

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
Institution for Feeble-Minded Children

LOCATED AT
GLENWOOD.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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REPORT.

To the Twenty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa:

We respectfully report and submit that we have visited said institution, and so fully as limited time permitted, investigated and inquired into the management, condition and accomplishment of the same. We find that the funds appropriated by the Twenty-fourth General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended for the object for which they were appropriated, that no indebtedness has been contracted in excess of the appropriation, that there has been no diversion of money from the specific purpose for which appropriated. That the law relating to drawing money from the State treasury has been complied with, that in making purchases for the use of said institution, the principle of competitive bids, so far as practicable, has been applied in such manner as to conserve the best interests of the State. We appended hereto as a part of this report, a full list of employees of such institution, with compensation per month to each.

We find that there is a necessity for a building of capacity to accommodate not less than 250 inmates, suitably constructed, and apart from the other buildings of the institution, to be used as an asylum for the lowest forms of feeble minded children, idiotics, epileptics, paralytics and non-improvable inmates, thus enabling the superintendent to make a better and more effective classification of inmates than can be made with the present inadequate capacity of the institution. We urge that no object with the scope of duty of the State in caring for those unfortunates is more worthy, humane and philanthropic, or that will give greater relief to blighted homes in our State, than this one of providing a suitable asylum for non-improvable, and humanity demands that this class be separated from the incurable class of unfortunates in the care of the Institution. The building asked for by the management, while affording asylum privileges to the non-improvable class, will increase the capacity of the institution to that extent of increased asylum capacity, thus affording merciful relief to many families now bearing alone that misfortune which should be a State burden.

We find that the supply of pure water for the institution is not sufficient, and proper and adequate appropriation should be made for the purpose of supplying this deficiency. This is a much needed necessity and will greatly improve the sanitary condition of the inmates.

Additional fire escapes should be provided for the industrial building and north side of old building.

Believing this to be one of the most worthy of our State institutions, we recommend that such liberal allowances as the State can at this time afford, be allowed in way of contingent and repair funds, which we feel assured will, under

its present management, be judiciously, wisely and economically expended as necessities demand, and in conservation of the interests of the State and the welfare of the inmates of the institution.

We respectfully recommend the appropriations asked for by the trustees of the institution, believing such appropriations to be reasonable and just and that every humane sentiment prompts the expenditures in the interest of and for the protection of the class of unfortunates, the condition of whom this institution ameliorates and as appropriate to this branch of our report, we refer to the last biennial report of the board of trustees of this institution.

So far as such sums can be granted after just consideration of all claims upon the treasury we recommend that appropriations be made as follows:

For erecting and furnishing an asylum building.....	\$80,000.00
For improvements in water supply.....	3,500.00
For increased fire protection and removing steam pipes.....	2,500.00
For printing.....	1,500.00
For school supplies and library.....	200.00
For surgical instruments and books.....	150.00
For barn fund.....	1,000.00
For contingent and repair fund.....	5,000.00
For beds and bedding.....	1,500.00
For dynamo.....	2,000.00
Total.....	\$97,350.00

We found the farm horticultural and industrial departments of the institution, under careful management, a source of revenue, and affording to the higher grades of inmates employment, lending to their physical and mental development and directly bettering their general condition.

The school department is in the hands of teachers competent, experienced in, and devoted to their work, earnest and gentle in their efforts to bring comfort and cheer to the lives of those committed to their care and instruction.

It was especially noticeable in the asylum department that the humane features of the institution were being carried out; the very lowest order of humanity exists in this department. Many are cared for with the same attention necessary in the care of babes. It is not alone due to their total absence of intellect, but the physical deformities make it extremely difficult to protect and care for these beings. The attendants seem kind and attentive in their several duties, and careful of the comfort and well-being of their charges.

We commend the management of the institution and the energy, patience and devotion of the superintendent, assistants, teachers and attendants in stimulating, developing and caring for the unfortunates committed to their care.

We append to this report the present pay roll of the institution with service and compensation per month of each employee:

F. M. Powell, Superintendent.....	\$175.00
L. M. Powell Matron.....	50.00
T. G. Records, Steward.....	100.00
H. W. Wright, Bookkeeper.....	41.67
Belle Irwin, Secretary.....	35.00
Rilla Drew, Visitors' Attendant.....	30.00
Alice J. Doerfus, Assistant Matron.....	25.00
M. E. Slack, Hospital Matron.....	35.00
Belle Woods, Nurse.....	18.00
Belle Heall, Nurse.....	18.00
Chas. Hoellwarth, First Attendant.....	25.00
Geo. Shellitz, Attendant.....	28.00
Corwin Jones, Attendant.....	28.00

David Evans, Attendant.....	\$ 28.00
L. W. Stipe (two meals daily).....	30.00
L. Mendenhall (two meals daily), Attendant.....	30.00
Jas. McNiven, Attendant.....	26.00
Jos. McAndrews, Attendant.....	27.00
Anna Hall, Seamstress.....	16.00
Nettie Mitchell, Seamstress.....	16.00
Nora Deem, Waitress.....	16.00
M. Arnlekshank, Attendant.....	22.00
Jennie Harris, Seamstress.....	20.00
Flora McKee, Seamstress.....	18.00
Florence Bonham, Seamstress.....	15.00
C. Copeland, Seamstress.....	16.00
Minnie Surber, Hall Girl.....	16.00
M. Anderson, Hall Girl.....	18.00
Essie Parker, Waitress.....	16.00
Tillie Green, Seamstress.....	16.00
E. A. Cathart, Seamstress.....	14.00
E. B. Lynde, Seamstress.....	14.00
E. J. Woods, Seamstress.....	14.00
Lillie Robinson, Supervisor.....	35.00
Nellie Mallory, Attendant.....	20.00
Emma Armstrong, Attendant.....	20.00
Ida McGinnis, Attendant.....	20.00
D. Ames, Attendant.....	20.00
Anna Black, Attendant.....	20.00
Mary Dunn, Attendant.....	22.00
Lillie Laurson, Attendant.....	20.00
Emma Dwyer, Attendant.....	20.00
Clara Davis, Attendant.....	14.00
Helen Glick, Attendant.....	18.00
May Gergrave, Attendant.....	14.00
Sarah Clark, Housekeeper.....	35.00
Hanna Lilson, Cook.....	20.00
Mary Quigg, Cook.....	22.00
Emma Weamer, Cook.....	20.00
Bettie Williams, Cook.....	16.00
Addie Hitchcock, Waitress.....	16.00
Clara Eaton, Waitress.....	16.00
Emma Black, Waitress.....	16.00
Minnie Edwards, Kitchen Girl.....	16.00
Mattie Helton, Kitchen Girl.....	16.00
Minnie Partridge, Kitchen Girl.....	16.00
Cartha Kingley, Kitchen Girl.....	16.00
Mary Anderson, Hall Girl.....	16.00
John Rether (boards away from Institution), Baker.....	50.00
Etta Greenlake, Supervisor.....	21.00
Sadie Lawson, Ironer.....	16.00
Fannie Hall, Ironer.....	16.00
Rhoda Rennford, Ironer.....	12.00
Liza O'dell, Washer.....	20.00
May Haney, Ironer.....	14.00
Sophia Peterson, Ironer.....	14.00
D. K. Dannelly (boards away from Institution), Engineer.....	85.00
Thomas Clum (boards away from Institution), Fireman.....	50.00
H. H. Jelley (boards away from Institution), Fireman, Assistant.....	30.00
J. E. Newman (boards away from Institution), Night Fireman.....	30.00
John Strand (boards away from Institution), Night Engineer.....	48.00
W. H. Storey (boards away from Institution), Engineer's Assistant.....	35.00
Robert Morris (boards away from Institution), Laborer.....	35.00
F. A. Bicknell, Teacher.....	35.00
Chas. Smith, Hostler.....	30.00

M. E. Clift, Teacher.....	\$ 40.00
Nettie Baker, Teacher.....	35.00
Etta Inscere, Teacher.....	35.00
Margaret Maywood, Teacher.....	35.00
Gene Saitelle, Teacher.....	35.00
Laura Beashore, Teacher.....	35.00
May Powell, Teacher.....	35.00
Anna Deane, Teacher.....	35.00
Nettie Wahl, Teacher.....	35.00
Clara Shuttters, Teacher.....	35.00
Velura Powell, Teacher.....	35.00

All have board and washing in the institution except those noted.

We recommend the liberal consideration of the merits and demands of this most worthy institution, and ask that it stand among the first of our charitable institutions in appropriations supplied, not only for current necessity, but also in enlarging its capacity for good to our people.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee,	{	WILLIAM EATON,
		<i>On part of Senate.</i>
		FILSON COOPER,
		JOHN K. COOPER,
		<i>On part of House.</i>