

REPORT
OF THE
JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
STATE OF IOWA,
APPOINTED TO VISIT THE
COLLEGE FOR THE BLIND,
LOCATED AT
VINTON.

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REPORT.

DES MOINES, Iowa, January 28, 1896.

To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed to visit the College for the Blind at Vinton, Iowa, submit the following report:

We visited the institution on Thursday, January 23, 1896. We find that the appropriations made by the Twenty-fifth General Assembly were wisely spent for the purposes for which they were intended, and that all moneys drawn from the state have been so done in compliance with the provisions of the law. No debts have been contracted in excess of the appropriations; nor have any moneys been diverted from the channels for which they were intended.

We do not deem it necessary to go into a detailed report concerning the institution, but desire to say that the committee was highly gratified with the management of the school and can cheerfully commend the managers.

We feel that the state is receiving ample returns for all moneys expended by the institution, not only in providing for its unfortunates, but in securing for them able instructors and excellent means of acquiring an education whereby they are enabled to earn for themselves a living after going out from the institution.

The following from the biennial report of the college shows the number of persons employed by the school and the salaries of each:

One principal at \$1,200 per annum (lives in building).....	\$ 1,200.00
One secretary of the board at \$1,200 per annum (meals).....	1,200.00
One physician at \$450 per annum.....	450.00
One assistant principal at \$45 per month for ten months (lives in building)....	450.00
One literary teacher at \$70 per month for ten months (dinner).....	700.00
Three literary teachers at \$32.50 per month each for ten months (live in building).....	975.00

Two music teachers at \$40 per month each for ten months (live in building)..	\$ 800.00
One music teacher at \$40 per month for ten months (dinner).....	400.00
One sewing teacher at \$20 per month for twelve months (lives in building)....	240.00
One general work teacher at \$30 per month for ten months (lives in building).	300.00
One tuning teacher at \$40 per month for ten months (lives in building).....	400.00
One housekeeper at \$40 per month for twelve months (lives in building).....	480.00
Three matrons at \$25 per month each for ten months (live in building).....	750.00
One engineer at \$70 per month for twelve months (meals).....	840.00
One assistant steward at \$45 per month for twelve months (meals).....	540.00

Total cash amount per annum for salaries.....\$ 10,475.00

Average cash salary of each officer per annum..... 498.80

Two girls at \$20 per month each for twelve months.....	\$ 480.00
Four girls at \$15 per month each for ten months.....	600.00
Three girls at \$12 per month each for twelve months.....	432.00
One girl at \$20 per month for ten months.....	200.00
Twelve girls at \$12 per month each for ten months.....	1,440.00
One porter at \$25 per month for twelve months.....	300.00
One fireman at \$25 per month for twelve months.....	300.00
One night watchman at \$40 per month for twelve months.....	480.00
Eight house cleaners at \$15 per month for two months.....	240.00

Total cash amount per annum for wages.....\$ 4,472.00

Average wages of each employe per annum..... 135.51

The committee recommends the following appropriations which we believe to be the amounts actually needed for the different purposes, and would recommend that they be granted in full:

For a laundry building.....	\$ 5,000.00
For contingent and repair.....	2,000.00
For bedding and furniture.....	1,000.00
For painting.....	500.00
For library and apparatus.....	500.00
Total.....	\$ 9,000.00

Very respectfully submitted,

B. F. CARROLL,
From the Senate.

C. F. BAILEY,
THOS. LAMBERT,
From the House.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Your committee appointed to visit the College for the Blind, at Vinton, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following supplemental report:

After further investigation we find that the institution has ordinarily been allowed \$2,500 for contingent and repairs. We also find that the amount was last year reduced to \$1,500, and that the appropriation was not sufficient to meet the necessities. We therefore recommend that there be appropriated for the above named purpose the sum of \$2,500

Very respectfully submitted,

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For the Senate;
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For the House.