | M. H. Gordon, provisions..... | 6.27 |
| Aug. | 30. | Iron Fence Co., fencing..... | 4.00 |
| Aug. | 30. | Van Pelt & Beach, lasts and findings..... | 7.10 |
| Aug. | 30. | C. Johnson, expenses to Girls' Department, and fugitive expense..... | 28.95 |
| Sept. | 1. | A. M. Drake, provisions | 1.35 |
| Sept. | 8. | F. Johnson, labor | 30.00 |
| Sept. | 12. | Kate Landgraft, salary..... | 90.00 |
| Sept. | 13. | J. M. Boyd, wagon..... | 60.75 |
| Sept. | 13. | D. Wills, furniture | 16.50 |
| Sept. | 13. | Geo. Scheuler, furniture..... | 9.00 |
| Sept. | 13. | C. Blair, salary..... | 20.00 |
| Sept. | 14. | M. W. Moir, labor and provisions..... | 15.50 |
| Sept. | 14. | W. W. Means, arrest of boy..... | 1.75 |
| Sept. | 15. | D. M. Crouse and wife, salary | 385.00 |
| Sept. | 15. | M. Farrow & Co., flour..... | 137.27 |
| Sept. | 15. | Luther Devendorf, provisions..... | 21.79 |
| Sept. | 17. | C. F. Moore, provisions..... | 2.00 |
| Sept. | 20. | E. Ellingsen, provisions..... | 9.30 |
| Sept. | 21. | J. D. Seeberger, locks..... | 18.00 |
| Sept. | 21. | I. O. Narum, groceries and provisions..... | 278.14 |
| Sept. | 21. | Hardin Co. Bank, discounts..... | 20.65 |

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| Sept. | 21. | C. L. Smith, clothing and dry goods..... | \$ 381.14 |
| Sept. | 21. | Haxtun Steam Heater Co., cooking apparatus | 169.58 |
| Sept. | 24. | Mrs. L. Brown, salary..... | 32.00 |
| Sept. | 26. | Lemuel Moore, herding cattle..... | 35.00 |
| Sept. | 26. | C. B. Andrews, provisions..... | 20.75 |
| Sept. | 26. | M. S. Belknap, provisions..... | 8.56 |
| Sept. | 27. | Geo. N. Rice, blacksmith..... | 19.00 |
| Sept. | 29. | M. H. Gordon, provisions..... | 3.92 |
| Oct. | 1. | C. C. Blair, salary..... | 52.20 |
| Oct. | 1. | L. Devendorf, provisions..... | 3.08 |
| Oct. | 4. | Joshua Cresin, provisions..... | 24.00 |
| Oct. | 4. | Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co. | 3.74 |
| Oct. | 6. | L. K. Eakin, fixing engine..... | 2.00 |
| Oct. | 8. | E. B. Eckhart, salary..... | 45.00 |
| Oct. | 10. | U. S. Co..... | .50 |
| Oct. | 10. | A. Liscombe, salary..... | 60.00 |
| Oct. | 12. | J. Edgington, postage | 21.25 |
| Oct. | 12. | C. R. R. of Iowa, freights..... | 13.67 |
| Oct. | 15. | Mrs. Lucinda Tyler, salary..... | 10.13 |
| Oct. | 16. | Geo. N. Price, salary..... | 30.00 |
| Oct. | 17. | L. N. Sayre, meat..... | 84.68 |
| Oct. | 18. | W. L. Eckhart, salary..... | 34.20 |
| Oct. | 19. | B. E. Deyo, livery hire..... | 14.50 |
| Oct. | 19. | Shaver & Wood, coal..... | 121.00 |
| Oct. | 19. | W. L. Bradley & Bro., leather..... | 51.95 |
| Oct. | 19. | Haxtun Steam Heater Co., steam work..... | 144.18 |
| Oct. | 19. | Meek & Bro., cloth..... | 100.95 |
| Oct. | 19. | Northwestern Iron Fence Co., fencing..... | 100.00 |
| Oct. | 19. | O. J. McFadden, teacher..... | 70.00 |
| Oct. | 19. | J. E. Martin, teacher..... | 65.35 |
| Oct. | 22. | Christ Drive, butter..... | 15.12 |
| Oct. | 22. | F. B. Wakeman, carpenter..... | 10.00 |
| Oct. | 23. | I. K. Buck & Bro., paint, &c..... | 6.45 |
| Oct. | 26. | City Bank of Eldora, discount..... | 15.00 |
| Oct. | 26. | C. Johnson & Wife, salary..... | 125.00 |

Total amount of paid vouchers which have been examined
and approved by the Board of Trustees, and are on file
in this office.....

\$84,650.32

THE FOREGOING VOUCHERS ARE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

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| Salaries and labor..... | 13,380.15 |
| Provisions..... | 8,649.74 |
| Clothing..... | 3,536.80 |
| Fuel | 3,341.00 |
| Lights | 309.21 |
| Farm account..... | 2,182.18 |
| Fugitives..... | 331.85 |
| School expense..... | 177.02 |
| Stationery and postage..... | 275.87 |
| Library | 209.82 |
| Medical..... | 161.35 |
| Interest and discount..... | 175.37 |
| Kitchen and house furnishing..... | 958.15 |
| Current expense..... | 905.93 |
| Repairs and improvements..... | 868.03 |
| Steam heating, &c..... | 5,236.58 |
| Repairing road in Lee county..... | 200.00 |
| Family building..... | 3,276.23 |
| Coal house..... | 279.40 |
| Main building..... | 40,195.74— 84,650.32 |
| Cash on hand, Boys' Department..... | 6.53 |
| Paid vouchers, Girls' Department..... | 8,991.13 |
| Cash on hand, Girls' Department..... | 724.78— 6,822.44 |
| Total..... | \$ 94,372.76 |

RECEIPTS.

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| State warrants for support..... | \$ 38,685.00 |
| State warrants for main building..... | 40,000.00 |
| State warrants for family building..... | 3,270.42 |
| State warrants for coal house..... | 265.29 |
| State warrants for indebtedness..... | 1,800.00 |
| State warrants for steam heating, cooking, &c..... | 5,000.00 |
| State warrants for library..... | 200.00 |
| State warrants for repairing roads..... | 200.00 |
| Rebate in freights..... | 149.99 |
| Blind horses, sold..... | 50.00 |
| Hogs, sold..... | 930.83 |
| Cattle, sold..... | 40.85 |
| Work from shoe shop..... | 238.85 |
| Work from tailor shop..... | 55.93 |
| Labor of boys and horse..... | 160.00 |
| Brick, sold..... | 39.19 |
| Sundries..... | 250.70 |
| Rents..... | 2,646.70 |
| Sundries, Girls' Department..... | 224.88 |
| Cash on hand November 1, 1875, Girls' Department..... | 164.33 |
| Total..... | \$ 94,372.76 |

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY AT IOWA REFORM SCHOOL AT ELDORA

| | |
|---|-------------|
| 760 acres of land..... | \$33,400.00 |
| Main building..... | 40,000.00 |
| 3 family houses..... | 33,000.00 |
| Shop building..... | 12,000.00 |
| Barn..... | 10,000.00 |
| Carpenter and blacksmith shops..... | 1,500.00 |
| Ice house and oil room, etc..... | 735.00 |
| Coal and wood house..... | 300.00 |
| Steam heating, cooking and laundry apparatus..... | 7,000.00 |

STOCK.

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| 5 horses..... | \$ 300.00 |
| 6 mules..... | 800.00 |
| 3 yoke of oxen..... | 200.00 |
| 26 cows..... | 550.00 |
| 1 bull..... | 50.00 |
| 5 yearling steers and 10 heifers..... | 180.00 |
| 4 two year old steers and 5 heifers..... | 180.00 |
| 12 calves..... | 110.00 |
| 2 boars..... | 85.00 |
| 15 breeding sows..... | 300.00 |
| 15 hogs..... | 135.00 |
| 68 spring pigs..... | 238.00 |
| 29 small pigs..... | 29.00 |
| 3 goats..... | 3.00 |

FARM IMPLEMENTS AND TOOLS.

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Harness and saddle..... | 100.00 |
| 1 spring wagon..... | 75.00 |
| 4 farm wagons..... | 160.00 |
| 2 carts..... | 35.00 |
| 3 bobsleighs..... | 30.00 |
| 8 plows..... | 75.00 |
| 4 corn plows..... | 72.00 |
| 1 grain drill and 1 sower..... | 80.00 |
| 4 harrows..... | 32.00 |
| 1 field roller..... | 25.00 |
| 1 reaper and mower..... | 100.00 |
| 1 scythe and hedge trimmer..... | 3.00 |
| 19 forks and 22 hoes..... | 15.00 |
| 11 spades and shovels..... | 8.00 |
| 1 road scraper..... | 10.00 |
| Baskets and measures..... | |
| 2 mattocks and 1 pick..... | 1.50 |
| 2 axes and 2 post augers..... | 4.00 |
| Sacks..... | 4.00 |
| Chair vices and fixings..... | 20.00 |
| Broom machine and tools..... | 8.00 |
| Sorghum mill..... | 30.00 |
| Fanning mill..... | 30.00 |
| 2 saws..... | 8.00 |
| Chains, crowbar, etc..... | 10.00 |

HOUSE FURNISHING.

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| Large cook stove..... | 45.00 |
| 20 heating stoves..... | 400.00 |
| 5 farmer's boilers..... | 100.00 |
| 41 tables and stands..... | 127.00 |
| 180 stools..... | 85.00 |
| 6 dozen chairs..... | 100.00 |
| 90 boys' beadsteads..... | 200.00 |
| 14 bedsteads for employes..... | 80.50 |
| Mattresses, and bedding, blankets, etc..... | 981.48 |
| Carpets, oil cloth and window shades..... | 222.45 |
| Wash-stands, bureaus and mirrors..... | 133.50 |
| 6 secretaries and book-cases for teachers..... | 160.00 |
| 6 wardrobes, hat racks, etc..... | 110.00 |
| Chamber ware..... | 50.00 |
| 2 couches..... | 32.00 |
| Lamps and fixtures..... | 65.00 |
| School room furniture (seats, etc.)..... | 416.25 |
| Office desk and books, book case, medicine case, etc..... | 225.00 |
| 9 clocks | 68.00 |
| Towels and washpans..... | 10.00 |
| Dining hall wares..... | 189.00 |
| Kitchen wares..... | 55.00 |
| Bake shop, oven, etc..... | 82.00 |
| Refrigerator..... | 50.00 |
| Sinks, milk safe, etc..... | 37.00 |
| Tailor shop, sewing machines and goods..... | 347.00 |
| Shoe shop, tools and stock..... | 354.30 |
| Carpenter shop, tools and lumber..... | 44.00 |
| Blacksmith shop, tools and engineer | 199.00 |
| Stock in blacksmith shop | 26.15 |
| Laundry tubs, sad-irons, etc..... | 6.75 |
| Grain, hay, potatoes, etc..... | 3,790.00 |
| General supplies | 211.50 |
| Library..... | 400.00 |
| School bell..... | 20.00 |
| Hay scales, (reported last report) | 60.00 |
| Wind mill and pumps..... | 125.00 |
| 4 Fire extinguishers..... | 180.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 26.00 |
| Total | \$152,265.88 |

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT.

To the Trustees of the Iowa State Reform School:

GENTLEMEN:—The following report of the Girls' Department is respectfully submitted:

STATEMENT.

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| Whole number of girls received since the opening of the school..... | 84 |
| Attained majority and discharged | 12 |
| Granted leave of absence..... | 22 |
| Eloped..... | 8 |
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| Remaining..... | 42 |
| Returned from elopement..... | 8 |
| Returned from leave of absence..... | 3 |
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| Remaining November 1, 1877..... | 53 |

COMMITMENTS FROM EACH COUNTY.

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|------------------|----|
| Henry..... | 2 | Dubuque | 2 |
| Fayette | 1 | Cedar | 1 |
| Buchanan | 1 | Iowa..... | 1 |
| Winneshiek | 1 | Woodbury | 1 |
| Mahaska | 4 | Lynn | 1 |
| Jackson | 2 | Mills..... | 3 |
| Hamilton..... | 1 | Jefferson | 2 |
| Pottawattamie..... | 9 | Clinton..... | 3 |
| Washington | 2 | Scott..... | 1 |
| Harrison | 1 | Black Hawk | 1 |
| Wapello | 6 | Jones..... | 1 |
| Benton | 5 | Davis..... | 1 |
| Polk..... | 19 | Hardin | 1 |
| Lee..... | 9 | Van Buren..... | 1 |
| Delaware | 1 | | — |
| Total..... | | | 84 |

NATIVITY.

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|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Iowa | 44 | Mississippi | 1 |
| Illinois..... | 6 | Germany..... | 1 |
| Tennessee..... | 2 | Kentucky | 1 |
| New York..... | 4 | Missouri..... | 12 |
| Wisconsin | 1 | Indiana..... | 1 |
| Sweden | 2 | Michigan | 2 |
| Pennsylvania..... | 2 | Canada | 1 |
| Unknown..... | 3 | | — |
| Total..... | | | 84 |

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

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PARENTAGE.

| | | | |
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| American..... | 40 | African | 10 |
| German..... | 13 | Irish | 12 |
| English..... | 2 | Swedish | 3 |
| Scotch..... | 2 | Mulatto | 2 |
| Canadian..... | 1 | Unknown | 5 |
| | | Total..... | 84 |

BY WHOM COMMITTED.

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|--------------------------------|----|
| Judges of Supreme Courts..... | 3 |
| Judges of District Courts..... | 36 |
| Judges of Circuit Courts..... | 31 |
| Judges of Police Courts..... | 14 |
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| Total..... | 84 |

CAUSES OF COMMITMENT.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| Incorrigibility..... | 31 | Larceny..... | 11 |
| Vagrancy..... | 17 | Keeping brothel..... | 1 |
| Manslaughter..... | 1 | Prostitution..... | 10 |
| Disorderly conduct..... | 13 | | — |
| | | Total..... | 84 |

AGES.

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|--------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|
| Five years old..... | 1 | Seven years old..... | 3 |
| Nine years old..... | 3 | Ten years old..... | 2 |
| Eleven years old..... | 2 | Twelve years old..... | 4 |
| Thirteen years old..... | 4 | Fourteen years old..... | 14 |
| Fifteen years old..... | 26 | Sixteen years old..... | 15 |
| Seventeen years old..... | 8 | Eighteen years old | 2 |
| | | Total..... | 84 |

SOCIAL CONDITION.

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| Number who have lost their father..... | 23 |
| Number who have lost their mother..... | 11 |
| Number who have lost both parents..... | 21 |
| Number whose parents are separated..... | 7 |
| Number whose parents live together..... | 18 |
| Number of whom nothing is known..... | 4 |
| | — |
| Total..... | 84 |

CROPS

In this vicinity have been almost a total failure for the last three years, on account of the continued wet weather.

We cut a few acres of oats last year, while the wheat was not regarded as worth the expense of cutting. A small quantity of wheat was harvested during the past summer, but proved so poor in quality that we used it to feed the hogs in the absence of corn. As an example of the crops on a great portion of the farm, there is lying before our door, a half section of land which last spring was planted in corn, and now, after the summer's work, the amount of corn grown on the whole half section, at a most generous estimate, will not exceed one thousand bushels of an inferior quality.

Of farm products we had for the year

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| Tons of hay..... | 65 |
| Bushels of potatos..... | 85 |
| Pounds of pork..... | 1,800 |
| Bushels of sweet potatos..... | 40 |

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| Bushels of corn..... | 250 |
| Tons of hay..... | 70 |
| Pounds of pork..... | 1,600 |
| Bushels of turnips..... | 40 |
| Heads of cabbage..... | 1,000 |
| Bushels of sweet potatos..... | 25 |

The garden has always proved a valuable auxiliary to our table. It is difficult to approximate in bushels or pounds the amount and kind of garden vegetables. It is sufficient to say that during the last two years we have had a fair supply of green corn, green beans, beets, radishes, lettuce, peas, parsnips, melons, and a great abundance of tomatoes in their season.

THE SCHOOL

has been made an important feature of the work; the girls have been divided into two grades or classes, grade 1 attending school four hours in the forenoon, and grade 2 the same time in the afternoon.

Thus each girl receives four hours schooling daily, and four hours instruction in some special branch of household industry. It is but humble praise to the efficiency of our teacher, Miss Ollie Mace, to say, that we have been delighted with the success of the school. Only those who have known the very meager attainments of girls upon entering the school, can realize the rapid progress of many in their studies; and we are glad to say that the school-room is a place of attraction, and study a real pleasure, rather than a kind of mechanical drudgery.

School is in session during the whole year except a two weeks' vacation in the spring and fall. During the long evenings of the fall and winter seasons, the girls have kept up among themselves an interesting Literary Society, and so interesting has it become, that all members of the household are pleased to be guests on these important occasions.

Other evenings are also occupied very frequently by the officers of the institution, in select reading, social talks, knitting schools, prayer meetings, and various other exercises.

EMPLOYMENT.

The work of the institution is done by the girls, with such help and instruction as they receive from those having charge of the different departments.

Many of the girls are too small to do much work, thus being a care rather than a help.

Much more also might be accomplished by the aid of machinery. On this subject, however, we have maintained that it is better for the girls first to learn to work with their hands, and thus we possess no machinery, except one dilapidated sewing machine.

In addition to other household duties, the girls manufacture all their own clothing, including numberless pairs of cotton and woolen hose, bed clothes and fancy work. Hair weaving and the making of various articles of fancy work are features recently introduced in Mrs. Collins' department, and they promise not only to be a source of pleasure to the girls, but in time to become a source of revenue to the school.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We here desire to acknowledge the courtesy of publishers who have furnished the school with their publications. The following papers have been kept on file for the free access of all:

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| State Register..... | Des Moines. |
| Gate City..... | Keokuk. |
| Hawk-Eye..... | Burlington. |
| Plain Dealer..... | Ft. Madison. |
| Journal..... | Mt. Pleasant. |
| Free Press..... | Mt. Pleasant. |
| Ledger..... | Fairfield. |
| Herald..... | Oskaloosa. |
| Pilot..... | Storm Lake. |
| Gazette..... | Cedar Falls. |
| Journal..... | Bonaparte. |
| Ledger..... | Eldora. |
| St. Nicholas (furnished by Miss Mace)..... | New York. |
| Christian Union..... | New York. |
| Tribune..... | Centerville. |
| Advocate..... | New York. |

The labors of the past two years have been pleasant. We have had the co-operation and good counsel of many friends to whom we feel greatly indebted. Rev. T. E. Corkhill, a member of your Board, has strengthened and encouraged us by his frequent visits, and the "family" has come to know him as a familiar friend.

The especial kindness of Rev. R. A. Furgeson, the pastor of a neighboring church, will be long remembered and appreciated, while we trust and believe that his frequent words of counsel will prove the good seed, which, though it may have sometimes fallen on stony ground, may yet find lodgment in some crevices from which to spring forth richly productive. Nor can we pass without a tribute to those girls whose willing hearts and hands have never failed us in times of sickness, or in trials and discouragements, so often incident to a work like ours.

GENERAL REMARKS.

No restraint whatever is put upon the girls about the building and grounds, yet in the absence of all precautionary measure elopements seldom occur.

On one occasion two girls were assisted by outside parties to escape, but they were some days after, returned, when they testified in court against the person who conveyed them away.

Since the opening of the school no girl has succeeded in making a permanent escape and it can now be said, to the credit of all, there seems to be little desire among them to do so.

The health of the girls has been excellent. The scarlet fever was at one time epidemic in the school, but there were no dangerous cases and since the opening of the Institution, there has not been a single death, nor at any time a serious case of illness.

For this as for many other blessing we have enjoyed, we humbly thank our Heavenly Father, and trust that by His good care and guidance that christian grace may so pervade our home that mind and body may become strong and healthful under its divine influences.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENDITURES FROM NOV. 1, 1875, TO NOV. 1, 1877.

| 1875. | | |
|-------|--|-----------------|
| Nov. | Rebecca L. Hampton, apples..... | \$ 38.70 |
| | S. A. Correa, bibles..... | 6.80 |
| | N. R. Derby, lumber..... | 4.98 |
| | Antrim Lester, vinegar..... | 1.50 |
| | Jacob Reedes, cider..... | 7.25 |
| | J. W. Hayes, mending shoes..... | 2.80 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R., freight..... | 3.16— \$ 65.19 |
| Dec. | Julius Frankle, dress goods..... | 16.90 |
| | E. Brown, coal..... | 28.00 |
| | J. J. Parker, furniture..... | 21.00 |
| | A. Singer, Christmas candy..... | 2.20 |
| | E. E. Hampton, work..... | 5.62 |
| | J. L. Wingate, sewing mach. needles and rep'rs.. | 1.00 |
| | Joseph Horkinson, work..... | 7.00 |
| | M. F. Dougherty, furniture..... | 27.00 |
| | Leedham & Baugh..... | 3.00 |
| | H. C. Leedham, butt. door..... | 2.60 |
| | L. D. Lewelling, contingent expenses | 12.00 |
| | Ollie A. Mace, salary..... | 60.00 |
| | L. D. and Angie Lewelling, salary..... | 200.00 |
| | Mrs. Stephen Thatcher, soap..... | 1.50 |
| | George Beyerle, cabbage..... | 3.65— \$ 391.47 |
| 1876. | | |
| Jan. | Thompson Wolf, harness findings and repairs... | 6.75 |
| | I. N. Clark, butter..... | .75 |
| | Robinson Bros., dry goods..... | 2.55 |
| | R. L. Hampton, beef..... | 12.00 |
| | John Cammoch, corn..... | 66.66 |
| | Arthur Hunnicutt, work..... | 12.00 |
| | A. and A. C. Bedell, salary..... | 100.00 |
| | M. V. Banto, beef..... | 56.85 |
| | J. A. Reeves, paint..... | 3.30 |
| | J. B. Rose, P. M., stamps..... | 6.00 |
| | Tackaberry & Co., groceries..... | 55.37 |
| | Adams, Blackmar & Lyon..... | |

| 1876. | | |
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| Jan. | Pub. Co., Lesson papers, S. S..... | \$ 3.50 |
| | Zachariah Foss, barrel heads..... | 1.00 |
| | A. J. Seamen, stencil plate..... | 1.00 |
| | U. S. Express Co., package..... | .25 |
| | L. F. Millard, harness and blankets..... | 35.25 |
| | E. L. Penn & Co., dry goods..... | 92.90 |
| | P. T. Twinting, groceries..... | 6.75— \$ 465.88 |
| Feb. | J. H. Wyman, lambrequins..... | 13.34 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R., freight..... | 2.65 |
| | L. Ball, oak lumber..... | 12.66 |
| | Mills & Co., ruler and ink stand..... | 3.00 |
| | McGregor & Baines, pump valve..... | 1.00— \$ 32.65 |
| March. | Joseph Horkinson, work..... | 1.00 |
| | George Horkinson, work..... | 4.00 |
| | J. D. King, sawing wood..... | 12.00 |
| | Eliza Brant, fresh fish..... | 4.00 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R., freight | 2.05 |
| | Adolph Wershau, stone..... | .50 |
| | W. P. Maddock, feathers..... | 5.80 |
| | Weed S. M. Co., needles and repairs..... | 3.15 |
| | J. B. Rone, P. M., stamps and cards..... | 7.00 |
| | Henry Taylor, corn | 107.80 |
| | Ollie A. Mace, salary | 60.00 |
| | L. L. & Angie Lewelling, salary | 200.00— \$ 407.30 |
| April. | J. H. Cressays, returning girls..... | 10.00 |
| | James Rich, flowers and garden seeds..... | 13.55 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R., freight..... | 1.35 |
| | Albert Leonori, work..... | 30.00 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R., freight..... | .84 |
| | James Welpton, lard..... | 19.12— \$ 74.86 |
| May. | Laban Pichard, feathers..... | 13.89 |
| | D. W. Henderson, wood..... | 30.00 |
| | James Leech, mending shoes..... | 3.70 |
| | A. B. Maish, flour..... | 6.00 |
| | J. M. Treplett, dry goods..... | 97.57 |
| | Ernest Hoyer, molasses..... | 45.92 |
| | John Hayes, mending shoes..... | 1.95 |
| | Annie Phar, girls' hats..... | 10.00 |
| | J. B. Rose, P. M., postage stamps..... | 6.25 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R., freight..... | 1.25 |
| | P. C. Arnold, stoves, tinware and repairs..... | 85.35 |
| | F. A. Hunnicutt, waiting on mason..... | 2.75 |
| | Taylor & Carter, flour..... | 71.75 |
| | B. H. Frazier, wood..... | 35.00 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R., freightage..... | 1.25— 412.65 |

| 1876. | | |
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| June. | C. W. Arnold, S. S. papers..... | \$ 2.53 |
| | George Horkinson, use of corn planter..... | 5.40 |
| | Dora Currie, work..... | 2.50 |
| | H. N. Crane, books and stationery | 40.10 |
| | T. E. Hargrave, dry goods..... | 23.85 |
| | John Taylor, use of bull..... | 6.00 |
| | John Commach, corn..... | 2.33 |
| | L. D. Lewelling, sending girl home | 8.90 |
| | L. D. Lewelling, contingent expenses..... | 17.26 |
| | L. D. Lewelling, P. O. order for stove repairs... | 4.10 |
| | L. D. Lewelling, pursuing girls | 3.95 |
| | L. J. Rogers, medical attendance and medicine. | 17.00 |
| | Tackaberry & Co., groceries..... | 122.03 |
| | A. Bedell, horse and interest on note..... | 103.32 |
| | D. D. Bishop, cleaning and repairing chimneys.. | 4.00 |
| | D. W. Henderson, wood | 15.50 |
| | W. A. Geese, chickens..... | 6.75 — \$ 385.52 |
| July. | Robert Dinsmore, wood..... | 4.35 |
| | Geo. Raysher, chickens and potatoes..... | 3.50 |
| | A. M. Express Co., charges on package..... | 1.75 |
| | J. A. Edwards, lime | 3.75 |
| | Wm. Davis, cherries and gooseberries..... | 9.75 |
| | Alfred Bedell, vinegar and fruit jars..... | 4.85 |
| | N. C. Wolf, use of hay rack..... | .75 |
| | Samuel Alcott, fresh fish | 1.00 |
| | Joseph Harkniss, butter, eggs and chickens.... | 8.20 — \$ 36.90 |
| Aug. | J. D. Smith, harvesting | 3.25 |
| | Joseph Horkinson, harvesting | 3.11 |
| | G. S. Furgeson, harvesting | 8.45 |
| | Charles Bond, harvesting | 2.00 |
| | F. A. Hunnicutt, harvesting..... | 10.50 |
| | F. A. Hunnicutt, waiting on mason..... | 3.00 |
| | S. Bonnel, pears..... | 1.50 |
| | Annie Phar, girls' hats | 2.35 |
| | Chris Merriotto, brick | 7.50 |
| | Wyhe Elliott, beef | 1.85 |
| | E. Brown, coal | 23.32 |
| | Taylor & Carter, flour | 89.96 |
| | Frazier & Son, painting..... | 134.82 |
| | Benjamin Frame, plastering | 26.00 |
| | James Moody, whitewashing and plastering.... | 5.00 |
| | P. Saunders & Son, girls' hats..... | 3.75 |
| | J. B. Rose, P. M., envelopes, stamps, cards and wrappers | 17.68 — \$ 344.05 |

| 1876. | | |
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| Sept. | Wm. Kittle, meats..... | \$ 2.57 |
| | F. A. Hunnicutt, work..... | 19.50 |
| | Isaac Canada, work..... | 4.00 |
| | First National Bank, interest..... | 2.75 |
| | Glenney & Gladden, harrow..... | 16.00 |
| | D. I. Holcomb, queensware..... | 17.70 |
| | Tackaberry & Co., groceries..... | 145.89 |
| | J. H. Wyman, window curtains..... | 15.50 |
| | Robert Russell, freight..... | 1.20 |
| | L. D. Lewelling and wife, salary | 400.00 |
| | J. J. Moody, whitewashing | 4.00 |
| | Geo. Raysher, chickens | 3.85 |
| | Allice A. Mace, salary | 60.00 — \$ 692.94 |
| Oct. | P. C. Tiffany, window rack pulleys..... | 1.87 |
| | F. H. Bull, pears..... | 4.67 |
| | J. M. Triplett, groceries..... | 27.14 |
| | J. M. Triplett, hardware and woodenware..... | 53.57 |
| | J. M. Triplett, dry goods..... | 115.97 |
| | E. L. Penn & Co., dry goods..... | 72.79 |
| | Silas Taylor, fruit..... | 7.00 |
| | W. A. Geese, corn | 33.15 |
| | C. B. & Q. R. R., freight..... | 4.50 |
| | L. M. Hartley, beef..... | 30.40 |
| | M. A. Conklin, groceries..... | 18.60 |
| | J. B. Reese, postal cards..... | 1.00 |
| | L. D. Lewelling, contingent expenses | 16.75 |
| | Lucy Davis, apples and honey | 9.10 |
| | L. P. Mills, lime and lye..... | 4.45 |
| | J. Horkinson, work and beef | 6.62 |
| | Rebecca Wilson, pears | 6.00 |
| | J. F. Seargent, clock and mirror..... | 13.50 |
| | Ralph Rigby, Rey's horse rake..... | 1.00 — \$ 428.10 |
| Nov. | Boston Boot & Shoe Store, shoes..... | 41.24 |
| | P. C. Arnold, stoves, tinware, pipe, repairs..... | 23.89 |
| | Wm. Kittle, flour | 5.55 |
| | Samuel Smith, beef | 32.19 |
| | Geo. W. Horkinson, bob sled..... | 10.00 |
| | Jane Weeks, carpet chain and weaving | 11.45 |
| | Lucy A. Davis, apples | 7.92 |
| | Thomas Carroll, furniture and carpenter work.. | 19.50 |
| | D. D. Bishop, mason work | 17.00 |
| | J. B. Rose, P. M., stamps and envelopes | 8.45 |
| | A. Bedell and wife, salary | 200.00 |
| | Alice S. Mace, salary | 60.00 — \$ 437.19 |

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| Dec. | Wm. Meyhew, reward for girls..... | \$ 15.00 |
| | Tackaberry & Co., groceries..... | 91.95 |
| | M. V. Banto, beef..... | 173.76 |
| | Hambden, Russell & Co., lock and door spring.. | 1.35 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R. Co., freight..... | 3.72 |
| | F. Frazier, apples..... | 2.50 |
| | Samuel Maddock, crab apples..... | 3.00 |
| | Annie Phar, girls' hats | 17.50 |
| | L. F. Willard, harness..... | 34.40 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R. Co., freight..... | 2.20 |
| | C. Merriotto, brick..... | 12.00 |
| | Evan Marshall, medical attendance..... | 2.00 |
| | Wm. Kittle, groceries..... | 6.30 |
| | Excelsior Manufacturing Co., farmer's boiler.... | 18.33 |
| | Geo. Raysher, chickens..... | 1.95 |
| | Geo. Holt, wood..... | 10.00 |
| | Hattie Wright, salary..... | 30.00 |
| | L. M. Hartley, beef.... | 20.88 |
| | Boston Boot & Shoe Store, shoes..... | 91.05 |
| | J. H. Attwater, newspaper files and black braid pointers..... | 5.00 |
| | B. H. Crane, hardware..... | 29.38 |
| | A. Singer & Co., peaches and fire works..... | 5.70 |
| | E. L. Penn & Co., dry goods..... | 149.17 |
| | D. I. Holcomb, queensware..... | 26.10 |
| | W. F. Dougherty, mattress and chairs..... | 26.50 |
| | H. N. Crane, books, stationery and wall paper... | 14.95 |
| | Isaac Clark, butter..... | 2.33 |
| | Robert Russell, freight..... | .60 |
| | J. D. King, corn, chickens and wagon..... | 94.20 |
| | J. D. King, sawing wood..... | 12.00 |
| | Conrad Martin, cabbage and onions..... | 11.50 |
| | F. A. Hunnicutt, work..... | 4.00 |
| | L. D. & Angie Lewelling, salary..... | 200.00—\$ 1,119.32 |

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| Jan. | Alfred and Ann Bedell, salary..... | 33.33 |
| | Geo. B. Gough, cabbage and tomato plant and apples..... | 13.25 |
| | John Lamoric, mending shoes..... | 2.95 |
| | J. B. Rose, P. M., postage stamps and cards..... | 7.33 |
| | Mrs. H. H. Woodworth, dry goods and hardware | 57.41 |
| | Stephen Taylor, beef..... | 2.58 |
| | F. A. Sinclair, chairs..... | 7.00 |
| | George Thompson, outline maps..... | 18.00 |
| | S. V. McAlister, lumber..... | 7.20 |

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| Jan. | Hadley Bros. & Kane, school furniture..... | \$ 59.80 |
| | James Leech, Jr., halters and repairing harness.. | 6.40 |
| | R. Spurrin, dry goods..... | 21.37 |
| | M. Tomlinson, paints, oils and drugs..... | 15.65 |
| | Samuel Smith, beef..... | 8.52 |
| | F. H. Meyer, tea..... | 3.60 |
| | Mrs. Israel N. Clark, butter..... | 4.50 |
| | Henry Meyer, work..... | 5.00 |
| | E. Brown, coal..... | 25.42— \$ 299.11 |
| Feb. | D. D. Bishop, cleaning flues..... | 3.00 |
| | C. B. & Q. R. R. Co., freight..... | 3.85 |
| | Wm. Phar, repairing and varnishing organ. | 3.75 |
| | B. & N. R. R. Co., freight..... | 4.38 |
| | Farmers' Co-operative Store, flour..... | 100.00 |
| | John Harris, peaches..... | 5.00 |
| | I. C. Reeves, flour and meal..... | 100.48 |
| | Ernest Hoyer, apples, vinegar and butter..... | 50.07 |
| | Journal Publishing Co., printing..... | 4.00 |
| | Mahlon Jessup, fresh fish..... | 2.00 |
| | J. L. Wingate, keys..... | .40 |
| | E. L. Penn & Co., dry goods..... | 4.00 |
| | M. S. Conklin, butter, eggs, groceries, feathers... | 18.57 |
| | Mrs. I. N. Clark, butter..... | 3.99 |
| | Samuel Smith, beef..... | 8.70 |
| | Wm. Geese, corn..... | 18.00 |
| | John Hathaway, corn | 40.00— \$ 370.19 |
| March. | J. B. Rose, P. M., postal cards and stamps..... | 5.12 |
| | Robert Russell, machine needles and frieght.... | 1.75 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R. Co., freight | 1.10 |
| | Levi Cummach, wood..... | 50.00 |
| | Jacob Reed, moving house..... | 8.25 |
| | Leedham & Baugh, grocery chests..... | 20.00 |
| | O. H. Cooh, meal, apples and seed corn..... | 14.26 |
| | L. D. Lewelling, contingent expenses..... | 28.35 |
| | Fritz Hanson, salary | 140.00 |
| | | 18.13— \$ 286.96 |
| April. | B. & S. W. R. R. Co., freight..... | 2.11 |
| | Samuel Smith, beef..... | 8.70 |
| | Fritz Hanson, onions..... | 1.50 |
| | Farmers' Co-operative store, butter..... | 2.15 |
| | Schlapp & Seelig, potatoes..... | 5.00— \$ 19.46 |
| May. | Mrs. Achsa Thatcher, butter and eggs..... | 6.60 |
| | Wm. Tackaberry & Co., groceries..... | 114.60 |
| | Calvin Coats, mending spring..... | 3.00 |

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| May. | Farmers' Co-operative store, flour and groceries. | \$ 66.95 |
| | James Vick, flower and garden seeds..... | 9.58 |
| | J. B. Rose, P. M., postage stamps..... | 6.00 |
| | P. C. Arnold, stove and tinware..... | 35.20 |
| | Mrs. I. N. Clark, butter..... | 6.27 |
| | W. W. Hopkins, calcimining..... | 21.50 |
| | Ollie Mace, salary..... | 60.00 |
| | Hattie Wright, salary..... | 105.00 |
| | J. M. Triplett, dry goods..... | 128.27 |
| | Mrs. Achsa Thatcher, butter..... | 2.15 |
| | J. H. Steinmetz, harness repairs..... | 6.40 |
| | M. A. Conklin, butter and eggs..... | 3.71 |
| | O. H. King, apples and butter..... | 2.35 |
| | W. A. Geese, corn and turkeys..... | 30.80 |
| | John Wilson, lumber..... | 8.07 |
| | Edwin D. Smith, renovating mattresses..... | 12.25 |
| | William Schott, upholstering..... | 20.45 |
| | M. Case, lime..... | 1.35 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R. Co., freight..... | 4.14 |
| | H. N. Crane stationery..... | 39.77 |
| | F. H. Bull, extracting teeth..... | 3.00 |
| | P. T. Twinting, groceries..... | 104.96— \$ 802.37 |
| June. | Samuel Maddock, potatoes..... | 6.70 |
| | Benjamin Cook, seed corn..... | 4.50 |
| | Frank Hunnicutt, work..... | 9.00 |
| | L. Ball, oak lumber..... | 9.47 |
| | L. P. Mills, vegetables..... | 1.75 |
| | M. W. Mitchell..... | .50 |
| | W. A. Geese, corn and oats..... | 25.00 |
| | Mrs. Belle Collins, salary..... | 62.50 |
| | L. D. and Angie Lewelling, salary..... | 400.00— \$ 519.42 |
| July. | Tackaberry & Co., groceries..... | 156.56 |
| | Arthur Morris, work..... | 2.50 |
| | J. E. Bruce & Co., vegetables..... | 3.45 |
| | J. D. King, sawing wood..... | 13.50 |
| | B. H. Fragis, wood..... | 8.75 |
| | B. F. Mariss, potatoes..... | 10.00 |
| | James Miller, vegetables..... | 2.88 |
| | Stephen Thatcher, use of corn planter..... | 1.50 |
| | Mrs. Stephen Thatcher, butter and eggs..... | 2.60 |
| | B. & S. W. R. R. Co., freight..... | 4.74— \$ 206.51 |
| Aug. | N. Stephenson, work..... | 6.25 |
| | Robert Russell, freight..... | 3.35 |
| | Jordan Winslow, work..... | 10.12 |

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| Free Press, printing | \$ 8.00 |
| W. A. Geese, corn | 100.00 |
| J. L. Wingate, sewing machine needles..... | 2.00 |
| Jno. King, cutting grain..... | 15.00 |
| B. C. Wood, fresh fish..... | 9.24 |
| John Rhode, beef | 21.54 |
| Adam Schering, chickens..... | 6.00 |
| R. Brown, beef | 5.33 |
| Louis Thomas, potatoes..... | 10.75 |
| Jordan Winslow, harvesting..... | 7.75 |
| M. B. Walker, slating black boards..... | 11.15 |
| J. B. Rose, P. M., postage and envelopes..... | 10.15 |
| M. H. Frame, repairing black board and floor... | 4.35 |
| A. M. Express Co., charges on package..... | 1.25 |
| B. & S. W., R. R. Co., freight..... | 1.90 |
| C., B. & Q. R. R. Co., freight..... | 4.83 |
| W. P. Logan, tomatoes..... | 1 00 |
| G. M. Smith & Co., merchandise..... | 2.45 |
| M. Tomlinson, sweet potato plants..... | 1.25 |
| W. V. Banto, dry goods and groceries..... | 206.66— \$ 450.32 |
| Sept. | |
| Mrs. Kittle, sugar..... | 2 00 |
| Joseph Frazier, feathers..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. R. L. Frazier, vegetables..... | 12.80 |
| John Salber, mending shoes..... | 4.05 |
| Henry S. Brown, interest..... | 5.70 |
| J. B. Rose, P. M., postage stamps..... | 6.78 |
| Rebecca L. Frazier, apples and pumpkins..... | 6.00 |
| B. H. Frazier, mowing meadow..... | 13.00 |
| Henry Laman, potatoes | 1.30 |
| O. H. Cook, apples and beef..... | 10.88 |
| J. L. Wingate, keys and repairing..... | 1.35 |
| Geo. Holt, wood..... | 51.50 |
| Tackaberry & Co., groceries..... | 165.79 |
| Wm. G. Allbright, dry goods..... | 176.00— \$ 462.15 |
| Oct. | |
| Mrs. Mechins, grapes..... | 3.00 |
| I. N. Clark, meal and straw..... | 7.70 |
| B. & S. W. R. R. Co., freight..... | 6.17 |
| Curtis Hampton, onions..... | 3.75 |
| L. D. Lewelling, contingent expenses..... | 30.30 |
| Ollie Mace, salary..... | 100.00 |
| Belle Collins, salary..... | 50.00 |
| Emma Perkins, salary..... | 77.00— \$ 277.92 |
| Total amount of paid vouchers for two years ending October 31..... | \$ 8,991.13 |
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RECAPITULATION.

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| Books and stationery..... | 242.46 |
| Girls' clothing..... | 1,150.84 |
| Building and improvements..... | 405.00 |
| Contingent expenses..... | 190.46 |
| Fuel and lights..... | 250.26 |
| Furnishing goods..... | 557.68 |
| Implements and tools..... | 166.18 |
| Live stock..... | 109.32 |
| Salaries..... | 2,597.83 |
| Support..... | 3,221.10— 8,991.13 |
| Total indebtedness, October 31, 1847..... | 3,964.91 |
| Total..... | \$ 12,956.04 |
| Deducting from this amount extraordinary expense of building and improvements..... | 400.00 |
| Indebtedness of 1875..... | 708.93— 1,108.93 |
| Net cost of Girls' Department for two years..... | \$ 11,847.11 |

RECEIPTS.

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| Balance on hand November 1, 1875..... | \$ 164.33 |
| Received from support fund..... | 6,680.30 |
| Received from rents | 2,646.70 |
| Received from other sources..... | 224.88 |
| Total receipts for two years..... | \$9,715.91 |
| Total paid as per vouchers..... | 8,991.13 |
| Balance on hand November 1, 1877..... | \$724.78 |

PROPERTY OF GIRLS' DEPARTMENT, AS PER INVENTORY NOVEMBER 1, 1877.

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|--|------------|
| Live stock..... | \$ 800.00 |
| Farm implements and wagons..... | 300.00 |
| Fifty tons of hay..... | 400.00 |
| Carpenter tools..... | 15.00 |
| Twelve dozen brooms..... | 30.00 |
| Two grocery chests..... | 20.00 |
| Oil tank, lamps and brackets..... | 30.00 |
| School room furniture..... | 200.00 |
| School library and sc ^b ool books..... | 100.00 |
| Laundry furniture and stoves | 100.00 |
| Beds and bedding..... | 500.00 |
| Bake room furniture..... | 40.00 |
| All household furniture, including kitchen and girls' dining hall..... | 700.00 |
| Pickles and vegetables..... | 40.00 |
| Six barrels sour kraut..... | 40.00 |
| Total..... | \$3,315.00 |

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. LEWELLING, Girls' Department.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

HON. JOHN A. PARVIN, *President of the Board of Trustees Iowa Reform School:*

DEAR SIR:—I present my report as Treasurer of said School, from April 26, 1876, to date, Oct. 31, 1877, together with a statement of the account of the former Treasurer, W. L. Vestal, subsequent to his last report, to April 26, 1876, as I find from the records.

W. L. VESTAL, *in Account with Iowa Reform School:*

TO WARRANTS—SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

DR.

| | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1875. | |
| Dec. 6. | For Family Building (No. 3) |
| | \$ 503.26 |
| 1876. | |
| Jan. 31. | For Family Building..... |
| | 1,848.10 |
| Jan. 31. | For ice and coal house, &c..... |
| | 265.29 |
| Jan. 31. | For library |
| | 200.00 |
| April 20. | For indebtedness..... |
| | 1,800.00 |

CR.

| | |
|------------|---|
| 1876. | |
| Jan. 20. | By amount paid Family Building, No. 3..... |
| | \$ 503.26 |
| March 2. | By amount paid Family Building, No. 3 |
| | 1,848.10 |
| March 2. | By amount paid ice and coal house, &c..... |
| | 265.29 |
| March 2. | By amount paid library..... |
| | 200.00 |
| April 22. | By amount paid indebtedness |
| | 1,800.00 |
| | |
| Total..... | \$4,616.65—\$4,616.65 |

TO STATE WARRANTS FOR SUPPORT FUND AT \$10.00 PER MONTH:

| | DR. |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Oct. 1, 1875..... | \$ 1,690.00 |
| Nov. 15, 1875..... | 1,630.00 |
| Dec. 11, 1875..... | 1,585.00 |
| Jan. 5, 1876..... | 1,540.00 |
| Feb. 5, 1876..... | 1,535.00 |
| March 7, 1876..... | 1,575.00 |
| April 20, 1876..... | 1,660.00 |

BY AMOUNT PAID C. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT:

| | CR. |
|---------------------|--|
| Oct. 23, 1875..... | \$1,690.00 |
| Jan. 4, 1876..... | 1,630.00 |
| Feb. 4, 1876..... | 1,585.00 |
| Feb. 8, 1876..... | 1,540.00 |
| April 22, 1876..... | 1,660.00 |
| March 31, 1876..... | 150.00 |
| April 10, 1876..... | 450.00 |
| Total..... | <u>\$ 11,215.00</u> — <u>\$ 8,705.00</u> |

E. ANDREWS, TO SUPPORT FUND:

| | DR. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1876. | |
| May 12. To State Warrant..... | \$ 1,740.00 |
| June 7. To State Warrant..... | 1,670.00 |
| July 6. To State Warrant..... | 1,555.00 |
| Aug. 2. To State Warrant..... | 1,470.00 |
| Aug. 31. To State Warrant..... | 1,510.00 |
| Oct. 6. To State Warrant..... | 1,590.00 |
| Nov. 4. To State Warrant..... | 1,670.00 |
| Dec. 6. To State Warrant | 1,695.00 |
| 1877. | |
| Jan. 5. To State Warrant..... | 1,675.00 |
| Feb. 9. To State Warrant..... | 1,635.00 |
| March 7. To State Warrant..... | 1,650.00 |
| April 6. To State Warrant..... | 1,705.00 |
| May 4. To State Warrant..... | 1,720.00 |
| June 4. To State Warrant..... | 1,700.00 |
| July 5. To State Warrant..... | 1,670.00 |
| Aug. 6. To State Warrant..... | 1,700.00 |
| Sept. 17. To State Warrant..... | 1,765.00 |
| Oct. 15. To State Warrant..... | 1,860.00 |
| Total for support..... | <u>\$29,980.00</u> |

BY AMOUNT PAID C. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT:

| | CR. |
|---------------------|---|
| May 13, 1876..... | \$ 1,730.00 |
| June 7, 1876..... | 1,670.00 |
| July 6, 1876..... | 1,555.00 |
| Aug. 3, 1876 .. | 1,470.00 |
| Sept. 2, 1876..... | 1,510.00 |
| Oct. 6, 1876..... | 1,590.00 |
| Nov. 4, 1876..... | 1,670.00 |
| Dec. 12, 1876..... | 1,695.00 |
| Jan. 5, 1877..... | 1,675.00 |
| Feb. 9, 1877..... | 1,635.00 |
| March 7, 1877..... | 1,650.00 |
| April 6, 1877.... | 1,705.00 |
| May 4, 1877..... | 1,720.00 |
| June 4, 1877..... | 1,700.00 |
| July 5, 1877..... | 1,670.00 |
| Aug. 7, 1877..... | 1,700.00 |
| Sept. 17, 1877..... | 1,765.00 |
| Oct. 15, 1877..... | 1,860.00 |
| Total..... | <u>\$29,980.00</u> — <u>\$29,980.00</u> |

TO BUILDING FUND FOR MAIN BUILDING:

| | DR. |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1876. | |
| July 12. To State Warrant..... | \$ 4,215.19 |
| Aug. 2. To State Warrant..... | 6,188.05 |
| Aug. 31. To State Warrant..... | 6,475.46 |
| Oct. 6. To State Warrant..... | 8,797.24 |
| Nov. 7. To State Warrant..... | 991.18 |
| 1877. | |
| Jan. 17. To State Warrant..... | 5,901.53 |
| Feb. 16. To State Warrant..... | 5,792.53 |
| May 4. To State Warrant..... | 1,226.38 |
| Aug. 6. To State Warrant..... | 412.44 |
| Total..... | <u>\$40,000.00</u> |

BY AMOUNTS PAID C. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT:

| | Cr. | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|
| July 13, 1876..... | \$ 4,215.19 | |
| Aug. 3, 1876..... | 6,188.05 | |
| Sept. 2, 1876..... | 6,475.46 | |
| Oct. 6, 1876..... | 8,797.24 | |
| Nov. 7, 1876..... | 991.18 | |
| Jan. 17, 1877..... | 5,901.53 | |
| Feb. 16, 1877..... | 5,792.53 | |
| May 4, 1877..... | 1,226.38 | |
| Aug. 7, 1877..... | 412.44 | |
| Total | \$40,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 |

TO APPROPRIATION FOR REPAIRING ROAD IN LEE COUNTY:

| | Dr. | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--|
| June 7. To State Warrant..... | \$ 100.00 | |
| Aug. 6. To State Warrant..... | 100.00 | |

BY PAID C. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT:

| | Cr. | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| June 7, 1876..... | \$ 100.00 | |
| Aug. 7, 1877..... | 100.00 | |
| Total..... | \$ 200.00 | \$ 200.00 |

TO APPROPRIATION FOR HEATING FAMILY BUILDINGS AND FOR COOKING
AND LAUNDRY PURPOSES:

| | Dr. | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| July 12. To State Warrant..... | \$ 373.72 | |
| Aug. 6. To State Warrant..... | 2,500.00 | |
| Dec. 6. To State Warrant..... | 2,126.28 | |

BY AMOUNT PAID C. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT:

| | Cr. | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| July 13, 1876..... | \$ 373.72 | |
| Aug. 3, 1876..... | 2,500.00 | |
| Dec. 12, 1876..... | 2,126.28 | |
| Total | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 5,000.00 |

TO BALANCE OF APPROPRIATION FOR BUILDING AND FURNISHING FAMILY
BUILDING NO. 3;

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| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Oct. 6. To State Warrant..... | \$ 126.37 |
| Dec. 6. To State Warrant..... | 792.69 |

BY PAID C. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT:

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| Oct. 6. | 126.37 |
| Dec. 12. | 792.69 |
| Total..... | \$ 919.06 — \$ 919.06 |

SUMMARY.

E. Andrews, Treasurer.

Dr.

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| To support fund | \$ 29,980.00 |
| To main building fund..... | 40,000.00 |
| To road fund..... | 200.00 |
| To steam heating, &c..... | 5,000.00 |
| To Family building..... | 919.06 |

Cr.

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| By support fund..... | \$ 29,980.00 |
| By main building fund..... | 40,000.00 |
| By road fund..... | 200.00 |
| By steam heating, &c..... | 5,000.00 |
| By family building..... | 919.06 |

Total..... \$ 76,099.06 — \$ 76,099.06

In submitting the foregoing report, I wish to express my regrets that we were not able to negotiate the waraants at par; but we were obliged to dispose of a very large portion of them at discount, varying from one to ten per cent; amounting in the aggregate to \$623.72. The vouchers for which are classed with the appropriate funds in the Superintendent's financial statement. Thus making a loss to us that we were not well able to bear.

Very respectfully,

E. ANDREWS.

ARCHITECT'S REPORT.

DES MOINES, IOWA, October 1st, 1877.

HON. J. A. PARVIN, *Chairman Board of Trustees of the Iowa Reform School.*

DEAR SIR—I herewith submit my report, as Architect, of the Main Building of the Iowa Reform School, situated at Eldora.

The plans submitted to your Honorable Board, and adopted by them, contemplated a building, when entirely completed, which would meet the entire wants of the School for many years to come, and arranged with projecting wings, in such a manner that the central parts, could be erected to serve the present immediate wants, and the flanking wings built any time in the future, when the wants of the school demand it.

That portion of the Building now erected, is in dimensions, as follows, Center Building, 60 by 76 feet, wings on both flanks, each 40 by 48 feet, making a frontage of 140 feet. The basement is of rough stone 10 feet high and in the rear entirely above ground, there are three principal, and a mansard stories, making five stories in all.

The architectural style is modern gothic in its simplest details. The superstructure, including most of the inside partitions, are of brick trimmed with Le Grand marble and Terra Cotta.

The roof is covered with slate and tin so far as constructed, at present. I have no hesitation in saying it is one of the most thoroughly and economically constructed buildings owned by the State of Iowa.

At the time of the adoption of the plans, the cost of the centre building and connecting wings was estimated at \$40,000.00, based on the use of stone for the basement walls quarried near Eldora and used in the foundations of all the dormitory buildings of the school, and for most of the buildings in and around Eldora, also, in obtaining the brick, either in Eldora or manufacturing them on the school farm near the site of the building and using the help of the boys to a great extent. But on a careful examination of the stone proposed, and the application of scientific test, it proved insufficient in strength and wholly

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unfit for the foundation of so large and massive a structure, it was finally decided to use the stone quarried at Le Grand in Marshall county, it being the best, nearest and cheapest.

It being deemed impractical and imprudent to use the labor of the boys, in the manufacture of brick, and the yards at Eldora, being unable to supply so large a quantity, as required, it became necessary to obtain them elsewhere and they were finally contracted for, from the yards of Snyder & Co., at quarry in Marshall county. Both of these important materials were of course required in large quantities and the cost of transportation, from such a distance, added no small sum to the cost of the building, and again the season was the most unfavorable for many years, for building purposes, the road leading to the school, (a poor one at best) in consequence of continued heavy rains was several times in the season, for days at a time almost and wholly impassable for loaded teams causing the work at times to be entirely suspended, and delayed the completion of the exterior of the building, until the winter months, all these and other unforeseen causes, have combined to somewhat increase the cost of the building over the original estimates.

The present condition of the building is as follows:

The outside is entirely complete, with the following exceptions: stone steps, setting of terra cotta chimney tops, (which are on hand) the completion of the drains and cisterns.

The inside, as far as the basement, principal, second and third stories is concerned, it is lathed, ready to plaster, and the panelled door jambs, doors, and the entire finish of the three principal stories are on hand, ready for use. The stairs for the entire building are in position.

I would urge the attention of your Honorable Board, to the necessity of providing an adequate water supply for the use, not only, of the new building, but for all the buildings connected with the school, the present system of wells affording but a very meagre supply at times and in seasons of drought entirely fail; an abundant and never failing supply of water for an Institution of this character is not only necessary for the ordinary and sanitary uses of the inmates of the school, but as a protection against the ravages of fire to which buildings of this class are more than ordinarily liable.

There seems but two ways by which an unfailing supply can be obtained, that of drilling or boring an Artesian well or conducting the water from a never failing stream of running water or brook, distant about half a mile from the school buildings; this could only be

done by a pumping or Hydraulic apparatus, the cost of either method, would probably, be not in excess of \$2,500.00. I should have mentioned that the plan of the new building, contemplates the placing of three iron tanks, one at each end and one in the center of the mansard story, of a capacity of about twenty-five barrels each, supplied by means of a steam force pump, and from each of these tanks, a stand pipe extending to the basement and at each story a hose coupling, with hose enough attached, to reach to any part of the respective stories, this arrangement, would, I think be ample protection against fire in the new building, the floors and walls including partitions being constructed approximately fire proof; with an ample supply of water a steam pump of sufficient capacity could be arranged with sufficient hose attached, to reach any of the buildings in case of fire.

I make the following estimates for the full completion of the new building, including:

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Gas pipes and plumbing..... | \$ 8,600.00 |
| Portable gas machine..... | 1,200.00 |
| gas fixtures | 250.00 |
| elevator..... | 800.00 |
| cooking ranges | 250.00 |
| steam heating..... | 4,000.00 |
| Boiler house (fire proof)..... | 1,200.00 |
| Grates and mantles..... | 500.00 |
| Total | \$16,800.00 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BEN J. BARTLETT,
Architect and Superintendent.