

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE
FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND FARM.

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To the Fourteenth General Assembly:

The joint committee, appointed to visit the State Agricultural College and Farm, have discharged that duty and have the honor to submit the following report:

Your committee made careful examination of the buildings erected and improvements made with appropriations furnished by the Thirteenth General Assembly, and are of opinion that the funds have been expended in a careful and judicious manner. The report of the trustees, faculty, and committees, being very full and carefully made, is already in your hands, and your committee deem a reference to some parts of the report of more value than a detailed account by us, and in this connection would refer to Report of Executive and Building Committee on page 147, and to report of expenditures page 150 to 153; also, to President's report page 27.

It is well known that the time of year your committee's visit was made is not one in which the institution shows to best advantage, but from what your committee has been able to learn of the workings of the institution, we are well pleased and satisfied that its management is in good hands. The land appears to be well farmed. The horticultural department and orchard have been well attended to. The stock of all kinds were looking well and showed that the care given it was such as only our best and most careful farmers and breeders give them.

A careful examination of the stables, pens, and yards, satisfied the committee that prudence and economy were used in feeding. For number and kind of stock, see Report of Superintendent of Farm, page 70; also, Report of Stock Committee, page 200.

Of each of the pure breeds of cattle and hogs, there are some fine animals; and in this connection your committee must say that they were highly pleased to see the farm implements and machinery all carefully housed or put up so as to preserve and keep in good condition for use.

In short the committee are unanimous in their opinion, that the interest of the Institution and State have been carefully looked to in the general management of its affairs, and that a continuation of the present careful and judicious control on the part of the Trustees and Faculty, with such aid as this and future General Assemblies may see fit to give, the Iowa Agricultural College and Farm will be a success and reach the highest expectations of its most sanguine friends.

Of the wants of the institution, the committee will speak in the order of importance, as seems to them.

First—Your committee find at present no adequate means of furnishing water, the wells all having failed. At present water has to be hauled from the spring. We would therefore recommend that an appropriation of five thousand dollars be made for water supply. See report page 204.

Second.—Fifteen hundred dollars is as small a sum as will serve to partially furnish the new wings of the college building, and we would therefore recommend that this amount be appropriated.

Third.—We would recommend that an appropriation of forty-five thousand dollars be made for the erection of a physical laboratory.

Fourth.—For the erection of a house for professor, an appropriation of four thousand five hundred dollars.

Fifth.—For horticultural department, one thousand dollars.

Sixth.—For farm barn and stock, seven thousand dollars.

Seventh.—For garden-house, twenty-five hundred dollars.

E. S. McCULLOCH,

On the part of the Senate.

WM. E. EVANS,

J. S. McCLURE,

On the part of the House.

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