

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE
TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE-MINDED CHILDREN
LOCATED AT
GLENWOOD.

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REPORT.

To the Twenty-first General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Your committee, appointed under a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, to examine and report the condition and management of the Institution for Feeble-Minded Children, desire to submit the following report:

This Institution is beautifully located upon elevated ground, lying directly south of and immediately adjoining the town of Glenwood, in Mills county. The site is indeed a commanding one, overlooking as it does not only the little city that is planted upon the hillside just across the narrow valley, but the surrounding country as well, and from the grounds about the buildings may be distinctly seen the hills of Nebraska, lying beyond the banks of the Missouri river, some ten miles to the westward.

We were cordially received by Superintendent Powell and his good wife, as well as by the resident Trustee, Mr. Woodrow. We remained upon the premises during Friday, Saturday and Sabbath, February —, — and —, and quite faithfully employed ourselves in carefully examining the premises and buildings, and diligently inquired into the affairs and management of the Institution in its various departments.

We were deeply impressed with the good work that was being done there.

The various departments are plain in their finish and furnishings; and extreme neatness and cleanliness characterize every room and corridor, from cellar to garret.

The children were clean and tidy in their appearance, and their countenances gave evidence that they were kindly treated, not only by the Superintendent but also by the teachers and other employees.

The total average attendance of pupils during the past biennial period was 245.

The total average cost per capita to the State during same period was \$168.94 per annum.

Cost per capita for salaries.....	\$ 61.81
Cost per capita for other expenses....	107.13
Total.....	\$168.94

The above does not include cost of transportation or clothing, which is paid either by parent or guardian, or by the county from which the child is sent.

Of the entire number who are received into this Institution, possibly one out of every twenty five, after they have been there for a number of years and have been in a measure trained and educated by those in charge, may be again sent out into the world, and will be able in the main to care for and support themselves. The remainder are destined to be dependent and helpless as long as they live.

In looking over the improvements which have been made, and the books which show the several items of expense, we unanimously concluded that the various funds have been judiciously and economically expended for the particular purposes for which the different appropriations were made.

The books of the Institution show no outstanding indebtedness, and the Superintendent and resident Trustee assured us that there was no unpaid claim of any kind.

The sanitary condition of the building, as well as the immediate surroundings, are, in the judgment of your committee, better than those of most public institutions. The location being high the drainage is good, and as there is a fair supply of water and good washing and bathing facilities in the different buildings, a religious sentiment seems to prevail throughout the place that "cleanliness is next to Godliness." Consequently, not only the various apartments but the persons and clothing of the inmates and those in charge give indisputable evidence of a free use of water. Indeed, the influence of our surroundings was so great that the members of the committee, during their stay, fell into the habit of washing their hands and faces each morning before breakfast.

The new building erected during the past year, is a plain yet fine-looking brick structure, and is entirely enclosed. It is solidly and substantially built, and certainly well worth the amount invested

(about \$35,000). It is three stories in height above the basement, is well lighted, and is built in the form of a letter T, the extreme length being 149 feet east and west, and 159 north and south. It has yet to be finished inside, and about \$35,000, in the judgment of the committee, could be wisely invested in finishing the building ready for occupancy.

About \$1,800 was wisely expended in the erection of a cottage for the use of the lady teachers, which affords them neat and pleasant apartments; and they manifest their appreciation of their new home in the tasteful adornment of their rooms. Indeed, the "ladies' man" of the committee on the part of the House, was quite overcome by the coziness of the cottage.

The committee are fully aware that the financial condition of the State is not such as to justify large appropriations at this session, but certainly the claims of the Institution upon the good people of Iowa are very great; and this new building should, if possible, be completed for occupancy, in order that provision be made to properly care for the large number of unfortunate children, who are so feeble in mind that their very weakness appeals to our common humanity to furnish that help which, in their sad state, they know not how nor where to obtain for themselves.

We ask our brothers in the Legislature to be as generous as possible to the Institution, and the poor children who cannot now obtain shelter there.

We suggest such a change in the law as will enlarge the ordinary fund so as to pay all salaries, and then inhibit the use of any other fund for such purpose.

The committee are satisfied that this Institution asks no greater appropriation than is really needed, but in case all appropriations are cut down as they doubtless will be, we would be glad to suggest to the Appropriation Committee, wherein the changes, if any, should be made.

A tract of nineteen acres of land adjoining the farm on the northeast is greatly needed, and we indorse the request made for its purchase.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF ALL EMPLOYES WITH THE SALARIES OF EACH.

NAMES.	SERVICE.	WAGES.
F. M. Powell	Superintendent	\$1,800.00 per yr.
Mrs. L. M. Powell	Matron	500.00 per yr.
Emma Brown	Assistant matron	40.00 per mo.
A. L. Burt	Assistant physician	30.00 per mo.
T. Q. Recordo	Clerk	50.00 per mo.
Mar. Libby	Secretary	25.00 per mo.
Mary E. Slack	Nurse	22.00 per mo.
P. G. Ibach	Boy supervisor	40.00 per mo.
J. M. Bush	Attendant	20.00 per mo.
Valentine Hart	Attendant	20.00 per mo.
R. A. Mills	Attendant	22.00 per mo.
John Leach	Attendant	20.00 per mo.
John Straub	Watchman	20.00 per mo.
Lillie Robinson	Girls supervisor	28.00 per mo.
Louise Henning	Attendant	22.00 per mo.
Cynthia Balbour	Attendant	16.00 per mo.
S. E. Anderson	Attendant	18.00 per mo.
Maggy Benefiel	Attendant	15.00 per mo.
Emma Hinkley	Attendant	16.00 per mo.
Maggie Wood	Housekeeper	35.00 per mo.
Enney Kenney	Cook	18.00 per mo.
Libbie Van Druff	Cook	16.00 per mo.
Cora Vaughn	Dining room girl	12.00 per mo.
Kittie Benefiel	Dining room girl	13.00 per mo.
Frances Kinney	Dining room girl	16.00 per mo.
Sarah Minette	Watch woman	20.00 per mo.
John Donnelly	Laundrer	20.00 per mo.
Sarah Allsup	Laundress	16.00 per mo.
Lizzie Spencer	Ironer	16.00 per mo.
Maggie Gillespie	Ironer	15.00 per mo.
Phœma Helton	Seamstress	16.00 per mo.
Ida Holmes	Seamstress	16.00 per mo.
Jennie Blakely	Seamstress	16.00 per mo.
Lillie Thompson	Hall girl	16.00 per mo.
D. K. Donnelly	Engineer	75.00 per mo.
Thomas Clune	Day fireman	35.00 per mo.
R. C. White	Night fireman	25.00 per mo.
J. W. Miller	Farmer	33.33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per mo.
A. J. Miller	Farm-hand	20.00 per mo.
E. W. Durt	Hostler	24.00 per mo.
W. C. Heckendom	Carpenter	50.00 per mo.
Frank Deerwester	Painter	15.00 per mo.
William Tillmann	Shoe maker	50.00 per mo.
W. P. Newell	Broom maker	40.00 per mo.
Ella Frazee	Teacher	50.00 per mo.
Nellie Hunton	Teacher	35.00 per mo.
Anna Townsend	Teacher	35.00 per mo.
May Powell	Teacher	35.00 per mo.
Mattie McLean	Teacher	35.00 per mo.
Amy Robinson	Teacher	20.00 per mo.

Total number employed..... 50

Total wages per month.....\$ 1,444.00

The list seems large, but we are not prepared to say that the number could be safely reduced, for while the list shows one employe for each five inmates, yet when the helpless condition of these unfortunates is considered, the necessity for the large number is at once manifested.

Respectfully submitted.

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Committee on part of Senate,

J. A. LYONS,
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Committee on part of House.