

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINUED.

DATE.	ELECTRIC LIGHT AND BOILER FUND.	Number voucher.	DEBIT.	CREDIT.
1888.				
August	1 To State warrant.....		\$ 1,000.00	
October	13 To State warrant.....		250.00	
1889.				
April	15 To State warrant.....		625.00	
	Balance on hand.....			\$ 1,875.00
	Total.....		\$ 1,875.00	1,875.00

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MOIR,
Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

LOCATED AT

MITCHELLVILLE.

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REPORT.

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

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

1. The special appropriations of the Twenty-second General Assembly have all been expended, except in the following fund, namely:

Contingent	\$ 418.62
Electric light and boiler.....	41.90
Furniture and carpets.....	19.29
Library and school books.....	399.87
Chaplain	187.00
Fences and drainage.....	129.11
Team, wagon and harness.....	21.50
There is also unexpended in the bath tub fund the sum of	250.00
Sunday suit fund.....	130.20

appropriated by the Twenty-first General Assembly. Arrangements are now being made to fit up the bath tubs, a work much needed.

In our judgment, the appropriations, except as noted above, have been usefully and economically expended.

2. The appropriations expended have been for the objects appropriated.

3. We have not been apprised of any indebtedness, except about \$40 for belt, to be paid out of the electric light fund, and perhaps \$50 for chaplain services. The bills for the above not having been presented.

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

5. The employes and salaries are as follows:

	Per month.
C. C. Cory, Superintendent.....	\$ 100.00
A. M. Cory, Matron.....	100.00
Lizzie Trullinger, Family Manager.....	20.00
Mary K. Wolfe, Family Manager.....	20.00
Louisa A. Morgan, Kitchen Manager.....	20.00
Hattie B. Bowen, Kitchen Manager.....	20.00
Cena Ellis, Shop Manager.....	20.00
Lydia Wolfe, Laundry Manager.....	20.00
Junia Shepard, Teacher.....	20.00
Arch. Williams, Engineer.....	30.00
H. J. Morgan, Gardener.....	25.00
Daniel Elledge, Farmer.....	30.00

All the above receive, in addition to their salaries named, board, lodging and laundry, the benefit of electric light, and steam heat, except the last named person, who boards and lodges himself.

There is great need of some extra help, and especially of another teacher; but the Board of Trustees cannot pay for such extra services with the present scant support fund allowed by law; and we call attention to our recommendation for an increased allowance.

6. The fire escapes are not as adequate as they should be, and we recommend an appropriation of \$100 for the purpose of providing suitable fire escapes.

7. The sanitary condition of this Institution is excellent.

8. We find the inmates in the main building are crowded for want of sufficient room, and the beds are entirely too small. Two rooms 18½ feet by 27½ feet, each contain twenty-six beds; and two rooms 18 feet square, contain fourteen beds, and two girls sleep in each bed, making a total of eighty girls in this small space. The kitchen facilities in this building are also limited. We therefore recommend that an additional building be erected, as it is certainly unwise to have so many girls of different dispositions huddled together. The Trustees ask for an appropriation of \$15,250 for the purpose of erecting a new family building. If found impossible to appropriate this sum, we would recommend an appropriation of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to build an addition to one of the present buildings, or for the erection of a new building, optional with the Board of Trustees.

As mentioned above, we find that the sum of ten dollars (\$10) per month is not sufficient for the proper support of the inmates of this school, and for the payment of salaries to competent teachers, and other necessary help, and we recommend that this General Assembly amend the law, and make the rate of the support fund eleven dollars (\$11) per month. This amount will permit the Board of Trustees to secure the extra help necessary, and to feed and clothe the inmates in a proper and comfortable manner.

We think the ventilation of the sleeping rooms is not as good as it should be, particularly during the summer months, and we recommend an appropriation of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) for window screens, and would recommend that the same be made of heavy wire cloth, well secured in frames, with a net work of iron, or heavy wire rods, sufficiently heavy to warrant the safety and security of the inmates.

The Trustees ask for this branch of the Industrial Schools the sum of \$29,350 extra appropriation, for all purposes. This amount does not seem excessive to us as compared with the wants of other State Institutions. We, however, believe that if found impossible to appropriate the full amount asked for, that some of the items might be omitted or reduced, without special detriment to the Institution, namely: The amount of \$4,800 for eighty acres of land, as we do not believe the same actually necessary. Also the amount of \$15,250 for family building, and heating, furnishing, water and drainage for same, might be reduced to the sum of \$6,000 as recommended above.

The remainder of the items asked for are, in the main, reasonable, and actually necessary for the welfare of the Institution. We find that an extra water tank costing \$450 was placed in the hospital building, while in course of erection, as it was found actually necessary to do so at that time. This unexpected expenditure, together with some extra features, necessitated leaving a portion of the building unfinished inside. And we recommend an additional appropriation of \$750 to completely finish said building. The Institution now has in operation a good system of incandescent electric lighting, and all the buildings are well heated by steam. It also has plenty of good water; the farm is well cared for, and the stock is in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GOBBLE,

Committee on the part of the Senate.

J. DOLPH,

W. J. FELKNER,

Committee on the part of the House.