

REPORT  
OF THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE  
TWENTY-SIXTH 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 General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Your committee appointed to visit the State Normal School at Cedar Falls and enquire into the workings and condition thereof, in compliance with instructions of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, do herewith submit their report. We arrived at the school Thursday, January 23d, and remained that day and a part of the succeeding day. We carefully inspected all the buildings and each department of the school, which we found in very prosperous and satisfactory condition.

*First.*—We find the appropriations made by the Twenty-fifth General Assembly have been wisely and economically expended. With the thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) appropriated by the said assembly for a new school building, there has been erected a very substantial and well finished building, about 80x100 feet exclusive of corridors, with three stories respectively 16, 12 and 14 feet high. The first and second stories are entirely finished and now occupied. The third story is now being finished and the basement floor is being cemented, which together is estimated to cost about two thousand dollars (\$2,000). It is the belief of your committee that the building is richly worth its cost, and that the Hon. Edward Townsend, a member of the board, who faithfully superintended the construction of the same, is entitled to great credit and praise for the interest he has taken therein and the great amount of time he has devoted thereto without compensation.

*Second.*—No indebtedness has been contracted so far as we could discover, except the finishing of the third story and cementing the floor in the basement of the new building as above stated.



*Third.*—The old building (North Hall) is very much out of repair; the floors are badly worn, the ceiling and walls badly cracked, the windows old and loose. Numerous repairs and improvements are necessary in order to make this building reasonably comfortable, the two old boilers should be replaced with new ones and the size of the new boiler house enlarged so that all the boilers may be placed together.

*Fourth.*—We find no diversion of any money from the specific purpose for which it was appropriated.

*Fifth.*—The law relating to the drawing of money from the state treasury has been strictly complied with, so far as we were able to discover.

*Sixth.*—The sewer now in use is discharged into the dry bed of what was until the recent dry season a running stream. The said sewer has now become a menace to the comfort and health of the people residing adjacent thereto, and it seems to your committee to be imperative that a new sewer be constructed. We are informed that the city of Cedar Falls is about to construct a system of sewerage, and it offers to permit the school sewer to connect therewith, and to bear all future expenses of keeping the same in repair outside of the school grounds for the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars.

*Seventh.*—Your committee fully realizes that a new assembly room and chapel would add very much to the comfort and convenience of the school at the present time, but we would recommend that the construction of the same be delayed until such time as a building can be constructed suitable for this purpose and of sufficient size to furnish rooms for other purposes in connection therewith, which will very soon be needed if the school continues to prosper in the future as it has in the past.

*Eighth.*—The following is a complete list of employes and their compensation:

## TEACHERS.

President H. H. Seerley (and house rent).....	\$ 2,300
M. W. Bartlett.....	1,600
D. S. Wright.....	1,600
M. F. Arey.....	1,600
A. C. Page.....	1,600
G. W. Samson.....	1,500
Anna E. McGovern.....	1,200
A. W. Rich.....	1,100
G. W. Walters.....	1,000
Ida L. Schell.....	1,000
Sara M. Riggs.....	900
Margaret Baker.....	900
Marion McFarland.....	900

Etta Supplee.....	\$ 900
Nellie Wallbank.....	800
Henrietta Thornton.....	800
Myra E. Call.....	700
C. A. Frederick.....	650
Jennie E. Curtis.....	600
Bertha L. Patt.....	600
Eva L. Gregg.....	600
Robert E. Fullerton.....	550
Julia E. Curtis.....	200

## EMPLOYES.

Alexander Martz, engineer (and house).....	500
Jesse Smith, assistant.....	400
William Warwick, assistant.....	400
H. L. Fabrick, janitor.....	450
A. W. Fenner, janitor.....	400
An assistant.....	200
Anna Baker, librarian.....	500
Ethel Arey, assistant librarian.....	200
Katharine Schell, president's clerk.....	750
Maj. W. A. Dinwiddie, military.....	500
An armourer.....	50
A. Grundy, secretary and book-keeper.....	300

Also various laborers, as needed, at \$1.25 per day.

*Ninth.*—Your committee recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing biennial period:

Teachers' fund.....	\$ 22,000
Contingent fund.....	12,000
Library.....	3,000
Repairs.....	3,000
Librarian and assistant.....	1,600
Military instruction.....	1,200
Chemical laboratory.....	6,000
Boiler-house, etc.....	5,000
Sewer and extension.....	5,000
Library furniture, etc.....	1,000
Biological laboratory.....	1,000

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. HARRIMAN,

*On part of the Senate.*

W. G. RAY,

H. K. EVANS,

*On part of the House*