

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

DATE.	FURNITURE FUND.	Number voucher.	DEBIT.	CREDIT.
1886.				
May 1	To State warrant		\$ 250.00	
Sept. 10	By paid L. Harbach, furniture	1		\$ 134.59
Oct. 29	By paid L. D. Lewelling, furniture	2		75.00
1887.				
Jan. 29	To State warrant		250.00	
April 29	By paid L. Harbach, furniture			133.12
	Balance on hand			157.29
	Total		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

DATE.	SUNDAY SUIT FUND.	Number voucher.	DEBIT.	CREDIT.
1886.				
May 1	To State warrant		\$ 250.00	
1887.				
Jan. 12	By paid George D. Moore	1		\$ 362.17
Jan. 29	To State warrant		250.00	
	Balance on hand			137.83
	Total		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MOIR, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

LOCATED AT

MITCHELLVILLE.

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REPORT.

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

Your joint committee to visit the Girls' Department of the State Industrial School at Mitchellville, has performed that duty and respectfully report as follows:

First. The special appropriations are disbursed through the treasurer of the two schools, with whom all vouchers are filed, and as his home is in a distant part of the State we did not have access to these vouchers, and hence can only report in a general way and say that so far as we know the appropriations were economically expended. We join in recommending that duplicate vouchers be filed with the Superintendent at Mitchellville, to facilitate future examinations.

Second. All of the appropriations have not been used, as shown by treasurer's report.

Third. We find no indebtedness in excess of appropriations.

Fourth. There has been no diversion of funds from the purposes for which appropriated.

Fifth. The employees are as follows:

C. C. Cory, Superintendent, }	\$ 100.00 per month.
A. M. Cory, Matron, }	
Ida C. Platt, family manager.....	20.00 per month.
Margarette Rae, family manager.....	20.00 per month.
Mary Lawler, kitchen manager.....	20.00 per month.
Lizzie Markle, kitchen manager.....	20.00 per month.
Cora Ellis, shop manager.....	20.00 per month.
Lottie Jones, laundry manager.....	20.90 per month.
Loduska Nivids, teacher ...	20.00 per month.
Arch. Williams, engineer	25.00 per month.
Daniel Eldridge, farmer.....	30.00 per month.

All of the above receive, in addition to the salary named, board, lodging, fuel and lights, except the last, who boards himself.

There is great need of a relief officer for general work, and another teacher.

Sixth. The fire escape is perhaps as good as can be used in such an institution. The stairs are ample and wide and ladders are provided so they can be speedily adjusted.

The committee recommend and the Superintendent will provide some additional ladders.

Seventh. The sanitary condition is good, but there is no place in any building for the sick except one small room and it is hard to see what could be done in case of epidemic.

Eighth. We recommend an appropriation for a water tower, laundry and hospital, which should be at least 30x60 feet. We have no estimate on such a building, but believe it would cost eight thousand dollars (\$8,000).

If this water tower was supplemented by large tanks in the attics of the other buildings it would be a great protection against fire and the attics might be fitted up for bath rooms.

The appropriation for bath tubs of last session is unexpended because there is no room to spare for the tubs.

The provisions for bathing are very inadequate, but if the above suggestions are carried out they will be ample.

We would also recommend that an appropriation of \$150 be made for the purpose of erecting a wind-mill to keep a proper supply of water in said tank during the summer season when the steam boilers are not in constant use for heating purposes.

The use of kerosene lamps in such an institution is very hazardous. There is not only the usual danger attending the use of lamps, but the oil is a dangerous article in the hands of the vicious.

We therefore recommend an appropriation of (\$2,500) twenty-five hundred dollars for an electric light plant, including boiler and engine.

And we wish to say here that whether the above be granted or not a new boiler must be provided. There is but one boiler and it is old and should anything happen to it during cold weather it would cause great suffering.

We recommend that one thousand dollars (\$1,000), be appropriated for repairs.

The floors in the old college building are worn out and must be replaced, and the plastering is badly damaged and much of it must be made now.

We recommend that three thousand dollars (\$3,000), be appropriated for contingent expenses.

The library is not large and the books are much worn. It is necessary also to purchase school-books from time to time and we recommend an appropriation of three hundred dollars (\$300), for this purpose.

Another team, wagon and harness is absolutely necessary, and we recommend an appropriation of four hundred dollars (\$400), for that purpose.

The purchase of eighty acres more land and the increase of stock on the farm calls for an addition to the barn. We recommend that an addition 30x40 feet with 20 feet posts be built and that six hundred dollars (\$600), be appropriated for this purpose.

The farm also needs new fence and tiling, and we estimate that it will require four hundred dollars (\$400), for that purpose, and we therefore recommend an appropriation of that sum.

We think there ought to be religious services at the school, and recommend an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), as a chaplain fund.

There has been trouble to get water in sufficient quantities. The water supply failed and the special appropriation for that purpose had been expended on pond and shallow well. A deep well was put down, which only furnished drinking water. Then another was sunk and fortunately a plentiful supply was found, and the Superintendent thinks the question of water supply is solved. These wells were paid for from the Contingent and Supply Fund.

The stock on the farm and the farm itself is in excellent condition. Good judgment has been exercised in the purchase of the stock, and money used in this way has been wisely invested. The produce of the farm and the milk from the cows effect a great saving in the support fund.

There has been paid under the general law to the support fund twenty-seven thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars (\$27,185).

We had access to the vouchers for the expenditures of this sum, and we were more than pleased with the low prices paid for goods bought.

We are sure that the present Superintendent gets the full value for every dollar expended.

There are at this time one hundred and eight (108) girls in this Home.

The new family building accommodates forty (40) persons, who have separate sleeping rooms and are well housed, but the remainder are put into larger sleeping rooms, twenty-four (24) in a room, and two (2) girls must sleep on a single bed. Such persons should not be huddled together at night, and if it were not for the indebtedness of the State at this time we would recommend an appropriation of twelve thousand (\$12,000) for a new building.

We think, for the safety of those already in the school, that every girl before she is admitted to said school should be examined by a competent physician, and a report of such examination filed with the Superintendent.

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W. A. DAVIS,
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Joint Committee.