

REPORT

OF THE

JOINT COMMITTEE

OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OF THE

STATE OF IOWA,

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

BENEDICT HOME

LOCATED AT

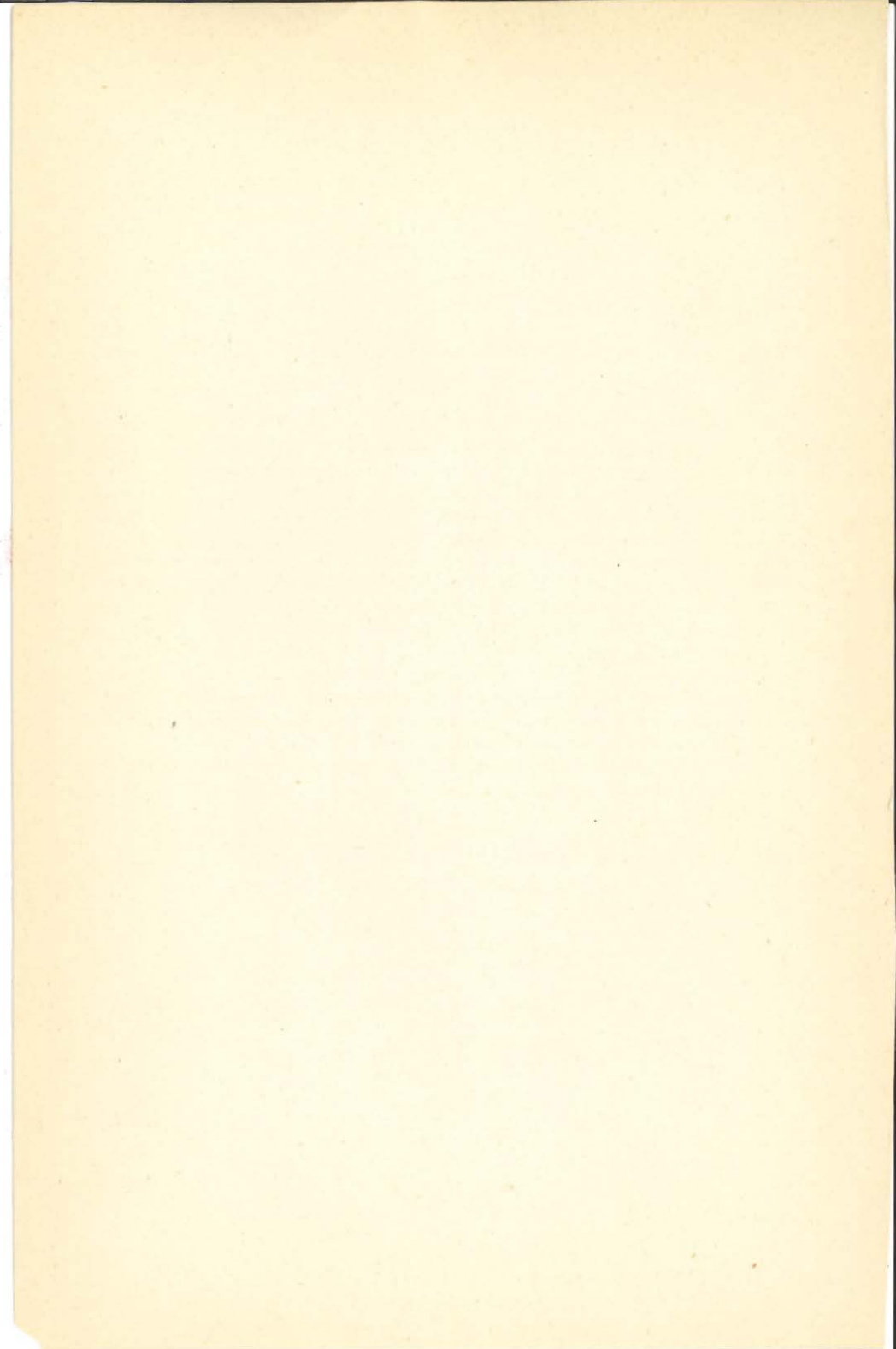
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To the Honorable House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly :

Your committee appointed to visit the Benedict Home at Des Moines, Iowa beg leave to report as follows:

Having visited the institution, we find the inmates at present to be forty-three (43) adults and twenty-two (22) infants. We find the institution to be crowded, and the demands for admission to be in excess of the capacity of the institution to receive. The inmates raise their vegetables for summer use, cut and make their own clothing, and perform all the labor of the institution without hired assistance. They attend a school, held in the building in the afternoon, and seem to live orderly lives. There is great need of additional buildings. One small room serves for sewing-room, school room and chapel, requiring re-arranging every day. A morgue is needed badly. As the title to the land is not vested in the State, your committee would not recommend an appropriation for buildings, but think they may be provided for by charitable persons if the State would supply the necessary amount of money for the support of the inmates.

As the inmates come from all over the State and is a benefit to the entire State, your committee would recommend an appropriation of nine thousand (\$9,000.00) dollars.

MORRIS, of Clarke,
Chairman