

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
LOCATED AT
CEDAR FALLS.

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REPORT.

To the Honorable President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Your Committee appointed to visit and investigate the workings of the Normal School at Cedar Falls having performed the duty assigned them, desire to submit the following report:

We made a careful examination of the various departments in the line directed by the concurrent resolution adopted in connection with the appointment of visiting committees.

First. We found the appropriations made by the Twenty-second (22) General Assembly had been so judiciously expended and so safely guarded as to reflect great credit on the Trustees and Faculty in promoting the health and comfort as well as educational advancement of the students.

Second. By the formulated statements presented and the vouchers examined in the hands of the Treasurer, your Committee was convinced that the funds appropriated by the Twenty-second (22) General Assembly had been expended for the objects and purposes for which such appropriations were made.

Third. Chapter 67, Acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly, has been complied with in the spirit of the law, as no debts have been contracted in excess of the appropriations.

The appropriations for supplying water works was barely sufficient to place the purest of spring water within reach of every student and to place an excellent safety-hose and stand-pipe on every floor of the building without a dollar left to pay for the luxury thus received. No bill has been presented for the water so used and none paid, but at ten cents per thousand gallons for the water consumed, about \$600 will be required to pay for the amount used in the biennial period just closing. This should be provided for by this Legislature.

Fourth. There has been no diversion, so far as we could dis-

cover, of the funds appropriated by the Assembly, but we think "The Scholars' Contingent Fund" ought to be used for the intellectual culture of the students instead of being used in the repair of floors, roofs and ceilings, as the Trustees have been compelled to use it in the past two years because of the lack of a suitable Repair Fund. In our opinion no such necessity ought again to occur.

Herewith we present, as directed, names and compensation for services of the faculty and employes connected with the school, with perquisites allowed each in addition to salary or wages:

| NAMES OF FACULTY. | Salaries per annum. | PERQUISITES. |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Professor H. H. Searley | \$2,000.00 | Room for self and family. |
| Professor M. W. Bartlett | 1,600.00 | |
| Professor D. S. Wright | 1,500.00 | |
| Professor Albert Loughbridge | 1,400.00 | |
| Miss S. Laura Ensign | 1,100.00 | Room. |
| Miss Anna E. McGovern | 1,000.00 | Room. |
| Professor A. C. Page | 850.00 | |
| Miss Sarah M. Riggs | 650.00 | |
| Miss Laura E. Chase | 650.00 | |
| Miss Ella Buckingham | 650.00 | Room. |
| Miss Julia E. Curtiss | 400.00 | |
| Miss Emma M. Ridley | 650.00 | Room. |

| NAMES OF EMPLOYEES. | OCCUPATION. | WAGES. | PERQUISITES. |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---|
| J. B. Miller | Steward | \$650.00 per an. | Rooms, board and washing for self and three children. |
| Mrs. J. B. Miller | Matron | 350.00 per an. | Room, board and washing. |
| Alex. Marz | Engineer | 45.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| C. G. Wiley | Janitor | 32.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Wm. Rothmel | Teamster | 32.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| R. W. Gibson | Chore Boy | 32.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |

EMPLOYED FOR TEN MONTHS.

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| Leua Runnell | Pastry cook | 17.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Mary Mauser | First cook | 17.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Carrie Mauser | Second cook | 14.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Lenie Briner | Hall girl | 12.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Marie Polsen | Laundry | 15.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Christine Hansen | General work | 12.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Susie Johnson | It'd dirg'r'n girl | 12.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Anna Graham | Dining room girl | 10.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
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| Lydia Rannell | Dining room girl | 10.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Christine Barson | Dining room girl | 10.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Kate Larser | Dining room girl | 10.00 per mo. | Furnished room, board and washing. |
| Fireman | Fireman | 18.00 per mo. | During the winter. |

Sixth. The examination of the means of exit in case of fire, satisfied your Committee that all needed precaution had been taken and that the escapes were ample.

The sanitary condition presented is in such marked contradiction, when compared with the condition two years ago, as shown by the report of the Visiting Committee at that time, as to be worthy of special notice.

The water supply, which was then meager in quantity and miserable in quality, has been superseded by an abundance of pure spring water in all parts of the building.

The old sinks and pools have been filled and a system of drainage inaugurated whereby unpleasant odors and gases are entirely removed from the buildings, and the waste and refuse carried to a point some eighty rods to the north, but as the outlet of the sewer is not upon land owned by the State, and as residences are being built in near proximity to said outlet, it will become necessary, at no distant day, to take proper care of the sewage, and provision to take care of this waste matter should be made soon.

Such recommendations as your Committee would suggest for the future good of the institution, are as follows:

1. That a comfortable cottage be erected for the president, whereby the rooms now occupied by his family in the south building, may be vacated and transformed into recitation rooms. Also that all dormitories be removed from the south building, and so many partitions removed as to convert the rooms thus vacated into class rooms; or, in short, that the south building be used for school purposes only, thus obviating the necessity of students exposing their health by passing from building to building during inclement weather for recitations, as the buildings are some distance apart.

2. The roof of the south building is very unsatisfactory and can be made sound only by a new covering. Ceilings, musical instruments, and all articles of furniture, liable to be injured by water, are unsafe under such a roof.

The pine floors in Central Hall have been in continual use for eighteen years, and many of them are not only unsightly, but unsafe, and there is an imperative demand for a floor reform. To meet the requirements of these buildings, your Committee would recommend a suitable appropriation.

4. The present method of lighting the rooms of so large an institution your Committee deem unsafe, and we can readily second the suggestion of ex-Gov. Larrabee that in this as in other public wards the oil lamp give way to the electric light, thus insuring cleanliness, comfort and safety.

The application for better laundry appliances seems to be well made, from the fact that at present the quarters are cramped and

ilily suited for the necessities of the institution, and the machinery in use is of the old primitive wash-tub and rub-board order. An advance along this line would be highly commendable.

A permanent support fund of an amount sufficient to meet the current expenses of the School, as "teachers' and contingent fund," such as the other institutions of the State receive, would be in our opinion the proper thing to provide, and thus relieve the Trustees from periodically asking of the Legislature such appropriations.

In closing this report your Committee most heartily commend the work being done in this School, in preparing each year hundreds of young men and women for the important work of educators.

We think no enterprise of our State can outrank this in the high aim of its calling or in the measure of success attained, considering the small substantial encouragement given it. We also recommend that a law be enacted recognizing diplomas of our State Normal School as being certificates of qualification to teach in any of the common schools of the State of Iowa.

We have been kindly shown the estimates for the next biennial period, and can cheerfully recommend them as needed for the comfort and efficiency of the School. Desiring to see our Normal School placed in such a position financially as its importance in the educational system in our State demands, we are,

Respectfully yours,

GEO. W. PERKINS,

Committee for the Senate.

N. B. HOLBROOK,

H. L. BYERS,

Committee for the House.