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REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND DUMB

LOCATED AT

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

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REPORT.

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

Pursuant to a concurrent resolution your committee, appointed to examine and report the condition and management of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Council Bluffs, submit the following report:

First—Your committee find that the appropriations made by the last General Assembly have been usefully and economically expended, and that they have been expended for the object for which they were appropriated, with the exception of \$800, which was appropriated to buy cows and build a barn, which is hereafter referred to.

Second—Your committee find that chapter 67, acts of the Seventeenth General Assembly, has been fully complied with, in that no indebtedness has been contracted in excess of appropriations.

Third—Your committee find that there has been no diversion of any moneys from the specific purpose for which they were appropriated.

SANITARY CONDITION.

Your committee find the sanitary condition of this institution excellent. No pains have been spared by the Superintendent and Matron in this direction; the untiring efforts of the Superintendent in this direction deserve a special commendation. The wood floors of the basement have been removed; excavations have been made for the circulation of pure air; the floors have been replaced with cement; the debris which had been allowed to accumulate has all been removed, and everything is kept clean and neat.

HOSPITAL.

The health of the scholars for the last two years has been comparatively good. The management has converted the upper, or fifth story, a portion of the building heretofore unused, into a hospital. They have divided this into three compartments, which are easy of access by means of the elevator which has been recently built.

Your committee find that the amount appropriated has been expended for the purpose intended, except \$800 for cows and barn; this amount being considered inadequate, in which your committee concur, is still on hand.

Your committee is of the opinion that there should be cows enough kept on the farm to furnish all the milk necessary for the use of the institution; that suitable buildings for their protection should be built, and for this purpose recommend an appropriation of \$2,500, which, added to the amount now on hand, will build the buildings and furnish the cows.

ARTICULATION.

Your committee deem instruction in articulation one of the most important features of this school, and think too much cannot be said in its favor, which conclusion we arrive at by seeing the wonderful results which have been accomplished in this direction while visiting this institution. And we recommend that competent teachers be employed for this purpose. And we think it should be made one of the leading features of this school.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Your committee find an electric light complete in all its appointments with the exception of a storage battery, which, in the opinion of your committee, is almost indispensable; this would be both convenient and economical. The engine, while running, would generate and store electricity enough, without extra cost, to light the building from 9 o'clock, when the engine generally stops running, until morning. There should be another dynamo provided for use in case of emergency, that in case of accident the institution would be provided with light. For this purpose your committee recommend an appropriation of \$2,500.

LIBRARY.

We found a small though well selected library. We consider this very important and almost indispensable to the best interest and welfare of the school. These children are particularly inclined to read; it being almost the only avenue through which they become acquainted with the outer world. And no pains should be spared to make this department complete in all its appointments. Your committee therefore recommend an appropriation of four hundred dollars for the purchase of books, magazines and other reading matter.

LAUNDRY.

Your committee found the laundry in poor repair. Machinery nearly worn out and everything connected therewith in a very dilapidated condition. The water all has to be carried in by hand. There should be pipes so arranged as to carry the water into the laundry. And for this purpose, including the necessary repairs your committee recommend an appropriation of twelve hundred dollars.

CISTERN.

Your committee found the cistern wholly inadequate to supply the water to the institution. There should be a cistern large enough to supply all the necessities of the institution, including laundry. And for this purpose your committee recommend an appropriation of six hundred dollars.

PAINTING.

Your committee believe that it is true economy to keep all the buildings connected with this institution properly painted. We therefore recommend an appropriation of one thousand dollars for this purpose.

SEWER.

Your committee find the sewer much out of repair. This sewer now empties into a small creek which flows a long distance through private property; this we understand has been declared a nuisance. There must be a new sewer built, the distance of about three thousand feet, where it will empty into Mosquito creek. For this purpose we recommend an appropriation of three thousand dollars.

WATER MAIN.

Your committee find that the connection pipe between the main water reservoir and the building is in bad condition, and too small to meet the actual necessities of the institution. Should the pipe give out, the institution would be wholly without water. We recommend an appropriation of one thousand dollars for this purpose.

FURNITURE, BEDS AND BEDDING.

In an institution of this kind the furniture, beds and bedding necessarily wear out and must be continually replaced. For this purpose we recommend an appropriation of eight hundred dollars.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Your committee examined this department and were highly pleased with the improvement and progress there. For a more complete understanding of this branch, we refer to the report of the Superintendent to the Twenty-third General Assembly. We think it all-important that this department should be well sustained. And for this purpose we recommend an appropriation of two thousand dollars. As far as your committee can ascertain no person or employe has received anything in addition to their salary at the expense of the State.

DINING-ROOM.

The dining-room is too small; except for the good management and extraordinary skill of the Superintendent in arranging and seating the pupils, they could not be accomodated. The dining-room should be nearly or quite twice as large as it now is, and in building this, it could be so arranged that the chapel could also be enlarged, which is very desirable, without much additional expense. For this purpose your committee recommend an appropriation of \$5,500. Your committee was highly pleased at the cleanly appearance and orderly conduct of the entire school.

REPAIRS.

Your committee finds the building in need of many repairs. The constant wear and tear of the institution must be promptly met. This is, we consider, absolutely necessary. For this purpose we recommend an appropriation of \$5,000.

GYMNASIUM.

Your committee find that the Superintendent has attempted to, and has to some extent succeeded in introducing a gymnasium. All pupils, both girls and boys, take great interest in these exercises. It not only affords recreation, but it is conducive to health and development. Your committee recommend an appropriation of \$400 for this purpose.

FIRE-ESCAPES.

Your committee finds two fire escapes, one at either end of the building; which escapes we find in good repair, and we consider them ample in connection with other conveniences at their command connected with the institution.

Your committee examined the different departments of this institution as best they could, considering the time at our command. We are pleased to say we found everything in good order. The interests of this institution are well guarded. No pains have been spared by the Superintendent and Matron to protect and secure the health and comfort of the pupils.

The dormitories are clean and neat, well ventilated and properly guarded. The grounds, lawns, flower gardens and green house present a pleasing appearance, and show the touch of an artist's hand.

Order and system characterize every department of this institution under its present management. The principal has the school well classified, and a general improvement is noticeable.

Cows and barns	\$ 2,500
Storage, battery and dynamo	2,500
Library	400
Laundry and water pipes	1,500
Cistern	600
Painting	1,900
Sewer	3,000
Water main	1,000
Furniture, beds and bedding	800
Industrial school	5,000
Dining room and chapel	5,500
General repair	5,900
Gymnasium and callisthenics	400

The report of your committee is necessarily brief, but having referred to what we consider of most importance to the interest of this institution, we most respectfully submit the foregoing report.

O. M. BARRETT,
On part of the Senate.

B. GRAESER,
EDGAR L. HOBBS.
On part of the House.

IOWA INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AT COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.
PAY ROLL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1886.

NAME.	KIND OF SERVICE.	Time—month.	Total amount.	PAYMENTS.	REMARKS.
Henry W. Kochert.....	Superintendent.....	1	156.00	156.00	Resident.
G. L. Wyckoff.....	Principal of school.....	1	181.45	181.45	Non-resident.
Alexander Barrett.....	Book-keeper.....	1	35.00	35.00	Resident.
D. W. McDermod.....	Teacher.....	1	118.80	118.80	Non-resident.
W. Spitt.....	Teacher.....	1	128.80	128.80	Non-resident.
W. M. Marshall.....	Teacher.....	1	116.66	116.66	Non-resident.
Edw in Southwick.....	Teacher.....	1	116.66	116.66	Non-resident.
C. Searbaugh.....	Teacher.....	1	137.77	137.77	Non-resident.
Hiram Phillips.....	Teacher.....	1	48.33	48.33	Resident.
John Barrett.....	Teacher.....	1	65.55	65.55	Resident.
Ernest W. Wrenn.....	Teacher.....	1	65.55	65.55	Resident.
Thos. W. Wrenn.....	Teacher.....	1	44.44	44.44	Resident.
Thos. W. Wrenn.....	Teacher.....	1	32.33	32.33	Resident.
Margt. Komately.....	Teacher.....	1	32.33	32.33	Resident.
Thos. W. Wrenn.....	Teacher.....	1	32.33	32.33	Resident.
Estella Sutton.....	Teacher.....	1	57.00	57.00	Resident.
A. M. Fwieg.....	Teacher.....	1	50.00	50.00	Resident.
Kate Stevenson.....	Teacher.....	1	35.00	35.00	Resident.
E. C. Chase.....	Baker.....	1	35.00	35.00	Resident.
Martha Rhoadale.....	Girls' supervisor.....	1	40.00	40.00	Resident.
J. W. Taylor.....	Boys' supervisor.....	1	40.00	40.00	Resident.
Abbie Schuchler.....	Foreman of sewing room.....	1	30.00	30.00	Resident.
A. W. Taylor.....	Nurse.....	1	30.00	30.00	Resident.
Anna G. Taylor.....	Nurse.....	1	30.00	30.00	Resident.
Geo. Smith.....	Engineer's helper.....	1	30.00	30.00	Resident.
W. J. McKenna.....	Foreman of mess-table shop.....	1	20.00	20.00	Resident.
J. H. Schuchler.....	Foreman of shoe shop.....	1	20.00	20.00	Resident.
J. H. Schuchler.....	Foreman of printing office.....	1	40.00	40.00	Non-resident.
Z. B. Thompson.....	Foreman of printing office.....	1	40.00	40.00	Non-resident.
W. S. Gladwin.....	Gardener.....	1	30.00	30.00	Non-resident.

INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND DUMB.

NAME.	KIND OF SERVICE.	Time—month.	Total amount.		REMARKS.
			\$	cts.	
William Herzog	Farmer	.....	35.00		Resident.
O. T. Callagy	Farmist	.....	40.00		Non-resident.
J. J. Kies	Foreman of farm.	.....	40.00		Non-resident.
John Roberts	Cash hand	.....	30.00		Resident.
John Roberts	Cash	.....	30.00		Resident.
Mrs. John Roberts	Pastry cook	.....	15.00		Resident.
Frank Egan	Cook's helper	.....	35.00		Resident.
Frank Egan	Cook's helper	.....	35.00		Resident.
Emile Vaughtan	Night watchman	30.00		Resident.
Eliza Robertson	Girls' night watch	15.00		Resident.
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Sophia Nelson	Laundry	18.50		Resident.
Mirande Page	Laundry	18.50		Resident.
Annie McClain	Dining-room	.....	13.00		Resident.
Emma Roe	Dining-room	.....	12.00		Resident.
Emma Roe	Dining-room	.....	12.00		Resident.
Annie Roberts	Dining-room	.....	12.00		Resident.
Margie O'Day	Domestic	.....	12.00		Resident.
Margie O'Day	Domestic	.....	12.00		Resident.
Annie Cabelka	Domestic	.....	12.00		Resident.
Lizzie Knehart	Domestic	.....	12.00		Resident.
Sophia Klugh	Girls' Monitor	.....	12.00		Resident.
Total			\$85,715.10		