

been unfortunate enough to have served a term at Ft. Madison from our county are to-day without an exception good and trusted citizens, each and all earning honest livings and their misfortune to all intent and purpose forgotten and never referred to. Their personal good standing and exemplary lives I believe is in a great part due to their religious instructions while in confinement.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Sabbath school convenes at 2 o'clock p. m. The Sunday school lesson of the International series are still used with much advantage. We have a faithful, Godly superintendent, and a good corps of teachers from the different city churches.

#### HOLIDAYS.

Suitable services, excellent addresses, music of high order, sumptuous dinners and much mirthfulness characterize these days and make the eventful in prison life.

#### THE PRISON SCHOOL.

The privileges of the night school are open to all, but especially designed for the illiterate. Reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic comprise the course of study, but to those who desire it are furnished text-books in history, geography, grammar, algebra and book-keeping, and they pursue their studies in their cells independently of the school and receive such aid as I can give them. I am glad to say they all make commendable progress.

#### LIBRARY.

This medium of improvement, instruction and entertainment is in a good condition. There is now about eight thousand volumes all told; some of these books must be replaced soon, as they are badly worn. Books are distributed twice a week. Large and valuable donations have been made to us, by charitably disposed persons, of excellent magazines and papers. Many of the prisoners out of their funds subscribe for, or receive from their friends daily and weekly papers and other standard publications, and those without money are supplied largely by publishers and, in some instances, by the State, so all are supplied.

Many thanks to yourself and all your officers for acts of kindness in discharge of my duties.

Yours truly,

W. C. GUNN.  
*Captain and Teacher.*

## REPORT

OF THE

# JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OF THE

STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

## PENITENTIARY

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## REPORT.

Des Moines, Iowa, January 24, 1894.

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE 25TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

We, your committee, appointed in pursuance to joint resolution to visit and inspect the penitentiary at Ft. Madison, having performed their duty, beg leave to submit the following report, and in doing so will follow the instructions of said joint resolution:

**FIRST.** We find that the appropriations made by the 24th General Assembly so far as they have been drawn, i. e. \$2,500.00 for transportation of discharged convicts and \$7,500.00 for contingent fund and repairs—so far as we can discover have been properly expended. But of the \$16,950.00 appropriated by the 24th General Assembly, \$6,950.00 being \$2,700.00 appropriated for a stone barn, \$4,000.00 for a stone shop and \$250.00 for a strip of land, has not been drawn and still remains in the hands of the State Treasurer.

**SECOND.** No indebtedness has been contracted in excess of appropriations, except as to the amount appropriated for the transportation of discharged convicts having been exhausted, the sum of \$379.00 was taken from the "General Support Fund" for such transportation as was needed to meet the deficiency.

**THIRD.** We do not find that there has been any diversion of money from the specific purpose for which it was appropriated. We have not, however, looked into the allegation of the misuse of the "Guard Fund" by the suspended Warden, as we believe that to be the duty of the Special Committee appointed in accordance with the Governor's message.

**FOURTH.** The law relating to the drawing of money from the State Treasury has been complied with.

**FIFTH.** Herewith we submit a complete list of the employes of the prison, together with the amount of monthly salary attached and marked exhibit "A."

We do not find that at present any of these employes are receiving any other compensation than their regular monthly pay as per schedule, and have no changes to recommend in them except as follows:

1. That there be employed an Assistant Deputy Warden at a salary of \$75.00 per month.
2. That the Clerk's salary should be \$100.00 per month instead of \$70.00 as it is now.

3. That the salary of the Chaplain should be \$83.84 per month, instead of \$70.00 as it is now.

4. We would further recommend that a Hospital Steward, who is a registered pharmacist, be employed at a salary of \$65.00 per month.

SIXTH. Your committee would recommend that that part of the Act of the 24th General assembly appropriating \$1,000.00 for a stone barn be amended by striking out the words "Anamosa stone," and providing that the same be built of suitable building brick, on a stone foundation, and as the old workshop is deemed, by your committee, as unsafe, that the work on the new structure be commenced as soon as possible.

That the Warden be empowered to put in fixtures and steam heat into the Deputy Warden's house, to be paid for out of the "Contingent and Repair Fund."

Owing to the fact that the "Discharged Convict Transportation Fund" has been overdrawn, together with the fact that there is a larger than usual number of convicts at this place, we would recommend that \$3,500.00 be appropriated for the transportation of discharged convicts.

After a thorough examination of the condition of the "Cell Room," we find it to be insufficiently ventilated and would therefore recommend that \$500.00 be appropriated for ventilating said "Cell Room," which can be done by fans, etc., connected with the present machinery in use.

Also owing to a deficiency in the condition of sewerage, we would recommend that an estimate be made as to the cost of proper sewerage and see if a permit can be had from the city for the same.

That \$500.00 be appropriated for the "Warden's House Fund."

That \$7,000.00 be appropriated for the "Contingent and Repair Fund."

Your committee find that the strip of land for which an appropriation of \$250.00 was made by the 24th General Assembly, is already the property of the State.

That the barn for which an appropriation of \$25,00.00 was made, by the same Assembly, is in good enough condition for all present practical purposes.

That there now remains in the hands of the Warden a balance of \$31.62 left from the "Solitary" fund; \$71.00 left from the appropriation for the purchase of porcelain buckets; \$23.00 left from the appropriation for iron bedsteads; making a total of \$3076.37. Therefore, we your committee would recommend the passage of separate joint resolutions covering that sum back into the State Treasury.

SEVENTH. It has been the custom of the Warden to advertise for bids for all supplies. With the exception for fresh meats, there has never been any satisfactory response to such advertisements, and the Warden has exercised his judgment for the best interests of the State, in purchases made by him for all supplies.

Your committee besides examining the books and records, placed several of the officers and employes under oath and examined them as to the general condition affairs, such as management, discipline, pay of employes, etc., and are satisfied that the condition of affairs at this prison are in good order; that the convicts are under strict discipline and are properly fed, clothed and cared for. Cleanliness prevails in all departments and under the management of the acting Warden and his Deputy and the convicts have the privilege of Chapel services, prayer meetings and Sunday Schools

each Sabbath and day school exercises four times each week. Worthy discharged convicts are found employment where possible and the good results in this line are gratifying. We find that the reports of the acting Warden for the two years last past, show that the care for this prison, instead of being a burden to the tax payers of the State, is more than self-supporting and has turned nearly \$38,000.00 into the State Treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WATERMAN,  
H. T. SADBORN,  
R. T. STJOHN.

EXHIBIT "A."

Jas. Beard,	Warden,	\$106.07
A. E. Whitney;	Deputy warden,	100.
M. T. Butterfield,	Clerk,	70.
J. M. Cassey,	Doctor,	50.
W. C. Gunn,	Chaplain,	70.
S. A. Bullock,	Hospital Steward,	50.
Andy Young,	Turnkey,	50.
L. Simmons,	Guard,	50.
E. F. Carter,	"	50.
W. L. Ray,	"	50.
D. Kent,	"	50.
A. Patterson,	"	50.
I. B. Snyder,	"	50.
R. Evans,	"	50.
A. H. Gillett,	"	50.
J. W. Parker,	"	50.
George Erwin,	"	50.
C. W. Gaston,	"	50.
J. B. Williams,	"	50.
L. R. Jones,	"	50.
James Mansfield,	"	50.
J. W. Lease,	"	50.
J. E. Mitchell,	"	50.
T. P. Hollowell,	"	50.
J. W. Paschal,	"	50.
E. V. Holland,	"	50.
D. A. McNulty,	"	50.
J. N. Davidson,	"	50.
G. C. Wright,	"	50.
W. C. Smith,	"	50.
J. S. Chapman,	"	50.
George Nellis,	"	50.
Isaac Nicholas,	"	50.
W. D. Masters,	"	50.
R. J. Barr,	"	50.
J. G. Smith,	"	50.
J. G. Berstier,	"	50.
J. S. Ellis,	"	50.



W. H. Garner,	Guard	\$ 50.
M. W. McLain,	"	50.
Harry McLain,	"	50.
Joe Moore,	"	50.
E. H. Morgan,	"	50.
Alonco Ingram,	"	50.
J. McKalg,	"	50.
L. A. Beavans,	"	50.
William Schneider,	"	50.
James Phiney,	"	50.
A. H. Phiney,	"	50.
Geo. C. Alden,	"	50.
P. Carbaugh,	Electric Engineer,	60.
O. F. Chamber,	Asst. Engineer,	50.
H. Finch,	Pump House Engineer,	40.
M. McMillan,	Teamster,	50.
P. Stone,	Teamster,	40.
C. Thomas,	Janitor and messenger,	35.