

and there has seemed to be a reluctance on the part of the officers of the proper Departments to take up and consider the matter. *

I have used my best efforts to secure an adjustment of the said land grant, and to get the lands certified to the State.

I am now encouraged to believe that as soon as the proposed settlement by offset can be consummated I can make a full and satisfactory adjustment with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, so that he will certify the lands to the State without any further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. KILBOURNE,

Agent.

KEOKUK, January 4th, 1866.

EIGHTH BIENNIAL REPORT

OF THE

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FOR THE


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TO THE

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To the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

In connection with the accompanying financial report of the Asylum for the Blind, the undersigned, members of the Board of Trustees, beg leave to submit the following suggestions, which they trust may not be deemed inappropriate at this time.

We are gratified to be able to state that the Institution was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present. The attendance was never before so large, the pupils so generally healthy and contented, and the entire machinery moving in such perfect order and harmony as now.

Since our last report the resignation of Rev. Reed Wilkinson, as principal, has necessitated a change in that important position, and we deem ourselves very fortunate in having secured for that place the services of General J. L. Geddes, whose reputation as a brave and accomplished soldier in the late civil strife has rendered his name familiar in all parts of the State. His services in the Institution during the present term have already fully demonstrated that he is the right man in the right place; and under his efficient management every department gives evidence of increased tone and vigor.

The appropriations heretofore made for the general expenses of the Institution are found to be amply sufficient for its ordinary wants, and nothing further is needed in that regard. But we desire to say that there is a matter of the utmost importance to the Institution which has hitherto been much overlooked, but which we hope will be seriously considered. We refer to the musical department. It is hardly necessary, we apprehend, to call attention to the fact, that the musical education of the blind is by far the most important of all the attainments conferred upon them here. Aside from the direct pecuniary advantages which it gives

them, the amount of consolation and enjoyment which it affords them during the long dreary night of their existence, can hardly be estimated. The General Assembly is not at fault in this matter. All the real wants and necessities of this class of our fellow citizens, which have been presented to that body in past years, have been generously met. The fault hitherto has been with the managers of the Institution in overlooking and failing to call attention to its needs.

By way of explanation we would say that at the time of the removal of the asylum to this place, and for some years prior thereto, the musical department was under the management of Professor S. H. Price, a young man, himself blind, and then recently a graduate of the Illinois Institution for the Blind, and owing to his then comparative youth and inexperience, he was devoting his services for a mere pittance of from \$300 to \$400 per annum. While this continued no necessity was felt for a change in legislation as to the salary of a musical professor. But three years ago he left the Institution on account of inadequacy of compensation, since which time the statutory limitations placed upon the salary to be allowed all teachers, except the principal, has rendered it impossible to procure competent musical instruction, and we have, therefore, been compelled to intrust the management of that department to advanced pupils—with what results may readily be conceived. At the commencement of the present term we again succeeded in procuring the services of Professor Price, but it has only been with the understanding that an appeal would be made to the General Assembly to enlarge the salary allowed for that position, meanwhile he remains at the maximum rates which the statute permits us to give. The professor is doubtless one of the ablest music teachers in the State, and peculiarly qualified for this position, and we are well satisfied that it would scarcely be possible to supply his place here. We trust the law may be so changed as to enable us to offer a fair compensation for the requisite talent for the position.

Again, the musical instruments in use here are almost literally worn out. This is especially true of the pianos. There is an imperative necessity for three new instruments to supply the wants of the pupils. The instruments now in use, for the most part, cannot possibly be made to serve any kind of purpose till the

meeting of another Legislature; and if suitable provision is not now made, that important branch of education must be neglected.

In addition to this the Institution has long needed, and we think should be supplied with, a suitable *organ*. The vocal exercises cannot be properly conducted without it; and when it is remembered that such an instrument, with slight repairs, would last almost as long as the Institution itself, we are led to hope that this very important item will receive your favorable consideration.

We would not call attention to these wants of the Institution, did we not deem them of pressing importance, and knowing that the matter has been too long neglected. We now, in behalf of the Institution, and of those unfortunates whose lives are blest and made enduring by its instrumentality, ask your favorable and generous consideration of the necessities we have thus presented.

JAS. McQUINN,	} Members of Board of Trustees.
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JOS. DYSART,	
C. H. CONKLIN,	

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

His Excellency, Wm. M. Stone, Governor of Iowa :

SIR:—In conformity with an act of the Tenth General Assembly, I have the honor to present the Eighth Biennial Report of the Iowa Institution for the Education of the Blind.

It is a source of much gratification to be able to report the continued prosperity of the Institution. The past two years' experience has but served to increase the conviction of its utility; and the gratifying results attained in the moral and intellectual training of the blind, must continue to commend it to the fostering care of the Legislature.

LOCATION.

The Institution is beautifully located, on a gentle eminence immediately west of the corporate limits of the town of Vinton, in the county of Benton. The view from the cupola of the building is very fine, presenting to the spectator an epitome of our lovely State. The undulating prairie extending from the south and west of the building as far as the eye can pierce is dotted with numerous groves, farm and school houses, thus bearing upon its bosom the impress of an industrious thrifty and intelligent population.

Looking towards the north and east, distant about one-half mile, the Cedar river, with its dense fringe of excellent timber, bursts upon the view. On its right bank is situated the enterprising town of Vinton, with a railroad in process of completion—a link in the great iron artery which will soon connect St. Paul, Minn., with St. Louis, Mo.—and destined ere long to become a great manufacturing centre. The salubrity of the climate is unsurpassed in this State, of which fact the uninterrupted good health of the inmates of the Institution is sufficient evidence. The grounds belonging to the Institution, comprise forty acres of

excellent land, divided into ten acre lots, one of which contains a thriving young orchard, also shade trees and ornamental shrubbery. The other lots are used for pasture and raising corn for the manufacture of brooms.

BUILDINGS.

The buildings for the use of the Institution are commodious and consist of the main building, which is built of an excellent quality of stone taken from quarries in the vicinity, and presents a handsome and imposing appearance. Its massive and elegant style of architecture is surpassed by very few public buildings in the State.

The broom and brush factory is a large two story brick, situated about two rods from S. W. angle of the main building, and is admirably arranged and supplied with the machinery necessary for the manufacture of brooms and brushes.

The barn, stable and sheds are placed in rear of the main building, are built of wood, and answer well the purposes for which they were erected.

NUMBER OF PUPILS.

The number of pupils enrolled during the period covered by this report is seventy-eight; the average attendance, fifty. The number present this term, which commenced on the 1st September, is fifty, which I am informed are as many as have ever been in attendance at the commencement of a term. As a usual thing, all the pupils do not arrive until about the second quarter of each term.

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS.

The Institution has five teachers, besides the Principal; two for the literary, one for the musical, and two for the industrial departments.

The literary department is conducted by Miss Lizzie Kiddoo and Miss Jennie L. Wilson. These ladies are well qualified for the position, and are kind and devoted in the discharge of their important duties.

The music department is under the direction of Professor S. H. Rice. It is unnecessary for me to say anything in regard to the qualifications of this gentleman. His proficiency in the science of

music, and his success in teaching the blind, is well known both in this State and Illinois.

Mr. John Cisna teaches in the male mechanical department of the Institution, which embraces the manufacture of brooms and brushes. Mr. Cisna has been connected with the Institution as teacher in this department for a number of years, and is eminently successful, although blind himself, in teaching the trade to others. Many who received their instruction from him, are now making a comfortable living by manufacturing brooms and brushes.

Miss Anna Mary Rittgers teaches in the industrial department for the females, which embraces fancy bead work, sewing, and knitting. Miss Rittgers has also been a teacher in the Institution for a number of years, and is well qualified for directing this branch of instruction.

The Matron of the Institution is Mrs. N. T. Morton, a lady eminently fitted for the discharge of the onerous duties belonging to this important office, and her long experience in that capacity renders her services exceedingly valuable.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

The course of studies for the past two years has consisted of reading in raised print, writing, spelling, history, ancient and modern grammar, geography, rhetoric, logic, and belles lettres, natural, moral, and mental philosophy, arithmetic, mental and written, algebra and geometry. It is truly astonishing to witness the industry evinced, and the proficiency attained in most of those branches of learning, and more especially in the mathematics.

Under the able supervision of Professor Price, our music department is in a very flourishing condition. Music is an important feature in our course of instruction, and all who possess good musical talent, receive not merely a superficial knowledge of the art, but a systematic and thorough course of training, so as to enable them to become successful teachers.

In the mechanical departments the same thoroughness is maintained. The male pupils are taught to make brooms and brushes, and the females bead work, sewing and knitting.

GOVERNMENT.

The comparatively helpless condition of the blind brings them

in more immediate contact with the teachers and officers of the Institution than is permitted in schools of a similar character for seeing. As a consequence the government partakes largely of a parental character, but while it is kind and patient, it is also just and decided.

The blind, as a result of their infirmity, have some peculiarities. In youth they appear to be very happy, and even gay, but as they arrive at maturer age, they seem more disposed to be restless, uneasy, desirous of change, and discontented with their condition. They seem generally endowed with keen perceptions, and are usually admirable judges of character. Although grateful for any kindness shown them, they seem to repel any expression of sympathy, especially from the curious, and from that reason apparently they choose their associates from among their own class in preference to all others.

CAPABILITY OF THE BLIND.

Mathematics, philosophy and music, appear to be the studies which suit the peculiar bent of their minds, and to which they devote their attention with the greatest perseverance and pleasure. The facility they evince in the acquisition of knowledge is very great, and they appear capable of receiving the highest degree of intellectual culture.

The number of blind persons who have attained distinction in art and science is very large, and it seems to me very evident that the only obstacle to their improvement and attainments in knowledge, equal to that of the seeing, would arise from the want of the apparatus necessary to impart the instruction.

We have pupils here at present who received their instruction at this Institution, that are intimately acquainted with every proposition and able to demonstrate every problem in Davis' Legendre, orally, with the greatest accuracy and ease. The impression of geometrical figures, when once understood, is indelibly fixed upon their minds, and seems to pass in panoramic view at their pleasure. The same seems to be the case in music. The diagrams of the various musical scales appear in bold relief to their imaginations, and they are able to read them there with as much readiness and ease as can the seeing from a music book. Their ability to impart knowledge, especially to those of their own class, is as great as

can be found among the seeing. The material is always ready, and their illustrations generally are very happy.

This characteristic I have had ample opportunity of observing, as we employ many of the pupils as assistant teachers. During the past and present term, Mr. George Tannahill, a pupil of the Institution, and totally blind, has taught a class in the higher mathematics very successfully, and I think him well qualified to teach that important branch of knowledge in any of our State schools and colleges. Mr. Frank Hickok and Miss Laura Minkler are well advanced in mathematics, and have made most successful teachers in the Institution.

In the music department, Mr. Sylvanus Slaughter, Mr. Jacob Niemyer and Mrs. Jose Cisna, pupils in the Institution, and totally blind, have proved their ability to teach in an eminent degree. They also have been employed as assistants during the past and present term.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

The following is the order of exercises for each day, except the afternoon of Saturday and the Sabbath:

- 6 o'clock—Rise.
- 6½ o'clock—Breakfast and Recess.
- 7½ o'clock—Prayers and Scripture.
- 8 to 9 o'clock—Written and Mental Arithmetic.
- 9 to 10 o'clock—Grammar, Raised Print, Moral Philosophy.
- 10 to 11 o'clock—Algebra, Mental Philosophy, and Orthography.
- 11 to 12 o'clock—Rhetoric, Belles Lettres, Geography, and Orchestra.
- 12 to 1 o'clock—Dinner and Recess.
- 1 to 2 o'clock—Geometry.
- 2 to 4 o'clock—Industrial Departments and Manual Labor.
- 4 to 5 o'clock—Choir.
- 5 to 6 o'clock—Supper and Recess.
- 6 to 7 o'clock—Exercise.
- 7 to 8 o'clock—History, and Theory of Music.
- 8 to 9 o'clock—Recess and to bed.

On the afternoon of Saturday the pupils make the necessary preparations for the Sabbath, when all are expected to attend such

church as may be agreeable to themselves or friends. In the afternoon Sabbath School is held in the Institution.

STATISTICS.

Through the unwearied and disinterested efforts of Mr. Samuel Bacon, of Iowa City, this Institution was first established in 1853. Mr. Bacon was also the founder of the Asylum for the Blind in Jacksonville, Illinois. The Institution is free to all the blind of Iowa who are susceptible of education, of proper age, good moral character, and desirous of availing themselves of its privileges.

The blind of other States are also admitted, upon the payment of the sum of \$170.00 per pupil, provided they possess the other necessary qualifications. It was first organized at Iowa City, under the able superintendence of its founder, whose long experience as a teacher of the blind did much in securing its success, and commending it to the fostering care of our people. The wise and benevolent legislation exemplified in everything pertaining to its interests, has had the effect of placing it in a very enviable position, and rendering it second to no school of like character in our country. In the month of August, 1863, the Institution was removed from Iowa City to Vinton, Benton County. At this time it was under the superintendence of the Rev. O. Clark, who resigned at the close of 1864. His place was filled by the Rev. Reed Wilkinson, who tendered his resignation in June, 1867, when the present incumbent was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The number of blind who have enjoyed the advantages of the Institution since its establishment is one hundred and fifty; the number of deaths, twelve; and the number of those who in the ordinary course of things have terminated their connection with the Institution since its organization is eighty-eight, which leaves our present number fifty.

The causes of blindness of the pupils since the establishment of the Institution are the following.

Inflammation.....	49
Bad treatment.....	2
Small pox.....	5
Scrofula.....	7
Neuralgia.....	1
Fever.....	5

Ophthalmia.....	1
Accidents.....	39
Congenital.....	22
Opacity.....	2
Measles.....	6
Cataract.....	5
Cancer.....	1
Amaurosis.....	4
Water on the brain.....	1

The census returns for 1866 show the number of blind in Iowa to be 295, the same number as shown by the census of 1863. It appears from these figures that the late war has not increased the number of blind, as was generally expected. I am inclined to believe the census inaccurate in this respect, and would suggest that more efficient means be adopted for obtaining the statistics of the blind of the State.

The number of blind receiving the benefits of the Institution at present is 16 per cent. of the total number in the State.

It will be seen by the following table taken from the report of the United States census for 1860, that with the exception of the States of Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin, our percentage of blind receiving the benefits of the Institution, is greater than that of any other State:

STATES.	No. of Blind reported in 1860.	No. attending the Institutions for their benefit.	Per cent. of Blind received in the Institution.
New England.....	1295	144	11
New York.....	1768	143	8
Pennsylvania.....	1187	156	13
Maryland.....	298	31	10
Ohio.....	899	164	18
Indiana.....	530	109	21
Illinois.....	476	70	15
Kentucky.....	674	53	8
Missouri.....	448	50	15
Iowa.....	295	50	16
Wisconsin.....	220	57	26

The number of blind receiving the benefits of the Institution may appear small, when compared with the number in the State; but it is ascertained that a large per centage are too old to receive instruction; a large part too young, and a still greater number unable to attend from sickness or disease.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENTS.

The mechanical departments of the Institution have been very successfully sustained. During the past two years, fifty pupils have been taught broom and brush making.

All the female pupils have more or less knowledge of bead and worsted work, and many attain great proficiency in this department. The following tables exhibit the financial condition of these departments for the period covered by this report, as it appears in the books of the Institution.

MALE DEPARTMENT.

Received for brooms, brushes, &c.....	\$731.53
Expended for material.....	68.35
Proceeds.....	\$665.18

FEMALE DEPARTMENT.

Received for bead and worsted work.....	\$256.26
Expended for materials.....	226.41
Proceeds.....	\$129.85

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Although the appropriations made by the Legislature are very liberal and sufficient to defray the current expenses of the Institution, we have been obliged to intrench largely upon them from time to time to meet contingencies. During last vacation the roof of the workshop was carried away by a storm, and was replaced at an expense of over \$500. The institution has never been properly furnished, and the expense incurred in adding to our furniture, replacing our bedding, carpets and matting, and in making improvements and repairs for which no special appropriations have been made is necessarily great.

The amount of current expenses, including improvements, salaries, and clothing furnished pupils from December 1st, 1865, to October 31st, 1867, inclusive, are as follows:

Clothing.....	\$319.10
Salaries.....	6,208.49
Current Expenses.....	17,664.45
Improvements.....	5,803.05

\$29,995.09

The abstracts and vouchers accompanying this report will exhibit the various articles purchased, and the Treasurer's Report the expenditure for improvements and cash received.

In submission, I would respectfully call your attention to the report of the Board of Trustees, in regard to the pressing necessity for new musical instruments. I earnestly hope these important matters will not be overlooked, and that the limitation of salaries may be removed, especially in regard to the musical department, so as to enable us to procure the *best* talent for that important branch of education.

Allow me to remark, in conclusion, that the citizens of Iowa have good reason to be proud of their State Institutions. They rank among the first in our land. Our noble young State, "first in war," has proved her devotion to the principles of liberty on every battle-field of the late civil strife; and through the blessings of a kind Providence she is not behind her sister States in cultivating the arts of peace, and in the development of every thing conducive to the establishment of a religious, moral and intellectual civilization.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. GEDDES,
Superintendent.

VINTON, IOWA, December, 1867.

LIST OF PUPILS ENROLLED DURING THE PERIOD COVERED IN THIS REPORT.

MALE MEMBERS.

NO.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	NATIVITY.	CAUSE OF BLINDNESS.	HOW LONG BLIND.	DATE OF ENTRANCE.
1	William Douglass.	12	Wayne County.	Indiana.	Cataract.	Unknown.	October 24, 1856.
2	H. D. Hollerbeck.	"	Johnson.	Iowa.	Inflammation.	From infancy.	May 26, 1856.
3	T. S. Slaughter.	"	Dallas.	Indiana.	Dropsy.	"	August 27, 1856.
4	Jacob Meyer.	"	Marion.	Netherlands.	Scrofula.	"	December 24, 1856.
5	John Cesa.	"	Des Moines County.	Penn.	Small Pox.	Seventeen years.	October 29, 1853.
6	Palemon Lacy.	"	Linn.	Ohio.	Congenital.	From infancy.	" 19, 1861.
7	Edward Wilberhal.	"	Fayette.	Connecticut.	"	"	" 30, 1861.
8	James W. Moore.	"	Washington.	Iowa.	Ophthalmia.	"	" 1, 1862.
9	Samuel Bowman, Jr.	"	Hardin.	"	Accident.	"	" 8, 1862.
10	Bradford McClellan.	"	Madison.	"	Inflammation.	"	" 18, 1863.
11	Stephen Muck.	29	Woodbury.	Illinois.	Spotted Fever.	Eight years.	January 18, 1863.
12	Geo. W. Tanshill.	29	Madison.	Indiana.	Inflammation.	Four years.	April 8, 1863.
13	William Hamilton.	22	Washington.	"	Inflammation.	Partially blind.	March 1, 1864.
14	Franklin Hickok.	22	Dubuque.	"	Small Pox.	"	July 1, 1864.
15	Frederick Dunn.	29	Patridge, Jeff.	"	Inflammation.	Twenty-four years.	January 23, 1865.
16	William Bonnell.	29	Johnson.	Illinois.	Inflammation.	Partially blind.	August 25, 1865.
17	Ed. H. Cole.	36	Muscatine.	Iowa.	Scarlet Fever.	Three years.	September 7, 1865.
18	William Hornak.	36	Malaska.	Ohio.	Inflammation.	Three years.	" 8, 1865.
19	Math. Ellis Prince.	30	Des Moines.	Indiana.	"	"	" 11, 1865.
20	G. W. Patterson.	40	Jefferson.	Ireland.	Fire of burn'g Hospital.	Three years.	" 12, 1865.
21	William Thompson.	25	Van Buren.	Unknown.	Inflammation.	Two years.	" 15, 1865.
22	John L. Christian.	18	Marion.	Iowa.	Small Pox.	Eleven years.	" 15, 1865.
23	Albert Burdick.	18	Appanoose.	New York.	Accident.	"	" 22, 1865.
24	James J. Nobblitt.	"	Linn.	Illinois.	Typhoid Fever.	"	" 26, 1865.
25	Asahel C. Ferrey.	"	Marshall.	Virginia.	Inflammation.	"	" 27, 1865.
26	Virgil Long.	29	Madaska.	Ireland.	Accident.	"	" 10, 1866.
27	John W. Hawkins.	45	Dubuque.	"	Granulation of the lids.	Five years.	" 7, 1866.
28	James Dalshant.	"	Johnson.	New York.	Inflammation.	"	" 17, 1867.
29	Nicholas H. Boyce.	"	Delaware.	"	"	"	"
30	Richard H. Bronson.	23	"	"	"	"	"

LIST OF MALE MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

No.	NAMES.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	NATIVITY.	CAUSE OF BLINDNESS.	HOW LONG BLIND.	DATE OF ENTRANCE.
33	Riley Bristow	12	Marion County	Iowa	Congenital	From infancy	September 1, 1866
33	Arthur Bristow	11	"	Iowa	Congenital	From infancy	September 1, 1866
34	G. W. Stapleton	23	Benton County	Ireland	"	"	"
35	Alex. Shields	17	"	"	Accident	Three years	September 1, 1866
36	James Nelson	37	Dubuque	Sweden	Inflam. & bad treatm't	Three years	January 17, 1867
37	W. T. Schofield	23	Muscataine	Ohio	Accident	Ten years	October 1, 1862
38	Caspar Frueh	21	Lee County	Germany	Inflammation	From infancy	December 18, 1858
39	Hiram Briggs	23	"	"	Accident	"	September 4, 1867
40	Jessie Craver	11	"	"	Amiaurosis	"	September 18, 1867

LIST OF FEMALE PUPILS.

41	Mary E. McComshay	12	Marion County	Ohio	Inflammation	Twelve years	November 19, 1859
42	Mary M. Van Osdol	18	Des Moines	Iowa	"	Thirteen years	December 19, 1859
43	Mary L. Welch	16	Marion	Ohio	Dropsy	From infancy	August 27, 1860
44	Harriet Blackman	17	Linn	Iowa	Scrofula	Four years	September 1, 1860
45	Mary Jane Wilson	14	"	Michigan	Congenital	Partially blind	January 13, 1862
46	Julia Davis	23	Chickasaw	Illinois	Inflammation	From infancy	October 1, 1862
47	Eliza I. Pedycourt	13	Linn	Ohio	Congenital	"	November 9, 1862
48	Hosanna Celles	14	Lee	Ohio	"	Ten years	January 18, 1863
49	Mary E. Terry	17	Muscataine	Iowa	Inflammation	Partially blind	"
50	Emma Norris	8	BlackHawk	Unknown	Congenital	From infancy	December 18, 1863
51	Leslie Inbody	13	Linn	Indiana	Inflammation	Four years	March 2, 1863
52	Cath. B. Egan	13	Muscataine	Ohio	"	Twelve years	September 1, 1863
53	Mary Rath	10	Linn	Iowa	Accident	From infancy	September 15, 1863
54	Mary C. Gardiner	11	Fayette	Penn.	"	Four years	August 31, 1865
55	Sarah A. Rowan	20	Keokuk	Tennessee	Inflammation	Partially blind	"
56	Mattie E. Viers	20	Washington	Iowa	Scrofula	Fourteen years	"
57	Mary A. Johnson	40	Lee	Penn.	Inflammation	Four years	August 8, 1865
58	Carrie Whitson	24	Story	Canada	Accident	Sixteen years	October 4, 1865
59	Eliza Rubell	11	Wapello	Tennessee	Inflammation	Partially blind	October 22, 1865
60	Mary E. Diveling	17	Johnson	New York	Cataract	Eight years	March 22, 1866

61	Anna Lewis	24	Allamakee County	Ireland	Scrofula	Six years	March 22, 1866
62	Elizabeth Broomhall	18	Benton	Unknown	"	Partially blind	September, 1866
63	Helen Bagley	30	Dubuque	New York	Scrofula	Six years	September, 1866
64	Phebe M. Caldwell	14	Keokuk	Illinoia	Scrofula	From infancy	May 22, 1854
65	Mary A. Rutgers	26	Polk	Ohio	Inflammation	Twenty years	September, 1856
66	Martha I. Smith	36	Marshall	Ohio	Inflammation	Sixteen years	September, 1859
67	Amanda I. Barohart	16	Marion	Ohio	Fever	Ten years	September, 1859
68	Leura A. Minkler	19	Delaware	Ohio	Inflammation	From infancy	September, 1859
69	Millic Clark	11	Dallas	Iowa	Congenital	From infancy	September, 1866
70	Elizabeth Koslowsky	33	Linn	"	"	From infancy	September, 1866
71	Alice Inbody	20	"	Germany	"	From infancy	September, 1866
72	Mary A. Joy	19	"	Indiana	Inflammation	Five years	November, 1866
73	Clara B. Aldrich	23	Fayette	Iowa	Opacity	Six years	March, 1867
74	Josephine Cisna	35	Winnebago	Illinois	Opacity	Twenty years	April 12, 1867
75	Mary J. St. Peters	9	Benton	Indiana	Inflammation	From infancy	April 29, 1853
76	Lorana Maltice	23	Clinton	Vermont	Inflammation	From infancy	November 15, 1863
77	Loden A. Wilson	9	Davis	New York	Inflammation	Eight years	February 1, 1864
78	ella Bay	13	Iowa City	Iowa	Unknown	From birth	August 31, 1864
					Measles	Partially blind	August 23, 1865

LIST OF PUPILS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE TERM COMMENCING
SEPTEMBER 1, 1867.

MALE MEMBERS.

No.	NAMES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	REMARKS.
1	Boyce, Nicholas H.	Springdale, Cedar Co.	
2	Bonested, Jacob	Vinton, Benton Co.	
3	Bowman, Samuel	Eldora, Hardin Co.	
4	Bristow, Riley	Pleasantville, Marion Co.	
5	Bristow, Arthur	"	
6	Briggs, Hiram	Attica, Marion Co.	
7	Carpenter, Miles P.	Fayette, Fayette Co.	
8	Cisna, John	Iowa City, Johnson Co.	
9	Craver, Jessie	Forest Home, Poweshiek	
10	Perreby, Ashbel C.	Marion, Lee Co.	
11	Freeck, Caspar	Franklin Centre, Lee Co.	
12	Hawkins, J. W.	Montana, Boone Co.	
13	Hickok, Franklin	Fairfield, Jefferson Co.	
14	Horrax, William H.	Mount Ayr, Ringgold Co.	
15	Hollenbeck, Henry	Waterloo, Black Hawk Co.	
16	Long, Virgil	Marshalltown, Marshall Co.	
17	McClellan, Bradford	Burlington, Des Moines Co.	
18	Moore, J. W.	Brighton, Washington Co.	
19	Nobbilt, James J.	Centreville, Appanoose Co.	
20	Nelson, James	Dubuque, Dubuque Co.	
21	Niermyer, Jacob	Pella, Marion Co.	
22	Patterson, G. W.	Kossuth, Des Moines Co.	
23	Tannahill, G. W.	Winterest, Madison Co.	
24	Tate, H. K.	Tallerande, Washington Co.	
25	Slaughter, T. S.	Adel, Dallas Co.	
26	Stapleton, G. W.	Vinton, Benton Co.	
27	Witherell, Edward	Lisbon, Linn Co.	
28	Lacy, Poleman	Wapello, Louisa Co.	

FEMALE MEMBERS.

29	Barnhart, Amanda	Newburn, Marion Co.	
30	Blackman, Hattie	Marion, Linn Co.	
31	Bay, Ella	Iowa City, Johnson Co.	
32	Clark, Millie	Adel, Dallas Co.	
33	Cisna, Josephine P.	Iowa City, Johnson Co.	
34	Davis, Julia	Jacksonville, Chickasaw Co.	
35	Egan, C. B.	Muscatine, Muscatine Co.	
36	Gardiner, Mary	Auburn, Fayette Co.	
37	Johnson, Mary A.	Johnnyville, Lee Co.	
38	Joy, Mary Augusta	Strawberry Point, Clayton Co.	
39	Koslosky, Elizabeth	Marion, Linn Co.	
40	Lewis, Anna	Decorah, Winneshiek Co.	
41	Mimkler, Laura	Manchester, Delaware Co.	
42	Mattice, Lorana	Monticello, Jones Co.	
43	Rowan, Sarah	Brighton, Washington Co.	
44	Ritgers, M. A.	Des Moines, Polk Co.	
45	Rath, Mary	Vinton, Benton Co.	
46	Smith, Martha J.	Marshall, Marshall Co.	
47	Viers, Mattie E.	Washington, Washington Co.	
48	Van Osdol, Mary M.	Burlington, Des Moines Co.	
49	Williams, Eliza J.	Cedar Rapids, Linn Co.	
50	Welch, Mary	Knoxville, Marion Co.	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Showing the receipts and expenditures of the Institution for the
Blind, from December 2, 1865, to November 1, 1867.

CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

	Dr.
To balance against the Treasury at last report	\$ 13.30
To paid R. Wilkinson, Principal, warrant 147	175.00
To paid Mrs. N. A. Morton, Matron, warrant 149	62.50
To paid Miss A. P. Butler, teacher, warrant 150	87.50
To paid J. Neiermyer, teacher, warrant 151	87.50
To paid J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 152	75.00
To paid Mrs. J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 153	37.50
To paid Miss A. M. Ritgers, teacher, warrant 154	37.50
To paid J. McQuinn, mileage, warrant 158	25.00
To paid J. Dysart, mileage, warrant 159	18.00
To paid J. Chapin, Committee on Improvements, warrant 160	18.00
To paid R. Gilchrist, Committee on Improvements, warrant 161	18.00
To paid J. Chapin, subsistence bills paid, warrant 163	3,063.70
To paid R. Wilkinson, Principal, warrant 164	175.00
To paid Mrs. R. Wilkinson, teacher, warrant 165	100.00
To paid Miss A. P. Butler, teacher, warrant 166	87.50
To paid J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 167	75.00
To paid Mrs. J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 168	37.50
To paid J. Neiermyer, teacher, warrant 169	87.50
To paid Mrs. N. A. Morton, Matron, warrant 170	62.50
To paid Miss A. M. Ritgers, teacher, warrant 171	37.50
To paid G. W. Perkins, Steward, warrant 172	135.00
To paid J. Chapin, bills paid, warrant 173	669.84
To paid Mrs. R. Wilkinson, for beads, warrant 175	50.00
To paid R. Wilkinson, expenses, warrant 176	73.25
To paid G. W. Perkins, steward, warrant 177	60.00
To paid J. Chapin, bills paid, warrant 178	657.92
To paid R. Wilkinson, Principal, warrant 179	175.00
To paid Mrs. R. Wilkinson, teacher, warrant 180	100.00
To paid Mrs. N. A. Morton, Matron, warrant 181	87.50
To paid Miss A. P. Butler, teacher, warrant 182	87.50
To paid J. Chapin, bills paid, warrant 183	636.41
To paid J. McQuinn, mileage, warrant 184	20.00
To paid J. Dysart, mileage, warrant 185	21.00
To paid C. H. Conklin, Committee, warrant 186	10.50
To paid R. Gilchrist, Committee, warrant 187	10.50
To paid J. Chapin, Committee, warrant 188	21.00

To paid R. Wilkinson, Principal, warrant 189.....	175.00
To paid Mrs. Wilkinson, teacher, warrant 190.....	100.00
To paid Miss A. P. Butler, teacher, warrant 191.....	87.50
To paid J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 192.....	75.00
To paid Mrs. J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 193.....	37.50
To paid Miss A. M. Rittgers, teacher, warrant 194.....	37.50
To paid Mrs. N. A. Morton, Matron, warrant 195.....	87.50
To paid Miss A. M. Rittgers, teacher, warrant 196.....	37.50
To paid J. Chapin, bills paid, warrant 197.....	637.13
To paid R. Wilkinson, bills paid, warrant 198.....	602.54
To paid R. Wilkinson, bills paid, warrant 199.....	641.94
To paid J. Chapin, bills paid, warrant 200.....	222.11
To paid Miss A. P. Butler, teacher, warrant 202.....	87.50
To paid R. Wilkinson, Principal, warrant 203.....	175.00
To paid Mrs. R. Wilkinson, teacher, warrant 204.....	100.00
To paid J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 205.....	75.00
To paid Mrs. J. P. Cisna, teacher, warrant 206.....	37.50
To paid Miss A. M. Rittgers, teacher, warrant 207.....	37.50
To paid Mrs. N. A. Morton, Matron, warrant 208.....	87.50
To paid T. S. Slaughter, teacher, warrant 209.....	31.00
To paid R. Wilkinson, bills paid, warrant 210.....	784.54
To paid F. O. Prescott, bills paid, warrant 211.....	803.77
To paid J. Chapin, bills paid, warrant 213.....	945.15
To paid J. Chapin, bills paid, warrant 214.....	603.59
To paid R. Wilkinson, expenses, warrant 215.....	100.00
To paid C. R. Wilkinson, teacher, warrant 216.....	30.00
To paid Miss A. P. Butler, teacher, warrant 217.....	106.94
To paid R. Wilkinson, Principal, warrant 218.....	175.00
To paid Mrs. R. Wilkinson, teacher, warrant 219.....	100.00
To paid J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 220.....	75.50
To paid Mrs. J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 221.....	37.50
To paid Miss A. M. Rittgers, teacher, warrant 222.....	37.50
To paid Mrs. N. A. Morton, Matron, warrant 223.....	87.50
To paid T. S. Slaughter, teacher, warrant 224.....	87.50
To paid F. O. Prescott, Steward, warrant 224.....	125.00
To paid F. O. Prescott, bills paid, warrant 225.....	1,702.60
To paid R. Wilkinson, expenses, warrant 226.....	11.00
To paid R. Wilkinson, Principal, warrant 227.....	175.00
To paid Mrs. R. Wilkinson, teacher, warrant 228.....	100.00
To paid J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 229.....	75.00
To paid Mrs. J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 230.....	37.50
To paid T. S. Slaughter, teacher, warrant 231.....	87.50
To paid Miss A. M. Rittgers, teacher, warrant 232.....	37.50
To paid Mrs. N. A. Morton, Matron, warrant 233.....	87.50
To paid F. O. Prescott, Steward, warrant 234.....	187.50
To paid G. Tannihill, teacher, warrant 235.....	100.00
To paid Laura R. Minkler, teacher, warrant 236.....	40.00
To paid R. Wilkinson, Principal, 237.....	175.00

To paid Mrs. R. Wilkinson, teacher, warrant 238.....	100.00
To paid Mrs. N. A. Morton, Matron, warrant 239.....	87.50
To paid J. Chapin, bills paid, warrant 241.....	2,718.36
To paid Mrs. J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 243.....	37.50
To paid J. Chapin, clothing bill, warrant 244.....	217.40
To paid J. Chapin, clothing bill, warrant 245.....	79.85
To paid M. Merrideth, Physician, warrant 246.....	88.50
To paid M. McQuinn, mileage, warrant 247.....	30.00
To paid J. Chapin, on committee, warrant 248.....	24.00
To paid C. H. Conklin, on committee, warrant 249.....	12.00
To paid J. Dysart, mileage, warrant 250.....	21.00
To paid Jane Wilson, teacher, warrant 251.....	153.50
To paid R. Wilkinson, bills paid, warrant 252.....	182.76
To paid R. Wilkinson, expenses, warrant 253.....	25.00
To paid Miss A. P. Butler, teacher, warrant 255.....	25.00
To paid J. Cisna teacher, warrant 256.....	75.00
To paid Mrs. J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 257.....	37.50
To paid Mrs. J. Cisna, teacher, warrant 258.....	37.50
To paid Miss A. M. Rittgers, teacher, warrant 259.....	758.18
To paid J. Chapin, bills paid, warrant 260.....	21.85
To paid J. Wily, clothing bill, warrant 260.....	1,084.90
To paid J. L. Geddes, bills paid, warrant 261.....	960.15
To paid J. L. Geddes, bills paid, warrant 271.....
	<u>\$24,192.04</u>

	Cn.
1896.	\$ 2,620.00
Feb. 24. By State appropriation (one quarter).....	127.85
Mar. 3. By proceeds sales.....	3,805.00
July 9. By State appropriation.....	3,404.16
Aug. 4. By State appropriation (less ex.).....	273.47
Nov. 7. By proceeds sales.....	3,163.00
Nov. 19. By State appropriation (less ex.).....	67.50
Dec. 11. By appropriation for clothing for pupils.....	80.47
Dec. 31. By proceeds sales.....
1897.	3,250.00
Feb. 23. By State appropriation.....	79.85
Feb. 23. By State appropriation for clothing.....	3,250.00
May 31. By State appropriation.....	149.90
May 31. By State appropriation for clothing.....	272.40
July 1. By proceeds sales.....	3,250.00
Aug. 26. By State appropriation.....	107.10
Sept.—. By proceeds sales.....
Total.....	<u>\$23,900.79</u>
Deficit.....	<u>291.25</u>
	<u>\$24,192.04</u>

Note.—The actual deficit is larger than shown by this report, owing to the fact that two months of the present quarter's salaries have already accumulated. But this quarter's appropriation falling due the 12th inst. will be sufficient to meet all the liabilities of the Institution up to the end of the quarter, December 1, 1897.

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.		Dn.
1885.		
Dec. 4.	To paid Boyd & Sanderson, bill fitting up shop, order 174..\$	20.00
1886.		
Feb. 21.	To paid J. B. Lock, bill repairs, order 174.....	182.69
Ap'l 2.	To paid J. B. Lock, bill repairs, order 174.....	7.00
Ap'l 24.	To paid D. Andrews, breaking prairie, order 174.....	11.00
Aug. 1.	To paid G. W. Daniels, hauling, order 201.....	80
Aug. 1.	To paid J. Seeley, painting, order 201.....	7.50
Aug. 1.	To paid J. F. Young, lumber, order 201.....	100.49
Aug. 1.	To paid W. S. McDuff, repairs, order 201.....	6.00
Aug. 1.	To paid William Thompson, repairs, order 201.....	74.44
Aug. 1.	To paid Achley & Shay, for brick, order 201.....	31.25
Aug. 1.	To paid J. B. Lock, repairs, order 201.....	56.30
Aug. 1.	To paid G. Achley, hauling, order 201.....	4.00
Aug. 1.	To paid J. B. Lock, repairs, order 201.....	155.70
Aug. 1.	To paid J. Houck, fence lumber, order 201.....	71.24
Aug. 1.	To paid J. Houck, barn lumber, order 201.....	761.51
Aug. 1.	To paid C. M. Hare, barn foundation, order 201.....	85.75
Aug. 1.	To paid P. B. Smith, brick, order 201.....	10.00
Aug. 1.	To paid St. Clair & Bro., building barn, order 201.....	200.00
Aug. 1.	To paid Fuller, Warren & Co., repairs, order 201.....	26.85
Aug. 1.	To paid J. Houck, lumber, order 201.....	27.24
Aug. 1.	To paid W. W. Hanford, printing, order 201.....	1.00
Aug. 1.	To paid William Thompson, repairs, order 201.....	21.23
Aug. 1.	To paid E. Colcord, lumber, order 201.....	63.00
Aug. 1.	To paid S. R. Osgood, draft and specifications, order 201...	15.00
Aug. 1.	To paid P. B. Smith, brick, order 201.....	6.00
Dec. 29.	To paid Girts, Lumbard & Co., shop bill, order 212.....	145.89
Dec. 29.	To paid Fuller, Warren & Co., for furnaces, order 241.....	3,000.00
Dec. 29.	To paid National Bank, collecting State warrant.....	2.00
Dec. 29.	To paid J. B. Lock, repairs, order 242.....	92.02
Dec. 29.	To paid J. Houck, lumber, order 242.....	17.06
Dec. 29.	To paid M. W. Parker, pruning, order 242.....	6.50
Dec. 29.	To paid M. Smith, brick, order 242.....	25.30
Dec. 29.	To paid H. Bommer, labor, order 242.....	8.00
Dec. 29.	To paid J. B. Lock, repairs, order 242.....	18.00
Dec. 29.	To paid J. B. Lock, repairs, order 254.....	186.01
Jan. 26.	To paid J. Seeley, painting, order 254.....	7.50
Jan. 26.	To paid Smith & Huntley, roofing shop, order 254.....	267.25
Jan. 26.	To paid W. L. Parmeter, hauling, order 254.....	6.15
Jan. 26.	To paid P. B. Smith, brick, order 254.....	40.00
Jan. 26.	To paid F. O. Prescott, repairs, order 254.....	39.85
Jan. 26.	To paid J. Whitson, labor, order 254.....	3.75
Jan. 26.	To paid M. Wright and team, order 254.....	11.00
Jan. 26.	To paid T. Gillets and team, order 254.....	17.00
Nov. 1.	To paid E. Abna, hauling, order 262.....	1.50
Nov. 1.	To paid M. Lawton, labor, order 262.....	10.50

Nov. 1.	To paid National Bank, col. State warrant, order 262.....	3.10
Nov. 1.	To paid P. Shockley, painting, order 262.....	5.00
Nov. 1.	To paid L. Reed, for well, order 264.....	25.60
Nov. 1.	To paid J. Chapin, well rock, order 262.....	13.00
Nov. 1.	To cash on hand.....	196.95
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		\$6,000.00
		Cn.
1886.		\$2,000.00
April 25.	By cash received of State.....	1,000.00
Oct. 25.	By cash received of State.....	3,000.00
Oct. 25.	By cash received for furnaces.....	3,000.00
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		\$6,000.00

JAMES CHAPIN, Treasurer.

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 a 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 James L. Geddes, 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," "Vinton Eagle," "Benton County News," and "Iowa Homestead," for a copy of each sent weekly and gratuitously to the Institution.