

SIXTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

IOWA INSTITUTION

FOR THE

EDUCATION OF THE BLIND,

LOCATED AT VINTON,

TO THE

ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

DECEMBER, 1865.

DES MOINES:  
F. W. PALMER, STATE PRINTER.  
1866.

## OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.

---

### TRUSTEES:

JAMES McQUIN, PRESIDENT.  
REED WILKINSON, SECRETARY.  
JAMES CHAPIN, TREASURER.  
ROBERT GILCHRIST,  
ELIJAH SELLS,  
JOSEPH DYSART.

### TEACHERS:

PRINCIPAL,  
REED WILKINSON.  
ASSISTANT TEACHERS,  
MRS. L. S. B. WILKINSON,  
MISS AMELIA BUTLER.  
TEACHERS OF MUSIC,  
JACOB NIERMEYER,  
MRS. JOSE P. CISNA.  
TEACHER OF MECHANICS,  
JOHN CISNA.  
TEACHER OF READ-WORK, ETC.,  
MISS A. M. RITTGERS.  
MATRON,  
MRS. N. A. MORTON.  
STEWARD,  
G. W. PERKINS.  
PHYSICIAN,  
W. P. LATHROP, M. D.

## TRUSTEES' REPORT.

---

*To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :*

Though not specially required by law to report to your Honorable Body, the Trustees of the "Institution for the Education of the Blind," beg leave to present some matters for your consideration, which to them seem essential to the future prosperity of the Institution.

Hon. Norman W. Isbell and Hon. Rush Clark, appointed Trustees by the Act of the 10th General Assembly, approved Feb. 27, 1864, failed to qualify, and Gov. Stone appointed Robert Gilchrist, of Benton county, and Joseph Dysart, of Tama county, to fill the vacancies.

When the present Board organized in August, 1864, they found the condition of affairs such as to require important changes in nearly every department. The position of Principal was tendered to and accepted by Rev. Reed Wilkinson, whose character as a ripe scholar and successful educator had been well attested by eminent citizens of our own and other States. Experience has shown the choice to be a happy one. He immediately introduced order and system throughout, and established a rigid yet parental discipline, which has been well maintained. His zealous and persistent efforts to raise the moral tone of the Institution have been crowned with success.

A majority of the Board attended the annual examination in May last, and were highly gratified with the proficiency exhibited by the pupils in the various branches usually taught in common schools and Academies, as well as in music, trades and handicraft. It was apparent that diligent exertions had been made to secure thoroughness in all attainments.

The appropriations heretofore made have been exhausted upon the main building, work-shop, and other improvements. About

twenty stoves are used to warm the rooms. It is plain that there are just so many chances for the destruction of the Institution buildings by fire. In similar Institutions in adjoining States, a heating apparatus takes the place of these stoves, thereby avoiding this almost alarming risk of fire, as well as the frequent damage to the clothing of the pupils, by coming in contact with overheated stoves. We consider that safety and economy both require the purchase and introduction of such an apparatus at an early day.

There is no insurance on the building or furniture. The Trustees doubt whether, under the law, they have authority to cause it to be insured.

It has been found necessary to keep some cows and a team at the Asylum, but great inconvenience has been felt for want of a barn for shelter, and for storage of hay and grain for their use. We therefore ask you to make an appropriation of *three thousand* dollars for the construction of a barn, wood sheds, hog pen, fencing, and other incidental improvements.

The appropriations made by the 10th General Assembly for the current expenses of the Institution were based on the prices of the necessities of life and merchandise, at the time of its sitting. You are well aware that these have greatly advanced since that time: hence it has been almost impossible during the last year to keep the current expenses within the limits of the appropriation. We see nothing to indicate the speedy return of former low prices; and in our judgment forty dollars per quarter for each pupil for the next two years will be necessary to keep up the current expenses of the Institution.

The duties of Matron are arduous. The mental, physical and moral endowments necessary for the position, but few possess. Happily for the interests of the Institution, these are found to be possessed in an eminent degree by the present incumbent, Mrs. N. A. Morton, whose rare executive ability, motherly care, and tender sympathy for the sick, entitle her to the highest praise. The Trustees consider \$250.00 an inadequate compensation, and would suggest that the salary of Matron be raised or the restriction removed, so as to allow the Board to fix her salary, as in case of all other officers and employees except the Principal.

If fostered and sustained by you in the future in the same liberal manner as hitherto, the Blind Asylum of Iowa will, ere long, be

entitled to the first rank among the charitable institutions of the country.

JAMES McQUIN, JOSEPH DYSART, ROBERT GILCHRIST, ELIJAH SELLS, JAMES CHAPIN,	}	Trustees.
--	---	-----------

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

*His Excellency, William M. Stone, Governor of Iowa :*

SIR—In compliance with an Act of the Tenth General Assembly, the seventh biennial report of the Iowa Institution for the education of the blind is herewith presented.

In discharging this duty, I am happy to report a continued and increasing prosperity of this noble State charity. I am happy to report also, a cheerful and hearty co-operation of the Trustees, Teachers and officers, in the effort to carry out the designs of its benevolent founders.

The result, by the blessing of God, has been most propitious. Our numbers have constantly increased. Content, order, and general happiness have prevailed; and the progress of the pupils in science and literature, in the mechanic arts and general culture, has been most gratifying to their friends, and eminently satisfactory to visitors from abroad who have favored us with their calls.

While thus cheered and strengthened by success achieved, we do not forget that we are not perfect. But we aim at perfection—and confidently hope, by patient and persevering efforts, to raise many a young man and young woman from a state of comparative helplessness and dependence for support on the charity of others, to a position of honor, usefulness and the ennobling independence of self support.

### OUR NUMBER.

The whole number enrolled for the time covered by this report, is sixty-three—a number as great, if not greater than has been reported at any former period. Of this number five have finished their course and left; five are temporarily absent, and one has died. The remaining fifty-three are now members of the Institution.

Eighteen of the number now present are new pupils, having never been here before.

For diligence in study, for energetic efforts for improvement, and for success in mastering the several branches of science and art, to which their attention has been directed, they are rarely excelled by any school or academy for the seeing. With teachers to guide them who are "apt to teach," they learn as fast as the seeing. And justice to the pupils requires me to say that their zeal for knowledge and persevering application to study, are worthy of all praise. The exceptions to this remark are very few indeed. The great majority evince a due appreciation of the privileges here accorded them by a wise and liberal legislation.

### TEACHERS AND OFFICERS.

This institution has six teachers besides the Principal. Two for the branches usually taught in academies—two for music, and two for the mechanical departments. Each teacher is amply qualified for his or her trust, and is kind and faithful in the discharge of every duty. This is manifest to every visitor. Their works praise them.

Nor should less be said of the Matron and Steward. Both are persons of experience, and exercise the duties of their office with a faithful and wise reference to the comfort of the household, and the best interests of the Institution.

### GOVERNMENT.

This is parental, patient, kind and decided. The discipline of the Institution aims at two things,—a proper restraint, and the formation of a good character. It is deemed to be as much the duty of the educator to aid his pupils in the formation of correct principles, as to aid them in the acquisition of useful knowledge. To train, and store the intellectual powers with knowledge, and neglect the morals, is to put a sword into the hands of a mad man. While, therefore, our principal object is to discipline the mind and store it with knowledge, the formation of character is not neglected.

### COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

This embraces, in addition to music, and the reading of Raised Print, instruction in all the branches included in the Common School system of the State.

It embraces, also, Algebra, Geometry, Intellectual and Moral Philosophy, Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, and the theory of Surveying. Especial attention is given to Music, for the reason that many of the blind are expected hereafter to give instruction in this science as a means of support. And for the same reason, all the pupils are taught some handiwork or trade. The males are taught to make brooms and brushes, and the females bead-work, knitting and sewing. In these several branches of industry they make very great proficiency.

## CURRENT EXPENSES.

The appropriations made by the last Legislature for current expenses, although very liberal, in view of what was then expected, as to the price of labor and the expense of living, yet as things have turned out, have proved quite insufficient for carrying forward the Institution with ease and comfort, to say nothing of advantage. We have had to economize in every possible way to get along at all. In a course of retrenchment we have discarded not only all luxuries, and some comforts, but have even lessened that degree of variety in articles of diet which is generally deemed essential to a healthy state of body and mind. Nor do we see any end of high prices near at hand. It is hoped, therefore, that the Legislature will be inclined so to increase their appropriations for our current expenses, that they shall correspond to the increased expense of living, since their last appropriations were made.

## NUMBER OF BLIND IN IOWA.

The number of blind persons in our State is about three hundred. In view of this fact, it might very naturally be supposed that a larger number than we now have, ought to be here. And so there should be. But the consideration of a few facts will modify our judgment on this point. This Institution is a School, and not an Asylum; an Academy, and not an Almshouse. A large part of the blind of the State are too old to go to school. A larger part, perhaps, too young. A third class are too feeble and sickly; and a few have been educated in the older States before coming to Iowa. When, therefore, the whole number in the State has been discounted to the amount of the sum total of the classes named above,

the number left of suitable age, health and capacity, to receive an education, is quite small,—considerably less than a hundred.

This opinion is the result of careful observation and inquiry. During the last vacation, the Superintendent spent forty days traveling in the service of the institution. During that time, he traveled with horse and buggy more than 1,100 miles, and thoroughly canvassed seventeen counties in the eastern part of the State. The information gained by this canvass led to the above named conclusion. The percentage of our whole number of blind, now in a course of education, is greater than in some other and older States. Greater than in Ohio or Illinois, yet there are undoubtedly many at home who ought to be here, and would be, if the character and object of the Institution, and its facilities for giving an education were more fully known.

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The appropriations made by the last legislature for improvements, have been carefully applied to the objects for which they were intended.

But our wants are not fully supplied. Other improvements are greatly needed to remedy present inconveniences, and to add the needful facilities for carrying out properly, the purposes for which this institution was founded. Among these, I may mention a new piano-forte, and some instruments for the Band. So great is our need in this regard, that nearly one-fifth of the pupils, who need lessons in the use of these instruments, cannot be accommodated.

But the Trustees in their application to the legislature for special appropriations, will specify the particular objects for which they are asked.

Tables or Schedules exhibiting the receipts and expenditures of the institution for the last two years, will accompany this report. All of which, it is hoped, will be satisfactory.

The Trustees, with equal regard to economy and utility, have taken great pains to improve the Asylum grounds. Almost all are put under cultivation; and more than 300 trees, ornamental, shade and fruit, have been planted and are doing well.

In concluding this report, allow me to remark, that the citizens of Iowa have reason to be proud of their noble State charities. They are *paying* institutions. Iowa has made herself a noble

record by the part she has borne in our late struggle for national life and existence. But her wise and benevolent legislation, as exemplified in her Common School System, and her Asylums, has contributed not less really, if less abundantly, to give her that enviable position which she now occupies amongst the rising empires of the West. To her youthful vigor and manly virtues, they give grace and beauty. They give her self-respect at home and consideration abroad. They give increased value to her lands, and attract the better class of immigrants from every country to her hospitable home. These valuable results are secured, so far as this Asylum is concerned, by a tax of only four cents per annum on each \$1000 of the taxable property of the State. These investments pay them. They are among the most remunerative of all investments of public capital.

The following tables exhibit the number of pupils who have been and are now connected with the Asylum, and such facts respecting them as the law requires. Also the receipts and expenditures for the time now reported, will be found under their appropriate heads.

Respectfully submitted,

REED WILKINSON, Superintendent.

VINTON, December, 1865.

The whole amount of current expenses from Jan. 1, 1864, to Sept 1, 1864. . . . . \$6,990.45

From September 1, 1864, to December 1, 1865, the current expenses are as follows:

Salaries of Principal and teachers. . . . .	\$2,950.00
Salary of Steward. . . . .	664.50
Salary of Matron. . . . .	325.00
Mileage of Trustees. . . . .	74.00
Labor. . . . .	1,382.92
Supplies. . . . .	423.86
Furnishing. . . . .	906.57
Repairing. . . . .	174.49
Shop expenses. . . . .	575.97
Minor improvements. . . . .	83.05
Oils, paints and drugs. . . . .	192.95
Groceries and provisions. . . . .	5,082.08
Stock feed. . . . .	187.51

Live stock purchased. . . . .	214.99
Music, and musical instruments. . . . .	94.17
Fuel. . . . .	1,270.64
Livery stable bills. . . . .	9.00
Periodicals and printing. . . . .	60.52
Stationery. . . . .	7.75
Beads for Industrial Department. . . . .	18.26
Sundries. . . . .	146.70
Medical attendance. . . . .	135.00

\$21,970.38

The mechanical departments have been well sustained, whether we judge of them by the mechanical knowledge gained by the pupils, or the amount of work done.

As I have not the means at hand of exhibiting in detail the condition of these departments for the first eight months of 1864, I give their expenses and receipts from September 1, 1864, to December 1, 1865, only.

MALE DEPARTMENT.

Received for brooms, &c., sold. . . . .	\$1,144.34
Expended for materials, same time. . . . .	575.97
Proceeds. . . . .	\$ 568.37

FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

Received for bead and worsted work. . . . .	\$332.90
Expended for materials, same time. . . . .	151.15
Proceeds. . . . .	\$181.75

NOTE.—\$33.95 worth of bead-work was contributed by the girls to the Sanitary Fair, at Chicago.





May 31, 1865. By paid Maggie Marrin, teacher, warrant No. 139.....	37 50
....."....."....."..... J. Neiermyer, teacher, warrant No. 140.....	87 50
Sept. 1,....."....."..... R. Wilkinson, Principal, warrant No. 141.....	175 00
....."....."....."..... Mrs. Morton, matron, warrant No. 142.....	62 50
....."....."....."..... J. Chapin, subs. June, July & Aug., war. No. 143.....	810 81
....."....."....."..... S. Tracy, steward, warrant No. 144.....	125 00
Oct. 18,....."....."..... J. Chapin, subsistence for Sept., warrant No. 145.....	945 90
....."....."....."..... R. Wilkinson, traveling exp., warrant No. 146.....	77 45
Dec. 2,....."....."..... Mrs. Wilkinson, teacher, warrant No. 148.....	100 00
....."....."....."..... G. W. Perkins, steward, warrant No. 155.....	112 50
....."....."....."..... J. Chapin, subsistence for Oct. and Nov., warrant No. 156.....	1,651 91
	<hr/>
	\$21,970 38

## IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.

DR.

May 11, 1864. To State Warrants, as cash.....	\$ 600 00
Sept. 4, 1864. ....".....".....".....	600 00
Oct. 20, 1864. ....".....".....".....	800 00
Jan. 30, 1865. ....".....".....".....	1,000 00
June 17, 1865. ....".....".....".....	1,000 00
Aug. 17, 1865. ....".....".....".....	1,000 00
Shop and miscellaneous sales .....	521 26
	<hr/>
	\$5,521 26

CR.

By paid M. W. Parker, for trees and setting orchard.....	\$ 218 85
....."..... W. H. Young, for fencing.....	233 96
....."..... Samuel August, for setting fence .....	28 00
....."..... J. L. Hunt, for fruit and ornamental trees.....	206 29
....."..... T. S. Palmer, for barrels.....	4 00
....."..... C. S. Merwin, for clothes wringer.....	7 00
....."..... C. S. Merwin, for willow fence.....	20 00
....."..... Brook, Sanders & Co., sundry bills for teaming.....	35 30
....."..... J. Tracy, for evergreens and setting.....	80 31
....."..... J. McCarlin, for lumber for fence.....	59 60
....."..... E. M. Stedman, for grass seed and potatoes.....	6 90
....."..... Harvey Jack, for maple seed.....	2 00
....."..... J. C. Stone, for mole ditch.....	10 80
....."..... M. Donelan, for repairing pumps, &c.....	3 00
....."..... Henry Bommer, laborer.....	47 00
....."..... D. Andrews, for breaking prairie.....	35 00
....."..... L. Ralyea, for seed oats.....	5 00
....."..... J. M. Crandall, for iron bolts.....	19 50
....."..... J. Chapin paid G. Chase for wood blocks.....	1 50
....."..... L. D. Bordwell, timber for area wall.....	40 00
....."..... Donelan, Arnold & Reed, for masonry on wall.....	623 00

By paid Donelan, Arnold & Reed, for sewers, paving, &c..	244 25
....."..... P. B. Smith, for kiln of brick.....	640 00
....."..... Watrous & Co., freight bills.....	18 00
....."..... Cutler, Witbeck & Co., lumber for railing.....	31 05
....."..... W. Stickney, for making railing.....	100 00
....."..... T. S. Palmer, paints and oil.....	18 45
....."..... J. Chapin, paid Watrous's freight bills.....	9 83
....."..... W. W. Hanford, for publishing proposals.....	4 00
....."..... Boyd & Sanderson, contract for building shop.....	2,717 35
....."..... H. Stanton, for lumber.....	11 11
....."..... William Jack, for lumber.....	2 71
....."..... J. Western, for painting.....	8 00
....."..... J. McCoy, carpenter, for repairs.....	29 50
	<hr/>
	\$5,521 26

From the foregoing it will be seen that orders have been drawn on the current expense account, and paid by the Treasurer, to the amount of \$13.30, over and above the total cash receipts from all sources.

JAMES CHAPIN, Treasurer.

MALE MEMBERS OF THE ASYLUM FOR THE TERM COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 1864.

NAMES.	AGE	RESIDENCE.	NATIVITY.	CAUSE OF BLINDNESS.	HOW LONG BLIND.	DATE OF ENTRANCE.
Jacob Bell.....	29	Monroe county.	Indiana..	Inflammation.....	Eight years.....	September 1, 1864.....
Jack Bonesteel.....	11	Benton.....	".....	".....	Partially blind.....	January 22, 1865.....
Samuel Bowman, jr.	11	Hardin.....	Indiana..	Scarlet fever.....	Eleven years.....	October 1, 1864.....
Miles P. Carpenter.....	14	Fayette.....	Illinois..	Ophthalmia.....	Six years.....	September 1, 1864.....
John Cisna.....	32	Des Moines.....	Penn.....	Small-pox.....	Twenty-two years.....	".....
William Douglass.....	18	Wayne.....	Indiana..	Neuralgia.....	Partially blind.....	".....
Patrick Dunn.....	28	Dubuque.....	Ireland..	Inflammation.....	Thirteen years.....	".....
William Hamilton.....	21	Iowa.....	Indiana..	".....	From infancy.....	".....
Franklin Hickok.....	21	Jefferson.....	Ohio.....	Small-pox.....	Three years.....	".....
Henry Hollenbeck.....	16	Black Ha'k.....	Iowa.....	Inflammation.....	From infancy.....	".....
Henry Hughes.....	19	Marshall.....	Missouri..	Accident.....	Thirteen years.....	".....
Paleman Lacy.....	18	Louisa.....	Ohio.....	Congenital.....	From infancy.....	".....
Bradford McClellan.....	11	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	Inflammation.....	Seven years.....	October 10, 1864.....
Henry McCoy.....	31	Scott.....	New York	".....	Twenty-four years.....	" 25 ".....
Jas. W. Moore.....	16	Washington.....	Iowa.....	Accident.....	Two years.....	September ".....
Stephen Muck.....	19	Woodbury.....	Illinois..	Spotted fever.....	Two years.....	" 1 ".....
Jacob Neirmeyer.....	17	Marion.....	Neth.....	Scrofula.....	Eight years.....	".....
Thos. S. Slaughter.....	14	Dallas.....	Indiana..	Accident.....	Eight years.....	".....
Charles Stevens.....	37	Scott.....	Vermont..	Inflammation.....	Three years.....	October 11, ".....
Geo. W. Tannehill.....	25	Madison.....	Illinois..	".....	Five years.....	September 1, ".....
Wm. VanWick Vail.....	10	Muscatine.....	Rhode I..	Water on the brain.....	Five years.....	".....
Edward Wetherell.....	12	Linn.....	Conn.....	Congenital.....	Partially blind.....	".....

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS.

FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE ASYLUM FOR THE TERM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1864.

NAMES.	AGE	RESIDENCE.	NATIVITY.	CAUSE OF BLINDNESS.	HOW LONG BLIND.	DATE OF ENTRANCE
Amanda Barnhart.....	11	Marion County.....	Indiana..	Fever.....	From infancy.....	September 5, 1864...
Hattie Blackman.....	16	Linn.....	Iowa.....	Scrofula.....	Five years.....	" 1, 1864.....
Jose P. Cisna.....	23	Des Moines County.....	Indiana..	Inflammation.....	From infancy.....	" 1, 1864.....
Julia Davis.....	19	Chickasaw.....	Illinois..	".....	From infancy.....	" 17, 1864.....
Kitty B. Egan.....	12	Muscatine.....	Ohio.....	Scrofula, Inflammation.	Partially blind.....	" 14, 1864.....
Levina Imbody.....	15	Linn.....	Indiana..	Inflammation.....	Five years.....	" 22, 1864.....
Maggie Marrin.....	27	Alamakee.....	Ireland..	Small-pox.....	Nineteen years.....	" 1, 1864.....
Lorana Mattice.....	21	Clinton.....	New York	Inflammation.....	Five years.....	" 1, 1864.....
M. E. McConaughay.....	14	Marion.....	Ohio.....	".....	Twelve years.....	" 5, 1864.....
Emma Norris.....	10	Black Hawk.....	Ohio.....	Congenital.....	From infancy.....	" 1, 1864.....
Eliza J. Peddycoart.....	20	Linn.....	Ohio.....	".....	From infancy.....	" 1, 1864.....
Mary Rauth.....	7	Linn.....	Iowa.....	Inflammation.....	From infancy.....	" 1, 1864.....
Mary A. Rittgers.....	23	Polk.....	Ohio.....	Nervous Fever.....	Thirteen years.....	October 28, 1864.....
Martha J. Smith.....	22	Linn.....	Ohio.....	Inflammation.....	Seven years.....	" 1864.....
Levina E. Tannyhill.....	14	Davis.....	Iowa.....	Measles.....	Six years.....	" 1, 1864.....
Mollie E. Terry.....	18	Muscatine.....	Illinois..	Inflammation.....	Partially blind.....	" 14, 1864.....
Mary M. Vanausdol.....	16	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	".....	Six years.....	" 15, 1864.....
Mary Welch.....	13	Marion.....	Ohio.....	Unknown.....	From infancy.....	September 5, 1864.....
Jennie M. Wilson.....	17	Linn.....	Ohio.....	Congenital.....	From infancy.....	" 1, 1864.....
Lodema Wilson.....	9	Davis.....	Iowa.....	".....	From infancy.....	" 1, 1864.....

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS.

MALE MEMBERS OF THE ASYLUM FOR THE TERM COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 1865.

NAMES.	AGE	RESIDENCE.	NATIVITY.	CAUSE OF BLINDNESS.	HOW LONG BLIND.	DATE OF ENTRANCE.
Samuel Bowman, Jr.	12	Hardin County.	Indiana.	Scarlet Fever	Twelve years.	September.
Jack Bonesteel.	12	Benton	"	Inflammation.	Four years.	"
Albert Burdick.	17	Marion	"	"	Ten years.	"
Miles P. Carpenter	15	Fayette	Illinois	Ophthalmia.	Partially blind	"
John Cisna.	33	Des Moines	Penn.	Small-pox.	Twenty-three years.	"
J. L. Christian.	25	Van Buren	Tenn.	"	One year.	"
E. G. Cook.	28	Muscatine	Maine.	Prur. inflammation.	"	"
Patrick Dunn.	29	Dubuque.	Ireland	Inflammation.	Fourteen years.	"
Wm. Douglass	19	Wayne	Indiana	Neuralgia.	Seven years.	October.
Casper Frech.	17	Lee.	Germany.	Inflammation.	From infancy.	September.
Ashbel C. Ferreby.	16	Linn.	New York.	Cataract.	Six years.	"
Wm. Hamilton.	21	Iowa.	Indiana	Inflammation.	From infancy.	"
J. W. Hawkins.	23	Marshall.	Virginia	"	Four years.	"
Wm. H. Horrax.	16	Ringgold.	Illinois.	Scarlet Fever.	Two years.	"
Henry Hollenbeck.	16	Bl'k Hawk.	Iowa.	Inflammation.	From infancy.	"
Franklin Hickok.	21	Jefferson.	Ohio.	Small-pox.	Three years.	"
Virgil Long.	22	Marshall.	Illinois.	Typhoid Fever.	One year.	"
James W. Moore.	17	Wash'gton.	Iowa.	Accident.	Three years.	"
Stephen Muck.	20	Woodbury.	Illinois.	Spotted Fever.	"	"
James L. Noblett.	15	Appanoose	New York.	Accident.	Two years.	"
Jacob Neirmeyer.	18	Marion	Neth.	Scrofula.	Nine years.	"
M. E. Prine.	20	Mahaska	Indiana.	Inflammation.	One year.	"
G. W. Patterson.	25	Des Moines	Ohio.	Flame of burning hosp'l	Two years.	"
Thos. S. Slaughter.	15	Dallas.	Indiana.	Accident.	Nine years.	"
G. W. Tannehill	26	Madison.	Illinois.	Inflammation.	Six years.	"
Wm. Thompson.	39	Jefferson.	Ireland.	"	Three years.	"
Edward Wetherell.	13	Linn.	R. Island.	Congenital.	Partially blind.	"
Wm. T. Schofield.	26	Muscatine.	Ohio.	Accident.	Twelve years.	December

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS.

FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE ASYLUM FOR THE TERM COMMENCING SEPT. 1, 1865.

NAMES.	AGE	RESIDENCE.	NATIVITY.	CAUSE OF BLINDNESS.	HOW LONG BLIND.	DATE OF ENTRANCE.
Hattie Blackman.	17	Linn County.	Iowa.	Scrofula.	Six years.	September.
Ella Bay.	11	Iowa City.	Iowa.	Measles.	Five years.	"
Jose P. Cisna.	24	Des Moines County	Ind.	Inflammation.	From infancy.	"
Rosana Celes.	15	Lee	Ohio.	Measles.	Twelve years.	"
Phebe M. Caldwell.	24	Benton.	Penn.	Scrofula.	From infancy.	November.
Julia Davis.	20	Chickasaw.	Ills.	Inflammation.	From infancy.	September
Kitty Egan.	13	Muscatine	Ohio.	Scrofula, Inflammation.	Partially blind	"
Mary E. Gardner.	10	Fayette.	Penn.	Accident.	Four years.	"
Mary A. Johnson.	39	Lee.	Penn.	Inflammation	Three years.	"
M. E. McConnaughay	17	Marion.	Ohio.	"	Thirteen years.	"
Lorana Maltice.	21	Clinton.	N. Y.	"	Six years.	"
Laura Minkler.	17	Delaware.	Ohio.	"	From infancy.	"
Emma Norris.	11	Black Hawk	Ohio.	Congenital.	From infancy.	"
E. J. Peddycoart.	21	Linn.	Ohio.	"	From infancy.	"
Sarah A. Rowan.	19	Keokuk.	Tenn.	Inflammation	Nine years.	"
Mary Rauth.	7	Linn.	Iowa.	"	Infancy.	"
Mary A. Rittgers.	23	Polk.	Ohio.	Nervous Fever.	Fourteen years.	"
Martha J. Smith.	23	Linn.	Ohio.	Inflammation.	Seven years.	October
Eliza E. Rubell.	11	Wapello.	Tenn.	"	Three years.	"
Mollie E. Terry.	18	Muscatine	Illinois.	"	Partially blind.	September.
Mary J. St. Peters.	11	Benton.	Vermont.	"	Two years.	"
Carrie Tillatson.	23	Story.	C. E.	Accident.	Fifteen years.	"
Mattie Viers.	20	Washington	Ohio.	Scrofula.	Thirteen years.	"
Jennie M. Wilson.	18	Linn.	Ohio.	Cataract.	From infancy.	"
Lodema A. Wilson.	10	Davis.	Iowa.	Congenital.	From infancy.	"

CATALOGUE OF PUPILS.

A TABLE EXHIBITING THE ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR EACH DAY  
IN THE WEEK.

Pupils rise at 6 o'clock, A. M.	
Breakfast at 6½ " "	
Recreation.	
Morning Service, 7:20 to 8 A. M.	
Three classes in Arithmetic, from 8 to 9 A. M., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.	
Three classes in English Grammar, from 8 to 9 A. M., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.	
A class in Physiology from 9 to 10 A. M.,	} On Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
A class in reading raised print from 9 to 10,	
2 classes in Orthography, with defin's, 9 to 10, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.	
A class in Algebra, from 10 to 11.....	} Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
A class in Writing, from 10 to 11.....	
A class in Mental Philosophy, 10 to 11....	} Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday
A class in Physical Geography, 10 to 11..	
A class in History, from 11 to 12.....	} Each day, except Sunday.
Orchestra, from 11 to 12.....	
Dine at 12 o'clock each day.	
A class in Geometry, from 1 to 2 P. M....	} Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
A class in Writing, from 1 to 2 P. M.....	
A class in reading Raised Print, from 2 to 3, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.	
A class in Geography, from 2 to 3, Tuesday and Thursday.	
Two classes in Mechanical department, from 2 to 4 each day.	
Choir, from 4 to 5 each day.	
Recreation, from 5 to 6 o'clock each day.	
Supper at 6 o'clock each day.	
Music from 6 to 7.	
Class in English Literature, from 7 to 8 each day.	
Class in theory and composition of Music, from 8 to 9, Monday and Thursday.	
On Sabbath, Bible Class from 8 to 9 o'clock A. M.	
On Sabbath, Lecture from 3 to 4 P. M.	
Pupils attend church at such places as they or their parents or guardians prefer	

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.

This school is strictly educational, and not for the treatment of disease. The annual term commences the first Wednesday in September and closes the fourth Wednesday of June, giving July and August as a vacation in which the pupils visit their homes and friends.

Scholars from Iowa, of suitable age and capacity for education, and who conform to the regulations of the institution, will receive their boarding and instruction at the expense of the institution. Their friends will be expected to furnish them with a competent supply of clothing, and to be at the expense of their traveling to and from the institution.

Pupils may be admitted from other States upon payment of \$170 per annum.

Applications should be addressed to Reed Wilkinson, Principal, Vinton, Benton county, Iowa, and should contain answers to the following questions:

1st: What is the name, age, residence, nativity and cause of blindness of the applicant? Who is the nearest friend, and to what post-office should the reply be sent?

2d: Is the applicant of sound mind, free from contagious diseases, and of sufficient physical strength to receive an education?

3d: Is he or she totally blind? If not, is the degree of blindness such as to prevent the acquirement of an education in a school for the seeing?

4th: How has the applicant been heretofore employed? What instruction has he or she received, and at what age did he or she become blind?

5th: Who will provide clothing for the applicant, and take charge of him or her during vacation?

Upon proper answers to the foregoing questions, parties interested will be notified as to the result of the application.

## NOTE.

The thanks of the teachers and pupils of the Iowa Institution for the Education of the Blind, are hereby tendered to the proprietors of the following newspapers: "Iowa State Register," "Cedar Valley Times," and "Vinton Eagle," for a copy of each sent weekly and gratuitously to the Institution.